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Dear Parents/Carers

Wootton Academy Trust News

This week I am focussing on two key aspects of the Trust's work across Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College, namely PSHCE [Personal, Social, Health, Careers and Economic] Education and our Higher Education and Careers Fair which takes place next week. I am deeply indebted to **Mrs Page**, PSHCE Co-ordinator, **Mrs Ashby**, Head of Careers, and **Mrs Genders**, Associate Principal (Pastoral Leader) who have provided all of the information.

PHSCE at Wootton Academy Trust

PHSCE Spring Term 1 at Wootton Upper School

PHSCE, the education of the whole child, takes place at Wootton during guidance sessions. The sessions are tailored for each year group and follow the PHSCE Association Schemes of Learning.

This half term, Year 9 is focusing on careers and looking forward to choosing GCSE option subjects as well as reflecting on areas of strength both academically and emotionally. Years 10 and 11 are focusing on relationships education.

Year 10 start by looking at families and how they may have changed throughout the years, before moving on to reflect on changing teenage emotions and how to manage these. The end of this unit looks at what constitutes a healthy relationship, as well as negative ones.

Year 11 also start with families, but focus on what is the role of a parent or carer and where do these skills come from. The programme then moves on to discuss if everyone has to have children, and what the options may be for those who cannot do so naturally. The second part of this half term looks at changing relationships, and deals with issues of consent in relation to the law, as well as factors such as alcohol. The half term concludes with two lessons on contraception.

Friday Guidance is our **Enrichment session**. These cover a range of themes: Year 9 and Year 10 pupils are looking at *The Effective Teen* this term, which focus on building good habits to sustain resilience. Year 9 will also be taking part in some group activities. Year 11 will be studying exam skills to help them over the coming months.

About every three weeks the whole of Wootton discusses a topic. This is called **Wootton is Talking About**. These sessions may focus on current affairs, local issues, or topics that may divide opinion and support all our young people in *listening, considering information and expressing an opinion*. Coming up: the current crisis between Iran and the US.



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PSHE at Kimberley College

There will be a series of assemblies presented by **iCaSH Bedfordshire** next week – the NHS funded service offers students support in areas such as Sexual Health and Wellbeing and will host clinics at the college throughout the year.

Something you need to know ?

Providing all aspects of sexual health, including contraception, STI testing & treatment and psychosexual services

Clinics are being held here today:

0300 300 3030 www.icash.nhs.uk

A partnership between Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust, Brook and Terrence Higgins Trust, providing integrated sexual health services across Bedfordshire.

Year 12 Work Experience - Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July 2020

The deadline for sourcing a placement for Year 12 work experience week is fast approaching. Students must submit a completed work placement form with all details of the placement they have sourced to the Student Support Office, First Floor North, by Monday 3rd February. This allows the college adequate time to carry out necessary checks on each placement. Placement forms are available from students' Pastoral Tutors and full information about work experience is available online at:

<https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/workexperience>

This includes information on companies who have hosted students in previous years and the '*Finding a Placement*' student workbook. Any students who feel they may not meet this deadline must speak with their Pastoral Tutor as soon as possible to update them on their progress.

Year 12

This week all students have attended a talk with Mrs Ashby, Head of Careers, and a representative from the University of Bedfordshire or the University of Northampton. The focus of this talk has been to highlight to students the importance of beginning able to undertake research into post-18 options at an early stage. It included the benefits of attending events and trips such as the **Careers and Higher Education Fair** on 23rd January 2020, the What Career, What Uni Live trip in February and the UCAS Convention trip in June. The universities also highlighted what is involved in a university open day and gave advice on how to prepare for careers fairs and open days in order to get the most out of them. All of these events are aimed at students considering university **and** those more interested in employment or apprenticeships as their next steps.



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The rest of this term's 'next steps' programme will focus on researching options using Unifrog and other sources of information. Should parents wish to have their own account on Unifrog in order to understand the options open to your child you can register by visiting www.unifrog.org and sign in for the first time using the form code 'parentskimberley'.

Year 13

187 UCAS forms – the process by which students apply for university – have now been submitted successfully; this is the highest number of applications ever from Kimberley. Congratulations to the Year 13 students who have already received offers for their chosen courses and a huge thank you to Mrs Stewart (UCAS Coordinator), the Pastoral Tutors: Mr Gordon, Mrs Morrow, Ms Munson and Ms Smith and all other staff who have supported the students in this process.

My thanks for all of the above information goes to Mrs Page, PSHCE Co-ordinator, Mrs Ashby, Head of Careers and Mrs Genders, Pastoral Leader at Kimberley College.

Coincidentally, PSHCE was a major theme at the Bedford Bubble Learning Exchange meeting of Headteachers this week. Representatives from Bedford Borough's Youth Parliament made a presentation to all Heads on the importance of PSHCE. One of the key presenters was Matthew Stubbs, a Year 11 Wootton Upper School Senior Student Leader. Headteachers found what the students had to say utterly compelling.

Wootton Academy Trust's Careers and Higher Education Fair is Next Week!

With our Careers and Higher Education Fair only one week away – Thursday 23rd January 5 pm – 8 pm the Trust wants to ensure everybody knows about this spectacular event in our calendar.

Visitors can book into the event at <https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/careersfair2020>.

We have a fifty-seven exhibitors confirmed this year (40 in 2018 and 48 in 2019), which consists of:

- 23 employers
- 24 universities
- 4 FE/training providers,
- 1 volunteering organisation
- 5 exhibitors focussed on providing advice and guidance on a range of areas.

