



Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents / Carers,

As another year begins at West Midlands Education and Skills, may we take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school as well as welcoming the many new students and families that have joined us this year. We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and that you have enjoyed a positive start to the school term. At this point it is always important to welcome the new staff to WMES. I am sure many of you have already met those that have joined us but in case you have not, we are very pleased to welcome Helen Barber, our new Head of School. Everyone here at WMES is thrilled to have Helen join us and head up our fantastic team. As well as Helen, we have had a number of new tutors join us, bringing a diverse range of expertise. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming them to team WMES.

Classroom Makeover

As some of you may already be aware we've had quite the makeover for the start of this academic year. We have fantastic new English, Maths and Science suits, equipped with computers, games and a massive library of reading. We have been so excited to get teaching in the new facilities and showcase all the changes to our students



Term dates

Autumn term 2022

Term starts 5th September 2022
Half term - 24th-28th October 2022
Term ends - 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term starts 3rd January 2023
Half term - 20th-24th February 2023
Term ends - Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

Term starts 17th April 2023
Half term 29th May - 2nd June 2023
Term ends - 25th July 2023

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Class Dojo

Another new innovation for this school year, is the introduction of Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an app that allows tutors to share what your child is learning, their achievements, important notices, photos and allows us to communicate better than ever. Students may learn in a physical classroom but as technology moves forward, virtual spaces are becoming just as important, Class Dojo allows you to step into school and see your child's education in action.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



On 30th September we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan. On this day we will be holding a social event in school, quizzes and activities. Food and drink will be provided by school and we will be asking students to participate in baking and event preparation and we are hoping to make this a regular event in the school calendar.

Newsletter

Reading

This year all of our students will be issued with a reading log, where not only tutors record reading but students are encouraged to read at home. We have a brand new library of exciting novels, plays and poems which we hope students will be excited to read.



International Day of Peace

21st September is International Day of Peace which we will be marking in school with a range of debate activities, mindfulness sessions and yoga.

General Reminders

- If your child is absent for any reason please contact school at the earliest possible opportunity 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 appropriate for there PE lessons, in comfortable clothes and trainers