



The "SNU"



Dates For Your Diary

- **Monday 19 November**
- **Tuesday 20 November**
- **Wednesday 21 November**
- **Thursday 22 November**
- **Friday 23 November**
- **Monday 26 November**
- **Thursday 29 November**
- **Monday 3 December**
- **Friday 7 December**
- **Monday 10 December**
- **Wednesday 12 December**
- Educational Visit to Wolf Mountain (Y10 & Y11 GCSE PE Students)
- Educational Visit to Birmingham Science Lectures (Sixth Form)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Meeting 1900hrs in the Lecture Theatre
- Prospective Year 12 Parents' Evening 1800 - 2000hrs
- Educational Visit to Carding Mill Valley (AS Geography Students)
- Educational Visit to Wolf Mountain (Y10 & Y11 GCSE PE Students)
- Year 12 Parents' Evening 1630 - 1930hrs
- Educational Visit to Wolf Mountain (Y10 & Y11 GCSE PE Students)
- Clothes Show Live, NEC Birmingham (GCSE & A Level Art & Design)
- Educational Visit to Wolf Mountain (Y10 & Y11 GCSE PE Students)
- Parents' Forum at 1900hrs in the Library

GCSE English 2012 Update

I am pleased to report that the case for regrading is going to be heard in court on 18-20 December. Ofqual recently published a report suggesting that the problem was in part created by over marking by teachers. As you may be aware, teacher marked controlled assignments are then moderated by the actual exam boards and schools receive a report on their marking. Our report from the AQA Exam Board contains the following statement:

'There was evidence of appropriate internal standardisation which illustrated the good practice of the centre. This sample was a pleasure to look at. There was evidence of excellent organisation from a conscientious team being led by an organised Head of Department. For a centre that is new to AQA this was an exemplary sample. Well done.'

Despite this ringing endorsement by the Exam Board, Ofqual downgraded our work – losing some students their C grades. I have sent the full exam report to the Alliance that is leading the legal challenge.

Car Parking at Wolgarston

If you collect your child from school at the end of the day please use the overflow carpark on the playground and try and arrive before 1530hrs (or after 1540hrs) and plan to remain until 1540hrs. For obvious safety reasons we seek to restrict traffic movement during the 10 minutes when students are leaving school. For the same reason the area marked by yellow markings **MUST NOT** be used for parking or loading **AT ANY TIME**. For the safety of all at Wolgarston please support these simple measures.

New Governors

We would like to welcome two new Governors to our School Governing Body. We have Parent Governor, Mrs Elliott, who has a son in Year 11 and Staff Governor Mrs Langston-Jones, Head of Humanities.

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Wheaton Aston Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 24 November 2012

1600hrs to 1800hrs

Wheaton Aston Village Square

On stage entertainment, stalls, food and Santa's Grotto



Anyone wishing to perform on stage or run a stall should contact the Parish Council Manager as soon as possible. Priority will be given to local community organisations and fundraisers.

Contact: 01785 841639 office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Remembrance

Jessica Batley in Year 9, has been awarded membership of the Royal British Legion and is currently the youngest member in the country.

Jess is seen (left) placing a poppy wreath in memory of all the soldiers who have given their lives for our freedom. It was also a personal memory for Jess of her grandfather who was a member of the National Fire Service (NFS).



Youtheatre

Some Year 9 students, who regularly attend "WBOS Youtheatre" on a Friday evening, appeared in their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat* at the Garrick Theatre, Lichfield last week. The Youtheatre has a 70 strong cast of talented 10 - 19 year olds including Jorgia Kilkenny, Emily Hampton, Emma Laughland, Chloe Hawkins, Tom Harrison and Jack Harrison from Wolgarston High School.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Meeting

There is a meeting on Wednesday 21 November at 1900hrs in the Lecture Theatre for students interested in taking the Bronze or Silver award. This is for Year 10 students and above.

Students who completed their award over the summer, should ensure they have uploaded all of the evidence in order to gain their award. Please see Mrs Russell if you have any problems with this.

Movember

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate and testicular cancer.

We are proud to say staff at Wolgarston are taking part in this charity event, led by Mr Leonard, Science Teacher. If you would like to sponsor our staff, please go to: <http://uk.movember.com/team/474997>
Thank you for your support.



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