



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

WGS Newsletter (03) 10/09/2021

After a flurry of emails to get us through the start of term, we will now settle into a more regular pattern of communication. Getting contact with home right is so important; throughout the Covid pandemic we sent out frequent letters, sometimes daily, so that you felt informed about the rapid changes. Many of you fed back that you welcomed these emails and favoured more rather than less. I know this does not suit everyone but I aim to continue to include you all in news from school. So newsletters will continue unapologetically.

This newsletter is not mostly about Covid, but is a more usual start of year contact.

Staff News

We have welcomed a number of new staff to school this term. They are:

Mr Jones	Head of Geography
Miss King	MFL Teacher
Mr Haque	History Teacher
Mrs Morgan	English Teacher
Mr Cook	Graphics Teacher
Mr Wynne	TA and Intervention
Ms Harrison	TA
Miss Barker	Student Support Worker
Ms Callaghan	Maths Teacher
Mr Forsyth	Biology Teacher
Mr Halsackda	Caretaker
Miss Brough	Assistant Caretaker
Mr McClimont	Drama Technician

We congratulate Mrs Clifford (Miss Smy) who married during the summer. Her initials are HMC. Mr Bonsell is absent currently. We are contacting individually families who have Mr Bonsell as their point of contact to explain new arrangements.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe in education is our top priority. Our safeguarding team this year are:

Miss Francis	Safeguarding Policy Lead, Head of Year 8
Mrs Birks	School Counsellor
Mrs Jenkins	School Health Nurse
Mr Askew	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Shadbolt	Headteacher

Open Evening

We are holding a live Open Evening on Thursday 30th September 2021. We will contact parents early next week with arrangements for the day.

LFD Testing – Mr Tarrant

LFD Testing for our Year 7 students has now been completed. I would like to say a special 'thank you' to all the volunteers and staff who helped make this process run so smoothly.

A reminder that LFD testing continues twice weekly at home. Our preferred dates for testing are every Wednesday and Sunday. Test kits will be handed out on a regular basis to students who we have received parental consent for. Please let the school know if your child has a positive result and arrange for them to have a PCR Test as per the guidelines. Please also continue to log all test results, negative, positive or void, with NHS Track and Trace.

Attendance Reminder

Please ensure you contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent. Students should arrive at school by 8.25am when the bell will sound for registration.

Please report your child's absence from school via the Attendance tab on [Insight](#) which is our preferred method for parents to report absences.

If you do not have an Insight login, you can request one by contacting Mrs Wilkinson on n.wilkinson@wgswitney.org.uk

Please [click here](#) for all the information on attendance at Wood Green School.

Uniform - Mr Middleton

We have been really pleased to see so many happy and smiling faces return to school these last few days. We have been hugely impressed by the mature and responsible manner that all students have shown returning this term. Unfortunately though the standard of uniform has dipped this term. There have been several students wearing skirts that are not at an appropriate length or very tight, trainers being worn, shirts being untucked and ties not being worn. We appreciate that some of this may have had something to do with the recent warm weather, but we wanted to reaffirm the school's stance on what our agreed uniform standards are.

As of Monday 13th September tutors will be closely monitoring uniform, and if your child is seen to be breaching the school's standards and not presenting themselves in a professional manner we will be contacting home. If the uniform standards don't improve then the school will start to apply consequences, which we would much rather avoid so as not to interrupt anyone's learning journey.

To help reinforce these rules please [click here](#) to read our School Uniform Rules and Guidance. Could you please take some time to speak to your child about this and ensure that they remain professional at all times.

Thank you for your continual support.

Access to Remote Learning – Mr Goddard

Please see guide attached for students who are self-isolating for Covid related absences.

Summer Concert

It was so lovely to see so many of our parents at the Virtual Summer Concert this week. We were delighted to also have some very special guests join us including Mr Frank, who is a Holocaust Survivor and regular visitor to the school who gives talks to our students. Well done to everyone who contributed to making this a memorable evening. A recording was made of the concert and we will send a link out for this in due course.

School Production:

We are also delighted to announce that the Drama Department are running a school show this year. In the past this has been hugely popular, and students have really engaged in the process and the performances.

Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 15th September** - if your child is interested they should come along to the Drama Department on Wednesday. The session will run from 2pm until 4pm to allow any students who have lessons period 5 to attend after class. Please make sure that you make arrangements for your child to get home safely at 4pm if they decide to attend.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs at Wood Green. Details of these can be found on our website in the Enrichment Section/[Extra Curricular Opportunities](#).

Find out what's happening in school:

For all the latest news and information about events happening in and out of school parents/carers and students can:

- Subscribe to our Weekly Briefing – Please [click here](#)
- Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wgswitney>
- Follow our Instagram Accounts:
<https://www.instagram.com/wgswitney/>
<https://www.instagram.com/wgshouses/>
<https://www.instagram.com/wgslibrary/>

We like to hear all about the achievements of our students out of school so that we can celebrate successes with everyone. Please let your child's tutor or Head of Year know if there is some news that you would like us to share.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher