



WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL  
Staffordshire



# The "SNU"

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## Dates For Your Diary

- **Saturday 15 June to Sunday 16 June**
- **Monday 17 June**
- **Tuesday 18 June**
- **Tuesday 25 June**
- **Wednesday 26 June to Friday 28 June**
- **Wednesday 26 June**
- **Thursday 27 June**
- **Friday 28 June**
- **Tuesday 2 July**
- **Wednesday 3 July**
- **Wednesday 3 July**
- **Thursday 4 July**
- **Saturday 6 July to Sunday 7 July**
- **Tuesday 9 July**
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- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Practice Expedition - White Peak
- Educational Visit to JCB World H/Q for Y10 Construction Students
- Bike Ride for ASDAN students
- Year 8 Parents' Meeting at Wolgarston for PMS students 1800hrs
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver Final Expedition - Long Mynd
- Educational Visit to "Develop Maths Talent" at Keele University for Year 12
- Art, Design and Technology Show at Wolgarston 1900hrs - 2100hrs
- Educational Visit to Aston University for Year 12
- Year 8 Parents' Meeting at Brewood Middle for BMS students 1830hrs
- Night at the Musicals 1700hrs - School Hall
- Parents' Forum in the Library at 1900hrs
- Educational Visit to National History Museum
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Final Expedition - Much Wenlock
- Race For Life, Staffordshire County Showground, 1900hrs
- Educational Visit "Sources of Aspirin" at Keele University for Y12 Chemists

## Proposed Changes to County Transport Policy

Staffordshire County Council is planning to change its school transport policy for children attending mainstream schools from September 2014.

At the current time, Staffordshire County Council offer free school transport to all pupils who attend a school within their catchment area, even if it is not the nearest school as defined using the council's Geographical Information Service (GIS).

Under new proposals raised by Staffordshire County Council, parents will need to pay £380 per year towards school transport, so that their child may continue to attend their catchment area school which is not their nearest school.

How will this affect you? What Can you Do?

We ask everyone to vigorously oppose this new transport policy before the consultation period finishes on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, so that Wolgarston and the other ten schools in our collaboration can continue to work together and improve the education of our students.

We implore you to click the following link in order to complete a short form regarding your views on the proposed changes. <https://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=136879709684> Look on our school [website](#) for further information. We thank you in anticipation for your much needed help.

## Our Sixth Form is Good

Following an inspection of our Sixth Form in May conducted by 2 Ofsted trained inspectors, our Sixth Form has been graded as GOOD. They were particularly complementary about the quality of teaching that sixth formers receive. Read the full report on our [website](#).

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## Next Steps for Sixth Formers

The Sixth Form welcomed Nathan Marshall from Staffordshire University to give a talk about their future and whether or not they should go to university. This is the first in multiple sessions about how to apply for university, what things to consider and also how to apply for apprenticeships or employment post Sixth Form.

The presentation was well received and thought provoking in terms of the opportunities on offer for both University and other routes. Students have a further thought provoking day to question their future beyond Wolgarston at the Aston University Higher Education Convention on 28 June 2013.

*Mr Simmonds*



## National Citizen Service

The Sixth Form were joined today by representatives of the National Citizen Service who were explaining what they do and what our students could get involved in.

In summary, the NCS website ([www.ncsyoes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyoes.co.uk)) says that, "is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that helps you build your skills for work and life, while you take on new challenges and meet new friends."

The visitors were warmly welcomed and the Sixth Form readily signed up.

*Mr Simmonds*

**KEEP  
CALM  
and  
ASK  
FOR  
HELP!**

## Extra Support Really Making the Difference

This is to say a *huge well done* to all those pupils that receive extra support and put in that extra time as it is really impacting on your grades. Everyone struggles at some point in school; some students ignore the problem and avoid it for as long as possible. Other students tackle it head on; seek out support from the Inclusion Department and move onwards and upwards. Over the last term we have been able to see that the direct impact this support has made on your results has been fantastic. Keep putting in that extra time and those of you choosing not to accept the support... maybe now is a good time to change your mind!

