



# Newsletter 15.11.2024

## Parent Newsletter

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### **Sixth Form Open Evening & Applications**

A huge thank you to all Year 11 students and families who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so much interest in what our Sixth Form has to offer, and we hope the evening gave everyone valuable insights into the next stage of education.

Applications are now open and can be made via our Applica platform (<https://wkgs.applica.com/2>). Current students already have logins to access the platform, and we encourage students from other schools who are interested in joining our Sixth Form to apply via the same website.

The Senior Leadership Team is continuing with Individual Advice and Guidance (IAG) meetings for Year 11 students. These meetings provide a great opportunity to explore next steps after GCSEs, whether at WKGS or elsewhere.

A special thank you goes to our current students who supported both the Open Evening and the Taster Day. Your involvement played a huge part in making these events successful and informative for all those attending.

### **Sports Hall and Sixth Form Centre**

We are delighted to share that planning permission has been granted for the development of a brand-new Sports Hall and Sixth Form Centre, which will replace the current gym. This is an incredible opportunity for our school community, and we're excited about the transformative impact this project will have.

Full details of the project, including what it will offer and what it will look like, will shortly be available on our website. The next step is to begin procuring funding from a range of sources, and we hope that many members of our community will feel inspired to support this ambitious project. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned.

## **Opening of the Climbing Wall**

This Saturday, 16th November, marks the official unveiling of our new climbing wall, created in memory of Jessica Baker. While this project carries the deep sadness of her loss, it also represents a celebration of her enduring impact on our community.

We are immensely grateful to all those attending this event to honour Jessica's memory. We hope it will be a joyous occasion, reflecting on her legacy and how this new facility will inspire and support our students for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who has helped bring this meaningful project to fruition.

## **Arabian Nights**

Rehearsals are in full swing for our upcoming production of Arabian Nights, which will be performed in the Main Hall from 20th to 22nd November. Students and staff have worked tirelessly to bring this fantastic show to life, and we can't wait to share it with you.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school). The event is nearly sold out, but a few seats are still available—please secure your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a brilliant evening of entertainment.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Clarke  
Headteacher

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General messages:

### **Art Exhibition - 4 December 2024**

Please see the attached flyer promoting a forthcoming exhibition of work by our A level Art students.

### **Bus Service 685 Saughall Massie to Pensby, via West Kirby**

We have been advised that the timetable for the above service has been

adjusted. There are no changes to the departure time or route, however the intermediate timing points have changed as follows, with effect from Sunday 17 November. Further details are attached.

### **Children in Need Day - Friday 15 December**

This Friday is Children in Need Day and students are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a suggested donation of £2 towards this Charity. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Christmas Finish Times**

Our school will be closing following registration at 12.40pm on the last day of term, Friday 20 December 2024. Als Coaches (Wallasey C buses and the A1 Als Neston) and Carvers Coaches (W North Wales and Chester buses) are able to pick up from this time until 12.55pm. Calday close slightly earlier so the buses will call there as usual first and then come to us. Merseytravel buses will not be able to alter their timings as these buses are registered as public routes. Parents/Carers may wish to make alternative arrangements for their child/ward. The school building will be closed at 2.30 pm. The bus companies are also aware that we return to school on Monday 6 January 2025.

### **Edukid**

Our school has formed a unique partnership with Edukid and is committed to helping 7 children in Peru, one child per year group. The children live in the Amazon rainforest. Most live on just one meal a day and life is very much a daily struggle.

Edukid has arranged trips to Peru in July and October 2025 to enable students to build relationships with the local community and the children they are helping. These trips will enable students to experience the issues the children face and seek ways to help. The trips are designed to help students think about their values and role in the world. Many students who have travelled with Edukid on similar trips, have talked about how these trips have impacted on their career choice and helped them to develop personally.

If you are interested in finding out more, please come along to the parent and student meeting on 19 November at 5 pm in school to learn more.

### **Elevate Education**

Please refer to the attached flyer for details of free 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

### **INSET - Friday 22 November 2024**

Please could we remind Parents and Carers that Friday 22 November 2024 is an INSET day and school will therefore be closed to students.

### **Save the Date**

WKGS Year 7 Christmas Service on Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm at WKGS Main Hall

WKGS Christmas Service on Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church, West Kirby.

Further information regarding tickets will be released soon.

### **School Nurse - Drop in clinic**

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding a clinic which is open for children and young people across Wirral.

### **Wear it Pink Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Wear it Pink day in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. There is still time for suggested donations of £2 to be made via Scopay. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

### **Y10-12 Students**

Please could we draw your attention to two upcoming webinars which may be of interest to your students:

#### **Introduction to Magdalene College – 18 November 2024, 17:00-18:00 (Zoom)**

Open to students from any year group who are interested to find out more about Magdalene College and the University of Cambridge.

Sign up here: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bCuwCc6POAqBjo](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCuwCc6POAqBjo)

#### **The Subject Matters: A Level Choices – 25 November 2024, 17:00-18:00 (Zoom)**

Suitable for students in Years 10 and 11 who are considering their options for post-16 study. Parents and teachers are also welcome to register to attend.

Sign up here: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9u99Ssy8aUQpIBQ](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9u99Ssy8aUQpIBQ)



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# **upcoming events**



## Opening of the Jess Baker Memorial Climbing Wall

16th November



## U14 T1 Rugby

18th November



## SnS U14s National Netball Shield 3rd round vs. Upton by Chester

19th November



## Y11 - An Inspector Calls, Liverpool Empire

20th November



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