



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

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Dear Parent

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all parents who recently took part in our Parent Governor election, the outcome of which was the election of Mrs E Powell. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all candidates for their willingness to stand.

Mr R Aiston, Chair of Governors

Mrs J Barton, Principal

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The second Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 4 March**. The online booking system is open now and will close on Tuesday 3 March, 12pm.

Please visit www.woodkirkacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk to book your appointments during this time.

You will be unable to make appointments after the system closes on Tuesday 3 March, so please contact school beforehand if you are unable to use the online booking system or require any assistance making appointments.

School Photographs Years 11 & 13

School Photographs for Years 11 & 13 will take place on **Monday 9 March**. Both individual and whole year group photographs are taken and then the photography company offers various packages for purchase.

Exam Stress

Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for children and young people and their parents. But there are ways to ease the stress.

[Click here](#) for help & advice from the NHS on how to manage stress and exams. For more resources for managing test related anxiety please [click here](#).



Xanax

There has been a sharp increase in **Xanax** being mentioned in both recorded crimes and Police intelligence relating to High School age children. Very recently, children in North Kirklees were hospitalised after taking Xanax, and it is usually taken in conjunction with MDMA – the active ingredient in Ecstasy tablets. It is worth noting that the Ecstasy tablets and MDMA that are currently available are approximately 7 times stronger than the tablet that killed Leah Betts back in 1995. Both drugs are dangerous when taken on their own – when taken together they pose a significant health risk.

What is Xanax?

Xanax – brand of Alprazolam that is prescribed in the US. Alprazolam is a type of Benzodiazepine usually prescribed for anxiety. Xanax is not prescribed on the NHS and it is uncommon to see this medicine being used legitimately in the UK. Alprazolam is a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act and requires a prescription. Xanax sold within the UK is more than likely counterfeit.

What does it look like?

Usually a rectangular white bar that has 4 indents and the word 'Xanax' written across the tablet. We have also seen pinkish/reddish versions that are known as 'red devil Xanax'.



Who uses it?

A variety of people use Xanax; we are seeing an increase in students and young people using it. We have also received feedback that people have been hospitalised after using Xanax.

The Xanax “High” and Addiction

Xanax and other benzodiazepines are among the most widely abused drugs available today. It is often abused for the fast acting, relaxed “high” it can give to people who take it, including people without a prescription.

Long term abuse and addiction to Xanax is associated with depression, psychotic experiences, aggressive and impulsive behaviour.

Common side effects of Xanax are Drowsiness, Light-headedness, Insomnia, Impaired Co-ordination, Slurred Speech and memory problems.

TikTok 'family safety mode'

TikTok is introducing a new "family safety mode" designed to give parents tighter control over teens' mobile phone habits. It will let parents link their own TikTok accounts to their child's - and turn features on and off remotely. That includes a "restricted mode" that tries to filter out inappropriate content, and turning off messaging. TikTok has an age limit of 13, but many pre-teens still use the Chinese-owned app.

[Click here](#) to read more information in this new feature.

Yome Live Streaming

Yome Live is a dangerous live streaming app that poses a risk to children. The app allows users to publicly live stream video or voice chat. This live streaming app creates an easy to access environment frequented by adults involved in highly sexual behaviour targeted at children and young people.

- [Click here](#) to watch the Safeguarding Alerts video

Whirlpool Washing Machine Recall Programme

In December, Whirlpool alerted customers to a safety risk concerning certain models of Hotpoint and Indesit washing machines. The company is urging owners of appliances purchased since 2014 to urgently contact them to check if their washing machine is one of the models affected.

You can check if your washing machine is affected by visiting <https://washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk/> or by calling a Freephone hotline on 0800 316 1442



IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNING
WASHING MACHINE RECALL

DO YOU OWN A HOTPOINT OR INDESIT WASHING MACHINE?

If your washing machine was made between 2014 and 2018 it may pose a fire risk.
YOUR SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

To check, you will need your serial and model numbers, which are located here:

MODEL NUMBER: WWT134 (UK)
SERIAL NUMBER: 123159789

INDESIT Hotpoint

CHECK YOURS NOW
0800 316 1442 washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk

To avoid any risk, owners of affected models should unplug their washing machines and stop using them. However, if owners continue to use their appliances they should use cold water cycles of 20c or lower only.

We will replace your affected washing machine **FREE OF CHARGE.**
OUR CALL CENTRE IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK





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BEST ATTENDING FORMS HALF TERM 3

7AV	97.9%
8ZW	98.2%
9YU	97.4%
10XT	98.0%
11WQ	98.1%

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



MY Ed

The **MY Ed** app is an excellent method of communication between school and home. It will allow you to check information about the Academy, attendance of your child, his/her timetable, and positive referrals will be 'pushed' to your phone. In addition, you will be able to communicate directly with the Attendance Team for free. Please download this free app and check out the 'News' page of the Academy's website for an information video: NEWS - CLICK



Weekly Events

Week Commencing 2 March 2020

Year 12 Assessment Week

Attendance Awareness Month



Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
	Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Exam Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Year 11 BTEC PE Assessment Day Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm	World Book Day Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Year 12 BTEC Performing Arts Exam Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm

