



# Newsletter 27.09.2024

## Parent Newsletter

There are no Headteacher messages this week.

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### **Degree Apprenticeship Opportunities for 2025**

Year 13 students who wish to gain a degree in a particular specialism may want to consider applying to degree apprenticeships alongside their UCAS application. Many national employers have this week opened their application window for next year's intake. Further details are available on the attached flyer.

### **EduLink**

All parents/carers should now be able to access EduLink. This is a 'one-stop shop' platform for students & parents/carers to use to access student timetables, homework tasks, join clubs and keep an eye on celebration points and notes about behaviour/reflections. EduLink can be accessed through an internet browser, or by downloading the EduLink app. Please contact [parentapp@wkgs.net](mailto:parentapp@wkgs.net) if you have any problems accessing the platform.

### **Extra Curricular offer**

This is a polite reminder that the deadline to sign up for extracurricular activities is this weekend please. All clubs should be on EduLink, please let me know the name of any clubs you cannot locate, or any issues you have.

As always, any feedback on clubs or activities you feel are missing would be great.

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### **Harvest Festival**

At the start of next week, we will start collecting items for our Harvest Festival. Please refer to the attached poster for an idea of items to donate. Students should take items to their Form Rooms. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Head of Year 11**

Ms Jones, our current Head of Year 11, will begin her maternity leave today and we wish her the very best for the coming months! We are pleased to welcome Mrs Holt who will be stepping into the role and will be available to address any queries or concerns regarding Year 11 students.

### **Gold Duke of Edinburgh**

We are excited to have 27 students in Year 12 who are starting their Gold Award this year with us! The students attended a training day and kit check last Saturday in preparation for their trial expedition in Snowdonia next weekend. A reminder that the bus will depart from outside school at 6.30pm on Friday 4th October and the students will be dropped off back at school again at approximately 5.00pm on Sunday 6th October.

Some of these Year 12 students will also complete their Young Leader Award this year alongside the Gold Award - they will support all our younger DofE students and train to go out on the bronze expedition as leader helpers next year.

### **Silver Duke of Edinburgh (open to Year 11 students)**

A reminder that the deposit to secure a place on the Silver Award is due by this Friday 27th September. Please note that this initial deposit will cover the student's registration with DofE UK and their Welcome Pack and is non-refundable.

Any students who have signed up for Silver but not completed a minimum of 3 sections of their bronze award by October half term will not be able to progress to Silver.

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (current Year 10 students)**

We have 115 students in Year 10 now working hard to complete their activities prior to the expedition phase of the award next Spring.

Please be aware that students in Year 9 will be offered the opportunity to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in Spring 2025.

Duke of Edinburgh Support sessions are available every Thursday lunchtime in B10 to assist students with the administration of their eDofE accounts.

### **Lost Property**

We currently have a collection of jewellery and house keys that have been handed in to reception. Please encourage your child to check and reclaim any items that may belong to them. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of after the October half term.

Additionally, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school's uniform policy, which states that jewellery should not be worn during school hours. Thank you for your continued support.

### **PTA Quiz Night - Friday 4 October**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for next week's quiz evening and fish and chip supper! We are looking forward to seeing you. The deadline for purchasing tickets has been extended so that there is still an opportunity to purchase tickets over the weekend, using Scopay.

### **UCAS Personal Statements (information from Medic Mentor)**

Please refer to the attached flyer for information regarding virtual conferences run by Medic Mentor, to support students with preparation of their personal statement.

### **WKGS Social Media**

We share frequent updates, celebrations & photos on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts. You can follow us by clicking the links and see what we've been up to. Our X (Twitter) accounts are still live and will continue to be used in the short term, but we plan to transition predominantly to Instagram and Facebook for the regular posts during this year.

We love to celebrate the successes of our students both in and out of school. Please let us know by emailing details (ideally with a photo) to [socialmedia@wkgs.net](mailto:socialmedia@wkgs.net).



## **What we've been up to...**



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Stay connected with us! Follow our social media accounts for the latest updates, news and glimpses into the vibrant life of our community.

# upcoming events



## Y13 Biology Fieldtrip

30th September



## UKMT Maths Challenge

1st October



## Senior House Netball

2nd October



## Y7 Info Evening

3rd October



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