*Miss Edwards*

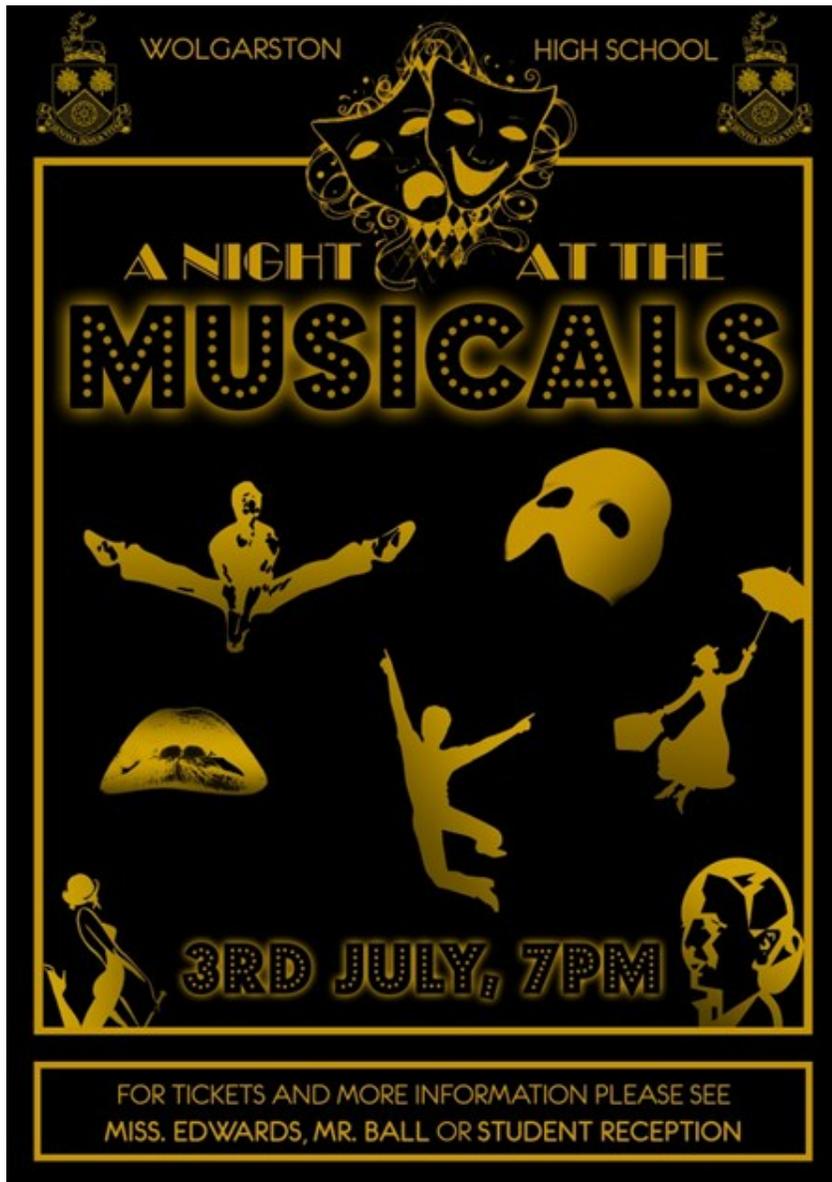
## Wolgarston Facebook Page

Wolgarston High School now has a [Facebook](#) page, helping us to keep up-to-date with modern technology and communication.

Initially, the page has been designed to keep our community informed about the transport issues described on the front page. (All parents will be receiving a letter about the issue on Monday and we urge all parents, family, friends and neighbours to become involved.)

Please like our Facebook Page and support your school.





## A Night at the Musicals

'A Night At The Musicals' is a school production that reminisces through time and provides snap shots of musicals from across the decades. Whether you are a student, parent, carer or just a member of the community looking to support our school there is something for everyone. The show will take place on 3 July. There are approximately 40 students taking part from Wolgarston High School and they have been rehearsing up to 4 times a week since November 2012. The tickets are priced at £3.50 and all proceeds will be put into enhancing performing arts and continuing school shows. Doors will open at 1830hrs ready to start at 1900hrs. The show is expected to finish at approximately 2030hrs and there will be a 15 minute interval.

Tickets are available from the school. So get yourself, friends, family and neighbours down to Wolgarston and support the school show.

*Miss Edwards*

## Year 9 Cycle Forward

Mountain, road, track, bmxing, downhill are all types of cycling that people enjoy every day. A large percentage of students at this school ride their bike every single day and are secretly very good at it.

As part of the Inclusion Department and with a great deal of help from Miss Flynn, a group of year 9 students are now building/repairing old bikes from within the community and making them safe enough for the school to keep and pupils to use.

From this we will be able to offer more cycling opportunities for pupils here; the first of which takes place Tuesday 18 June for a group of Year 9 and 12 students.

If you would like to know more about the cycling opportunities within school please speak to a member of staff in the Inclusion Department. Also please feel free to donate any old bikes or parts of bikes for us to continue with this activity.

*Miss Edwards - Inclusion Manager*



## Race For Life

“Wolgarston Ladies” have once again entered a team in the Stafford Race For Life on Tuesday 9 July. This will be our fourth year of entering a team and it promises to be our biggest yet with over **50** members of staff, students, governors and friends already signed up. Have you signed up yet? You are welcome to join us, contact student reception for more details.

If you would like to sponsor us, go to: [www.raceforlifesporsome.org/wolgarstonladies4](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/wolgarstonladies4)



## A Night at the Movies

There is another night out for you at Wolgarston on Wednesday 10 July 2013, 1900hrs (doors open at 1830hrs), in our school hall.

This will be a concert of film favourites performed by musicians from Brewood and Penkridge Middle Schools and Wolgarston High School.

Tickets are £3.50 and they can be bought from student reception **in advance** of the concert due to likely popular demand.

### Inspirational Quote

“You think you’re not pretty. There is always someone uglier  
You’re chilly. People around the world are frozen.

You want a boyfriend. Some people don’t even have a family.

You’re complaining you’re hungry. A child out there is starving.

You want new clothes. Someone is looking for anything to stay warm.

You want to die. People who are dying would give anything to live.

You want more money. People are in poverty.

So don’t waste time on things you think you want because there is always someone out there who needs it much more than you could ever possibly know.”

**Author Unknown**

### Famous Person With Asperger’s Syndrome

#### Paddy Considine

Born September 5 1974  
in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Actor

Recently seen in  
‘The Suspicions of Mr Whicher’ on TV and the film ‘Hot Fuzz’

**Asperger’s Syndrome**

**June**



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Wolgarston High School now has Twitter and Facebook!  
Our Twitter account is @WolgarstonHigh follow us for updates and general school information.



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Lots of Free  
Attractions —  
And much more!

St Michael & All Angels'

# Church Fete

BBQ

Raffle

**Sat. 15th June 2013**

Haling Dene Centre,  
Penkridge, Staffordshire. ST19 5DT.

Bouncy  
Castle

Tea &  
Cake



**1.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Entry: Adults 50p Children FREE!**

Stalls

Games

Entertainment Includes:  
"Made in Penkridge"  
Craft & Cookery  
Competition  
Dance & Martial Art Displays  
Fairground organ  
Cannock Performing Arts Band

NEW for 2013  
"Made in Penkridge"  
Competition!