

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 17 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The autumn term at Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College is now well underway. Our new pupils and students are now fully familiar with our sites and also learning our routines. It has been especially lovely this week to see sports practices re-starting at the end of the day and also other enrichment activities such as music lessons. Year 9 pupils had their school photographs taken this week, and next week Year 11 photographs are scheduled.

Thank you to all of you for helping to keep our communities safe by ensuring your children complete their Lateral Flow Device Tests. Each day there are a small number of positive tests – please continue to be vigilant.

Next week we also have two Wootton Upper School Open Afternoons [see below].

Kimberley College Destinations 2021

I am grateful to Mrs Ashby, Head of Careers, Wootton Academy Trust, who has provided me a report on the university destination and subject choices of Kimberley College students who completed their studies in 2021 as well as information on students who have chosen to continue their studies through higher level apprenticeships.

Our congratulations go to **176 Kimberley College students** who have confirmed their places at university. Of these:

- ❖ 158 students are studying at institutions they selected as their "**firm-choice**" university
- ❖ 1 student is studying at the institution they identified as their "**insurance offer**" university
- ❖ 17 students are studying at institutions selected through the post-results "**clearing**" process; *(please note that only 3 students needed to access clearing due to not meeting their conditional offers; other students who have sourced a place through clearing have used that route in order to gain an offer elsewhere)*
- ❖ 15 students have deferred their place to start in 2022.

Other headline figures:

- ❖ In total, the Kimberley College class of 2021 will be studying at 67 different universities.
- ❖ 54 students (31% of those with a place) are studying at Russell Group universities. The Russell Group includes many, but not all of the more prestigious universities, including Oxbridge and many Redbrick Universities.
- ❖ The most popular university destination for Kimberley College students in 2021 is **Nottingham Trent University**, where eighteen students will be studying.
- ❖ Other popular destinations are two local universities, the **University of Hertfordshire** and the **University of Northampton** both of which will have ten students from Kimberley College. Seven Kimberley College students are moving to the **University of Bristol**. Six Kimberley College students will be at the **University of Lincoln** and six others at the **University of Sheffield**. Five Kimberley College students will be studying at **University of Southampton**, five more at **University College, London** and five more at the **University of Nottingham**. Four Kimberley College students will be studying at the **University of East Anglia**, four others at the **University of Birmingham** and four others at **Manchester Metropolitan University**
- ❖ Two Kimberley College students have secured places in Natural Sciences and Computer Science at the **University of Cambridge**
- ❖ Five Kimberley College students will be studying **medicine** at university.

Other Year 13 Kimberley College students are embarking on fantastic employment outcomes starting very high-quality apprenticeships often leading to qualifications equivalent to higher education degrees. We congratulate all Kimberley College students who have accepted places on apprenticeships. Apprenticeships secured by Kimberley College students include:

- ❖ Level 4 apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying
- ❖ Level 6 apprenticeship in Business Management
- ❖ Level 4 apprenticeship as a Defence and Space Technician with Airbus
- ❖ Level 4-7 Audit and Assurance Apprenticeship with BDO (London)
- ❖ Level 4-7 Trainee Accountancy school leaver programme at Price Bailey

We wish every success to the 2020 – 2021 Year 13 students in their next steps and thank them for the many contributions they made to Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College. We look forward to learning about their future successes and welcoming them back in the future.

Applications for places in Year 9 at Wootton Upper School and Year 12 at Kimberley College for September 2022

Applications are already open for parents/carers wishing to apply for places in Year 9 at Wootton Upper School in September 2022. The school has two Open Afternoons on **Tuesday 21 September** and **Thursday 23 September** for parents/carers with children in Year 8 wishing to visit the school. The Trust knows that some parents/carers with children already at Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College will have children in Year 8 keen to attend these events. If your child is currently at Holywell School or Marston Vale Middle School, you should have already received an invitation. If you have not received a letter, please click on the link on the Wootton Upper School website.

Kimberley College is holding an Open Evening on **Wednesday 13 October**. We will send more information out by the end of September. Please make a note of the date now though.

Parking and collecting pupils and students at the end of the day

PC Harvey from Bedfordshire Police has written to the Trust to ask us to bring to your attention concerns the police have for pupil and student safety when they are being collected by parent and carers. PC Harvey has asked the Trust to consider issuing parents/carers with a letter with more information. If you collect your son/daughter at the end of the day, please read PC Harvey's letter, attached to this letter.

PC Harvey is keen that all parents/carers collecting children are very mindful of prioritizing the safety of pupils/students at the front of the school/college and also aware of the regulations that are in place to help keep people safe.

Wootton Academy Trust reminds parents/carers that wherever possible pupils and students who travel home by car are collected from 3:15 pm once the buses have left the school and college. Thank you.

Parent Governors at Kimberley College and Wootton Upper School

May I remind you that we are seeking nominations for parent governors at both Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College. A letter was issued on September 2 inviting nominations. The deadline for nominations to be received is **Tuesday 21 September**. If you would like more information about the work of the Local Governing Boards please contact Mrs A. Cosgrove at the Trust.

Wootton Academy Trust Prospectus

Our prospectus has been updated and is available on both the Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College websites. It included a full staff list. To access a copy please click here: <https://bit.ly/3kdpr1u>

New Telephone System

The initial teething problems with the Trust's new telephone system are being addressed.

Working for the Trust

If you are interested in applying to work for the Trust, please see the school and college websites for details of current vacancies. We have a number of jobs available including:

- ❖ Wootton Upper School Attendance Co-ordinator
- ❖ Kimberley College Attendance Co-ordinator
- ❖ Wootton Upper School Careers Co-ordinator
- ❖ Kimberley College Site Agent.

Our thoughts remain with Leo Toze's family and everyone touched by his tragic loss. Please remember Leo in your prayers and Leo's family. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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