



The "SNU"

Dates For Your Diary

- **Friday 10 February to Saturday 18 February**
- **Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February**
- **Monday 20 February**
- **Tuesday 28 February**
- **Thursday 1 March**
- **Monday 5 March**
- **Tuesday 6 March**
- **Thursday 8 March**
- **Thursday 15 March**
- **Thursday 22 March**
- **Monday 26 March to Wednesday 28 March**
- Educational Visit to Austria, Skiing
- Half Term
- Back to School
- Dance Festival for First Schools
- Music Recital Evening
- Year 11 Performance of "Of Mice and Men" -Catch 22 Production
- Educational Visit to Midland Soldier Event, Stafford
- Year 9 Parents' Evening 1630hrs - 1930hrs
- Year 9 Options Evening 1800hrs - 2000hrs
- Year 12 Parents' Evening 1630hrs - 1930hrs
- Educational Visit to CERN, Switzerland for Sixth Form Physicists



Meet Mr Worth, Our New Deputy Headteacher

We would like to warmly welcome Mr Worth, our new Deputy Headteacher who joined us after Christmas from Barr Beacon School in Walsall. Mr Worth also works for "Future Leaders" alongside his role with us.

After only half a term, Mr Worth is very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of our students. He has been teaching Year 9 and some of Year 10 and he is working on tracking our student progress. He says he can "see massive potential" and he is "fully expecting that results this year will be really positive."

Mr Worth is a family man, with three children including a new two week old baby. He is a keen football supporter and his team is Shrewsbury Town.

The Samaritans

During Sporting Attire Theme day the Stafford branch of the Samaritans were invited into school to give a Sixth Form assembly. Alan and Mary gave us a talk about the origins of the Samaritans and how individuals can be driven to phone them. The presentation was extremely well received and the students left with a great insight into the benefit and role that Samaritans has (and a free pencil!) The Sixth Form would like to express their gratitude for the presentation.

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Dyslexia Friendly Status – Celebration!



After a rigorous two day inspection on the 2 and 3 of February, we are proud and pleased to announce that Wolgarston has been awarded full 'Dyslexia Friendly' Status by the team of four verifiers from the Special Educational Needs Support Service, or SENSS.

As part of the verification visit, the verifiers met with pupils, parents, members of staff, governors and the School Council. They were shown around the whole school, where they observed a number of lessons, a House Assembly, House Tutor Groups, Family and Student Services Centre, INDIGO, Film Club and the busy Learning Centre.

The SENSS team were full of praise for the whole school, and as part of the feedback they were extremely positive about the way that our students are polite and helpful, and they said that Wolgarston High School was a pleasure to visit.



Being awarded 'Dyslexia Friendly' status means that students across the school will benefit from the way the school embraces inclusive and positive approaches to teaching and learning, both in the classrooms and in the extra-curricular activities that we offer our students. The new 'Think Tank' learning resource room is just one of the ways that we are developing the ways that we support students.

There will be a celebration ceremony during the summer term where the school will be presented with an Award for achieving 'Dyslexia Friendly' status. A huge THANK YOU for everyone involved.



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Educational Visit to Naples, Italy

In the run up to the Geography visit to see the volcanoes of Italy, Mrs Sturgess, Head of International and Cultural Studies Faculty, led a lunchtime language session focussing on greeting and eating! The students left for Italy able to order “una pizza per favore” and to leave with a “Grazie, arrivederci!”

After a few delays the students arrived in Naples on Monday evening. We have received the following report from Mr Fuller, Geography teacher:

Tuesday: Unfortunately, the Vesuvius was shut due to snow (first time in 50 years) so we visited the local lemon and olive farm instead. Pompeii was fantastic and HUGE! A great first day!

Wednesday: Another great day! We have been to Solfatara seeing the volcanic activity (picture top right). We have also seen the Roman Amphitheatre plus a coach tour of Naples itself.

Look out for a full report and more photos in the next SNU.

Brainiac Club

The Brainiac Club was a huge success this week with 27 students from across the school turning up during lunchtime to try their hand at problem solving. The ultimate challenge and brainteaser came when students had to work in teams to come up with a box representing British Culture. However, with one sheet of paper, luggage labels and every letter of the alphabet having to be represented in the box, what would students come up with? The completed boxes are going to be sent to a school in Ghana as part of an International Schools project.

Brainiac will continue after half term. So, if you want a challenge or if you just want to *STRETCH* your brain, come along to A19 every Thursday at 1300hrs.





Fund Raising for Childreach International

We are delighted to announce that we raised £369.73 in the recent "Penny Wars" fundraiser, with Pyrenees coming through as the winning house. Well done everyone!

Sixth Formers (pictured left) have also been raising money for this cause, with a "Wear Sporting Attire



Day". They raised £71.51 this week.

The money raised is going to Mark Stefanyszyn, an ex student of our school, who contacted us to see if we would be able to help him raise money for a challenge event he is going to be doing called 'India on Two Wheels' on behalf of the charity Childreach.

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Think:

Moroccan Lamb Stew with fragrant cous cous

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Sticky Toffee Pudding to name a few!!!!!!

Starting: Wednesday

29 February 2012 for 5 weeks

Time: 1830-2030

Cost £37.00

**Wolgarston High School,
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