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Dates For Your Diary

- **Wednesday 19 September**
- **Thursday 18 October**
- **Thursday 25 October**
- **Monday 29 October -
Friday 2 November**
- **Friday 9 November**
- **Thursday 15 November**
- **Thursday 22 November**
- **Thursday 29 November**
- Adult Education Classes Begin
- Year 11 Parents' Evening 1630 - 1930hrs
- Prospective Year 9 Parents' Evening 1800hrs - 2000hrs
- Half Term
- INSET Day - school closed for students
- Year 10 Parents' Evening 1630 - 1930hrs
- Prospective Year 12 Parents' Evening 1800 - 2000hrs
- Year 12 Parents' Evening 1630 - 1930hrs

English GCSE Results

As many of you will be aware, there are major concerns about English Language GCSE results nationally. This 'regrading' has affected some students here at Wolgarston. The English department has identified these students and we are sending their papers back to the exam board for remarking. I have expressed our concerns to a number of professional associations who are in discussion with the exam board regulator, Ofqual as well as our local MP. This is a very 'live' topic and I will bring parents and students up to date as and when there are any developments.

Please consider signing the e-petition below.

E-petition: The alliance of organisations working on a coordinated response to the English GCSE issue submitted a petition for the DirectGov e-petitions website. Any petition that gains 100,000 signatures on this website guarantees the issue will be considered for a debate in Parliament.. The petition can be found at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37620>



Year 12 Visit to Aston University

On Wednesday 12 September a number of Year 12 students took part in a visit to Aston University in Birmingham, along with many other schools from around the Staffordshire area. Each student from the schools was allocated a colour group to spend the day with doing the various activities, red, blue, green or yellow, which allowed everyone to mingle together. Each colour group took it in turns throughout the day to take part in a campus tour, a student financing and budgeting lecture, a talk which advised students on preparing for university and the workplace and a psychology taster session which involved wiring someone up to a lie detector machine! Everyone enjoyed the trip to Aston University and found it was a great help in deciding whether they wanted to go to university in the future and it gave them an insight into applying to a university. *By Fiona Shaw Year 12*

Fair Trade School

Good news! We have once again been awarded the Fairtrade School status. Look out for more details on what we will be doing during the course of the year to support fairtrade. If you are interested in getting involved with this, please see Mrs Bott, in the Humanities Department.



School Car Park

We would like to remind parents that cars are not permitted to enter the school car park after 1525hrs or leave before 1540hrs. This is to ensure that our students are able to leave the premises safely, either on foot or on school transport. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

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Drama Club

Drama club is back and it is going to be better than ever! This year a Sixth Form Student is going to help Miss Walker run Drama club and the first performance will be before Christmas! Year 9 Drama club is in C9 on Wednesday at 1.10pm and Year 10 and 11 on Thursday; see Miss Walker in the English Office for a lunch pass. All welcome.

Year 13 Student Sky Diving for Charity





Best of luck to Nicola Richards, a Year 13 student, who will be jumping from a plane in a tandem freefall skydive to raise money for the RSPCA. The jump is being funded by Penkridge Cattery, so all proceeds raised will be given directly to the charity. Check out the local RSPCA website for further details or contact Student Reception if you would like to sponsor Nicola.

Look at: www.rspca-staffordwolverhampton.org.uk or www.penkridgecattery.co.uk

Adult Education Evening Classes at Wolgarston High School.

Several exciting adult education evening classes will be starting on Wednesday 19 September. See school website or Stafford College website for more information and how to enrol. (Please enrol by the 18 September)

<i>Spanish for Beginners</i>	On a Friday evening at the Leisure Centre is Men's Keep Fit, playing basketball and volleyball
<i>Spanish for Improvers or to refresh</i>	
<i>Bead and Wire Jewellery</i>	Other venues
<i>Aromatherapy</i>	<i>Everything Cup Cakes - Brewood Middle School</i>
<i>Cooking for friends</i>	<i>Yoga - Coven and Penkridge Daytime and Evening</i>
<i>Creative Art and Design – All abilities</i>	<i>Special Effects with Acrylics – Saturday Course in Blymhill</i>

	Music at Wolgarston		  
Day	Lunch Time (1320 - 1350hrs)	After School (1530 - 1630hrs)	
Monday			
Tuesday	GCSE Music Support Group	GCSE Music Support Group	
Wednesday	GCSE Music Support Group	Fusion Ensemble	
Thursday	Music Tech Club	Music Theory Club	
Friday	Viva Voce		

For further information about a Music activity, please see Mr Ball, our new Music teacher in C06.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT - PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE

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