



# The "SNU"

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## Dates For Your Diary

- **Monday 3 December**
- **Wednesday 5 December**
- **Friday 7 December**
- **Monday 10 December**
- **Wednesday 12 December**
- **Thursday 13 December**
- **Tuesday 18 December**
- **Friday 21 December**
- Educational Visit to Wolf Mountain (Y10 & Y11 GCSE PE Students)
- Nearly Christmas Concert in the Hall at 1900hrs
- 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
- Dragons Den at the Gatehouse Theatre for Y12 Business Students
- Educational Visit to National Portrait Gallery (Sixth Form Art Students)
- School Closes for Christmas



## GCSEPod for Year 11 Students

We are delighted to announce that we have just subscribed to an exciting new service called GCSEPod, which we believe will be of great benefit to our students. GCSEPod provides over 180 hours of high quality GCSE revision across 15 subjects, in the form of audio-visual podcasts.

Year 11 students have today been given a letter giving you more information and details on how to log on via our school

website [www.wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk/student-information/Revision](http://www.wolgarston.staffs.sch.uk/student-information/Revision)

If you have any questions or problems about this new service, please contact Mr Curtis, Assistant Headteacher at school.

## Charities at Wolgarston

Thank-you to all students who have worked so hard to raise money this half term. We have been busy collecting money for several causes such as: The Armed Forces; Operation Christmas Child and Children In Need. As a school, both staff and students are incredibly charitable, therefore, we try to support local and national charities.

To support our local charities of Stafford we are now working on creating food boxes for vulnerable malnourished members of our community. Since our house focus is all about world food and stopping malnourishment, we think this is a brilliant cause to extend to our very own community this Christmas. Tutors have asked their tutees if they would like to support this cause. If so, could they kindly bring in an item of food which is long life? The deadline for these vital boxes is Friday 14 December when House Captains and the student council will be helping Staffordshire Volunteer services to distribute them.

On behalf of the school may I thank-you for your generosity and wish you a happy countdown to Christmas.

*Miss Walker, Head of Alps*

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## Champion Dancers

Congratulations to our talented dancers in Year 10, Alex Plant and Faye Edge, for becoming British Champions earlier this month.

The elegant pair now have their sights set on the World Championships which will be taking place in December in Paris.

We wish them the very best of luck from everyone at Wolgarston.



## Sixth Form Remembrance Day Assembly

Inspirational – Perhaps the first word that comes to mind when asked to describe our visit from Dr. Les Dobinson on Wednesday 7 November. The lecture theatre was filled with an ambience of respect as we learned of the events endured by Dr. Les Dobinson and his comrades upon Omaha beach 1944. As Dr. Les Dobinson is the second of only two remaining soldiers that were present that day, we at Wolgarston were privileged to share the story of such a brave soldier, and to gain a greater understanding of what events unfolded on the front line. We heard, and saw, a glimpse of the courage that was present within situations best described as horrific, and each and every person present shared the same volume of admiration, not only for the gentleman that stood before us, but for the hundreds that accompanied him in their fight for the very things that we appreciate today. Complaining about the bus services seems juvenile when hundreds of soldiers didn't moan once about going into war! Dr. Les Dobinson is an inspiration to everyone and this was reflected by the sea of red poppies in the lecture theatre that day. *Megan Painter and Emily Pinson (Year 12)*

## Operation Christmas Child

Last Christmas, 1.1 million children from twelve countries across the world received a special shoebox and we helped to achieve this! Last year, we sent over thirty boxes to Operation Christmas Child and this year we've sent twenty-five. Well done to everyone who donated time, effort or money for this year's Operation Christmas Child. Just think how excited all these children will be when they open our boxes packed full of lovely gifts and sweets at Christmas!

### What happens next?

We can track the boxes over the coming months and hopefully we'll be able to see where they went and who received our boxes!

**Watch this space!**



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