

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

WGS Newsletter (46) – 30th April 2021

It is now six school weeks since school reopened after the last lockdown, and I am pleased to see how well students have settled back into their learning. Our safety measures are being followed, and we need to continue these to keep our school as disruption-free as possible. There are still cases of COVID in the community and we will continue to monitor the situation closely and manage any cases swiftly. One positive step forward is safely reopening some extra-curricular activity; it has been lovely to see outdoor sport and socially distanced music groups meeting again live!

Our year 11 and 13s are focussing on completing their courses and taking assessments and I continue to praise their commitment during such a challenging time. We will be writing to families next week with further key information.

We have also been able to restart some of our events again that are special to Wood Green:

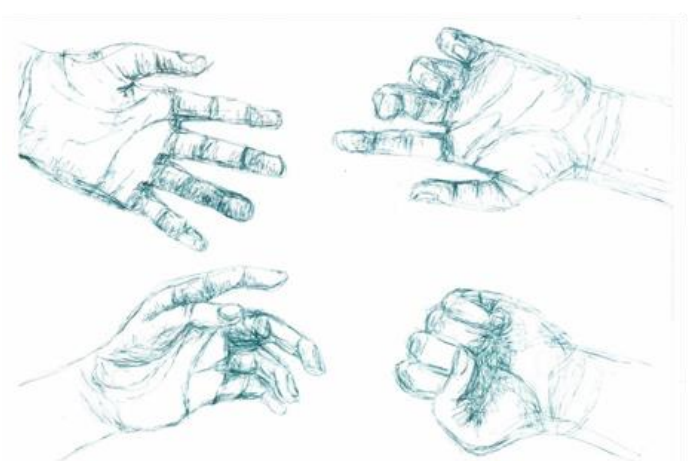
Mr Frank Talk – Thursday 29th April 2021

We were pleased to be able to listen to Mr Frank's Talk about his experiences as a young boy in Theresienstadt concentration camp this week. The talk was held virtually for the first time and as a result both Year 9 and 10 students were able to attend, along with some of our parents/carers. Mr Frank has been delivering his talks to Wood Green students for 25 years now and we feel very privileged that he continues to share his story with us.

Isabelle Spencer Bursary Award 2021

We were delighted to award this year's Witney Educational Foundation (WEF) - Isabelle Spencer Bursary to Amber Jones in Year 13 this week. The presentation was made via Zoom and we were joined by members of the WEF and Amber's family and friends in what was a fitting celebration of her outstanding achievements in Art & Design. Amber has a place on the prestigious Foundation Course at Oxford Brookes next year and we wish her all the best for her future studies.

A few of pieces of Amber's Artwork:



LFD Tests for Students:

Thank you to the students who have been regularly testing at home. A gentle reminder tests need to continue twice weekly. New test kits will be given out to students again towards the end of this half term. If you have any queries about testing please email j.tarrant@wgswitney.org.uk

PTA £50K Challenge – Mr Atkins Iron Man Challenge

Our PTA continues to raise funds for their £50k challenge, a whopping £22k raised so far and £20k of that has been used to refurbish the library. I attended the last PTA meeting and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and commitment. The PTA are keen to ensure that their fundraising benefits all school students and have some exciting news. Our Head of Year 8, Mr Atkins, is taking on an incredible challenge of an Iron Man Triathlon to help raise funds. Please [click here](#) for more information on the challenge and how you can support him and the PTA. If you would like to sponsor Mr Atkins you can do so via Parentpay.

Yours sincerely



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