

# Newsletter

## February/March



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to term with lots of fun and exciting things happening at West Midlands Education and Skills. We have celebrated LGBTQ+ history month with students and completed activities along side the curriculum.

## POST-16 STUDENTS

Students in Year 11 or above, it's time to start thinking about your post-16 choices. Are you continuing at West Midlands Education & Skills, or are you moving on from us to a different school or college? Now is a good time for students to be talking to tutors, parents/carers to decide what you want to do when you leave education and what your options are. It may be worth attending different Open Days and interviews to talk to education providers about what you want to do and how they can help you. We can help students visit colleges and encourage them to see what's available to them outside of West Midlands Education and Skills.

**"It always seems impossible until it's done"**  
- Nelson Mandela



# RED NOSE DAY

## Precious Lives & Red Nose Day

This month at West Midlands Education and Skills we have Precious Lives visiting the school for an assembly for the learners. Precious Lives are a community organisation, who have real life experience of knife crime either as a victim, offender or professional. They will speak to the learners to help them understand the consequences of carrying or using a knife. The trainers share their experiences and pass on the lessons they've learnt to the class.

The sessions are designed to be hard hitting and impactful with an emphasis placed on connecting with the young people and delivering a message.

A reminder that we are taking part in Red Nose Day this year on the 17th of March if your child would like to take part. by wearing red.

## World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on the 2nd of March where students dressed up as their favourite book characters as well as our staff.



We would like to welcome the new students and parents to West Midlands Education and Skills who have joined us this month!

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## General Reminders

Attendance – Students should be attending school every day for a minimum of 5 hours a day – 25 hours a week. Please ensure students are attending and if for any reason your child is absent, please contact the school before 9am on 01922 643 303.

Mobile phones – we are aware that many of our students have mobile phones with them during school, however we encourage students to have these on silent during lesson time. Students will have opportunity to use them during their break times.

Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for their PE lessons, in comfortable clothes and trainers.

Please ensure that students are wearing their lanyard provided to them by the school, if for any reason they do not have a lanyard please do not hesitate to contact the school and provide an updated photo of your child if required.

- Samaritans - 116 123

- Mind - 0300 123 3393

- Bloxwich and Blakenall Foodbank - 07747 301374

- North Walsall Foodbank - 07582 869895



## POETRY CORNER

WHEN THERE IS  
EVIDENCE OF  
INTELLIGENCE.  
THERE IS AN  
INTELLIGENT MIND  
FROM AN INTELLIGENT  
MIND COMES THOUGHT  
AND PURPOSEFUL  
DESIGN

EVERYTHING WE SEE  
HAS BEEN MADE....

INTELLIGENT DESIGN