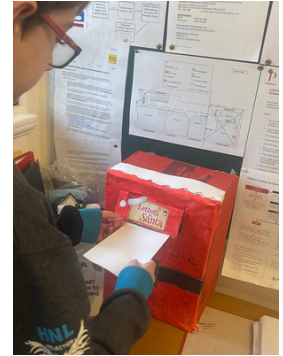


Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a great month again with lots of fun and exciting things happening at West Midlands Education and Skills. As Christmas is approaching, some of the student's participated in decorating the school for the occasion and posted their letters to Santa. If you child would like to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 8th December as it's Christmas Jumper day that would be great!

## Training Day

Just a reminder that Monday 12th December is a training day and students should not be attending school this day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



## Educational Visit

This month at West Midlands Education and Skills some of our students attended the Police Museum event in Birmingham. It's an immersive experience where students were able to see policing throughout history and tour the cells blocks that were in use from 1891 -2016. There were also opportunities for learners to ask questions in regard to career pathways in the Police.

**'Wisdom begins with Wonder' - Socrates, Greek philosopher**

## Accelerated Reader

We are now live with our accelerated reader. The program is used to monitor students reading progress, check their understanding of books they have read and allows tutors to support their students reading and English skills more effectively. As parents you will be able to login to the program and track your child's reading and have access to their material.

## Festive Day

The last day of term (16th December) will be a festive day where students will be doing festive activities and hot chocolate and mince pies available.

Thank you for everyone's support again this term. You will be receiving an end of term report for your child shortly.

## Terms Dates

Christmas half term reminder dates: Pupils break up on Friday 16th of December and are expected to return to school on Tuesday 3rd January.

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

