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BULLETIN: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021



As a Parent / Carer, please speak with your child about our SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: KNIFE CRIME

Knife Crime in UK schools is an increasing safeguarding risk to children. In 2019, more than 1,000 children were caught carrying knives in schools, the youngest being just four years old. Weapons seized by police have included machetes, hunting knives, a

Children are in three categories of risk of knife-carrying. The highest level is for those children who have been groomed in to gangs for the purpose of criminal exploitation. Underneath this lies a group of children who have witnessed other children carrying knives, have been the victim of knife crime or know someone who has carried a knife for protection or who are encouraged to believe knife-carrying is normal through the glamorisation of gangs and knives on social media. Thirdly, there are children who carry knives to school as an isolated incident, eg they may carry a penknife that a grandparent has gifted them.

If a friend or family member has been a victim of knife crime, then you, or someone close, should call the Police if they have not already been notified. In an emergency call 999. You can call Childline on 0800 1111 at any time if you are worried about your own safety, or if you think someone you know is carrying or even using a knife. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 if you want to report a crime that has happened.

PUPIL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOCUS



All students to maintain social distance and keep to year group bubbles.

Students must follow the one way system and walk on the right.

COVID UPDATE: students may only enter the canteen if they are making a purchase. Plastic cutlery (one set per student) is only for food purchased in the canteen. Students are not allowed to take cutlery from the canteen to use for their own food.

WHOLE SCHOOL/YEAR GROUP LETTERS/CORRESPONDENCE SENT OUT VIA SCHOOL COMMS

Letters from Dr Hayman are available on the website: Home / Parents / Letters Home

Letter to Parents/Carers of Year 12 – Year 12 Parents’ Evening online – Wednesday 12th May 2021

Letter to Parents/Carers of Year 10 Drama Students – revised GCSE Drama Exam – Wednesday 7th July 2021

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| Monday 3rd May | MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 4th May | Year 10 Bronze DofE Drop Down – Hall, Conference Centre, DofE Room, Bentalls all day |
| Wednesday 5th May | Year 9 & 10 Assembly via Zoom – Jazz and the Impact of Black Music Year 11 Study Space – Main Hall 12.10-13.20 Sixth Form Detention – Hyland Upper Study Room - lunchtime Year 7-13 Detentions – Room 5 15:30-16:30 Year 12 Drama Rehearsals – Drama Studio and EG4 15.30-18.30 Year 10 Sport England Badminton – Sports Hall 15.45-16.45 |
| Thursday 6th May | Year 11 Study Space – Main Hall 12.10-13.20 Year 10 Drama Rehearsals – Drama Studio 15.30-18.30 |
| Friday 7th May | Year 11, 12 & 13 Assembly via Zoom – Jazz and the Impact of Black Music Arkwright Scholarship Interviews via Zoom – Learning Managers' Office 10.30-12.30 Year 8 GreenPeace Environmental Health Talk – Conference Centre 12.20-13.10 Year 11 Study Space – Main Hall 12.10-13.20 Year 13 Drama Revision – WF5 15.45-16.45 |
| Saturday 8th May | |
| Sunday 9th May | |

Please can parents/carers inform the office in writing of any changes to contact details and any changes to the medical condition of your daughter/son.

If your daughter/son is unwell or injured and is required to go home, she/he is not allowed to stay in the Medical Room until the end of the day. When parents/carers are contacted with regard to collecting their daughter/son from the WHSG Medical Room, the expectation is that the parent/carer will arrange for immediate collection. Any student who is sent home, due to having vomited in school, must not return to school until 24 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhea.

Parents are requested to telephone the school on 01702 476026 (Option 2) before 9.00am every day of absence, giving the reason i.e. headache, sickness (informing us that your daughter/son is 'unwell/not in today' is not acceptable as we constantly monitor for viruses). A letter regarding the illness must be handed in on the first day that your daughter / son returns to school.

You may also email generalenquiries@whsg.info to advise the school of your daughter /son's absence. Please send your daughter/son in with any medication that you wish to be kept in school in its ORIGINAL PACKAGING and with your daughter/son's name written clearly on it.

Many thanks

Mrs. S Martin, Office Manager