There are also three talks on the evening:

- 'Introduction to University' will take place from 6:00pm – 6:30pm
- 'Applying to Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses' from 6:45pm – 7:15pm
- 'Introduction to Apprenticeships' talk from 7.30pm–8:00pm

The full list of exhibitors should you wish to see it is below:

| Company/Institution | Type |
|--|-------------------|
| Bedford Borough Council - Careers Advisor | Advice & Guidance |
| Institute of Biomedical Science | Advice & Guidance |
| SEMLEP | Advice & Guidance |
| Unibuddy | Advice & Guidance |
| Work Pays - Project Ask (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge) | Advice & Guidance |

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| Company/Institution | Type |
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| Acorn House Vets | Employer |
| BAM Nuttall | Employer |
| Bedford Borough Council | Employer |
| Bedfordshire Police | Employer |
| Center Parcs | Employer |
| Childbase Partnership | Employer |
| CS2 Limited | Employer |
| Dr Martens | Employer |
| Ernst & Young | Employer |
| Home Office - UK Border Force | Employer |
| Jaguar Land Rover | Employer |
| LGC Group | Employer |
| Liz Male Consulting Ltd | Employer |
| Lockheed Martin | Employer |
| Mazars | Employer |
| Millbrook | Employer |
| MKDons | Employer |
| PwC | Employer |
| Royal Navy & Royal Marines | Employer |
| Silver 7 Mapping and Mini Map-Makers Limited | Employer |
| The Bedford Estates | Employer |
| TUI | Employer |
| Unilever | Employer |
| Bedford College Group | Further Education |
| The Football Education Academy | Further Education |
| SSG Education and Training | Training Provider |
| The Event Academy | Training Provider |
| Coventry University | University |
| Cranfield University | University |
| De Montfort University | University |
| GoldSmiths,University of London | University |
| LIPA (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts) | University |
| Loughborough University | University |
| Nottingham Trent University | University |
| Oxford Brookes University | University |
| Southampton Solent University | University |
| UCFB | University |
| University for the Creative Arts | University |
| University of Bedfordshire | University |
| University of Birmingham | University |
| University of Bristol | University |
| University of Buckingham | University |
| University of East Anglia | University |

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| University of Hertfordshire | University |
| University of Leicester | University |
| University of Lincoln | University |
| University of Northampton | University |
| University of Sheffield | University |
| University of Southampton | University |
| University of Surrey | University |
| University of Sussex | University |
| National Citizenship Service | Volunteering |

Each year this event attracts at least one thousand visitors. Whilst there are two hundred and eighty parking spaces at Kimberley College ... it is always full.

The Matrix Challenge 2020

The Matrix Challenge 2020 is an online competition open to 11-17 year olds across the country, designed to test their digital skills through a series of elements including coding and cracking a cipher. There is an opportunity for successful participants to progress to a regional semi-final and potentially compete in a national final. Registration is via the website <https://matrixchallengegame.co.uk>. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Reminder of Dates

Parent/Carer Information Evenings

Over the last week a number of parent/carers have asked me to include a list of forthcoming Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings in this week's newsletter.

- Wednesday 4th March 2020 – Year 12 Parent/Carer(s) Evening
- Wednesday March 11th 2020 – Year 9 Parent/Carer GCSE Courses Information Evening
- Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Year 9 Parent/Carer(s) Evening
- Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 11 Parent/Carer(s) Evening

Other Dates

- Friday 14 February 2020 - Training Day
- Monday 17 February 2020 – Friday 21 February 2020 inclusive - Half term

Stop Press – School Bus to and from Houghton Conquest

We received an email today at 2:40 pm from Central Bedfordshire Council asking us to notify parents/carers of children who live in Houghton Conquest of the following message in respect of the revised stop in place for the Bedford Road stop near Thickthorn Lane for both the C09 and C16 school buses.

“While there are road works taking place on Bedford Road the temporary stops have had to be removed **Herbert's Travel has confirmed that from Monday morning** the bus will now pull into the new estate and stop outside the **Morris Homes Office** on the left. Once it has collected its passengers it will be able to drive into the estate and use a roundabout to turn around to exit.

This change has been put in place following concerns over safety being raised by residents having to walk down to Chimney Corner. The stops will revert back to their previous place once the road works are complete however this is not due to be until March as far as we know.

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Vacancies

The Trust is very grateful to all of you who share the information in our newsletter on the vacancies we have available. Thank you. The following vacancies are advertised on the Trust's website:

- Attendance and Education Welfare Officer – see website. Closing date 20 January 2020
- Safeguarding Officer – see website. Closing date 20 January 2020
- Examinations Invigilators – see website
- Teacher of Religious Studies for September 2020 – see TES and school website
- Teacher of English for Easter 2020 - see TES and school website
- Director of Science for September 2020 – see TES and school website
- WUS Year Leader/Head of Year for Easter 2020 - see TES and school website
- Pastoral Support Officer – to increase capacity in the team of PSOs at Wootton Upper School. In the first instance contact Mr Spurling, Assistant Principal, for more information. Closing date 24 January 2020.
- Teaching Assistant – to increase capacity in support for pupils with EHCPs. In the first instance contact Mrs Holmes, SENDCo for more information. Closing date 24 January 2020.
- ICT Network Manager – see website. Closing date 28 January 2020
- Casual Site Agent – see website.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal