



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a fantastic break! We hope that everyone is rested and ready to get stuck into the new year and new school term. Last term we saw a lot of exciting changes happen. We have welcomed a new Head of School and seen many changes to the school and new classrooms for the students. We hosted some assemblies for the entire school which were very interesting and educational and are looking forward to hosting more this term.

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.

**I AM A
SLOW
WALKER, BUT
I NEVER
WALK BACK'
- ABRAHAM
LINCOLN**



Chinese New Year

This month's theme at West Midlands Education & Skills is celebrating Chinese New Year and this year is year of the RABBIT! This year Chinese New Year is celebrated on Sunday 22nd January. The Rabbit is the fourth of all zodiac animals. In Chinese culture rabbits represent the moon as some say it is because the shadows of the moon resemble a rabbit. Within the school we will be taking part in different activities and lessons about Chinese traditions and the New Year.

Terms Dates

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January

Half Term Holiday: Monday 20th February – Friday
24th February

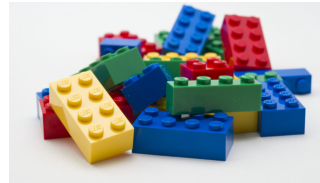
Term ends: Friday 31st March

Thank you for everyone's support again for last term. We look forward to what the new year and term have to bring.

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

Newsletter

Therapy Toolkit



West Midlands Education and Skills will now be offering therapies for students to engage with. We will now be hosting Drawing Therapy; Music Therapy; Talking Therapy and Lego Therapy. If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

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

FIRST DAY OF THE NEW YEAR.
IT'S TIME TO SHINE FOR A NEW DAY.
FORGET YOUR PAST. YOUR SORROW. YOUR PAIN.
NEW IDEAS ARE WAITING AHEAD.
IT'S TIME TO RECALL ALL YOUR MEMORIES. BEAUTIFUL DREAMS THAT REMAIN UNCOVERED.
PAINFUL PARTS OF LIFE WHEN YOUR HEART GETS CRUSHED.
BUT DON'T BE AFRAID. THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HAND.
HOLD IT IN YOUR HAND. START YOUR RACE. A NEW JOURNEY. THAT LEADS YOU TO SUCCESS.
YOU WILL RISE AGAIN. YOU WILL SHINE AGAIN. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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