

Dear Parents/Cares

### **1. Academisation**

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come to the meeting about our academisation with Weydon Multi Academy Trust. WMAT comprises five schools: Weydon School, Farnham Heath End, The Ridgeway School, Woolmer Hill School and The Abbey School. The Abbey and The Ridgeway are both special schools. The vision is to inspire a community of learners, not just those in any one school. Each school will contribute its own strengths and remain distinctive in terms of the ethos. We are pleased to be joining this excellent Surrey based multi-academy trust and believe it will enable The Park to thrive, move forward and once again become outstanding.

### **2. Football and basketball**

As the weather improves, we are hoping to resume football on the school field. We are currently using the main playground divided into two halves for basketball and football. We provide the footballs and basketballs and would prefer students to not bring their own into school.

### **3. Prize Giving assemblies**

At Easter we will be trialing a change to the way we run our end of term prizegiving assemblies. This is to enable more parents and families to attend. We will have separate KS3 and KS4 prizegiving. KS3 will be on Thursday morning at 10.30am and KS4 will be on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm. Friday morning will be off timetable mufti morning for students in tutor bases. A letter will come out about this just after half term.

### **4. Ski trip**

We have just returned from another very successful ski trip. We were really proud of all the students' skiing. The skiing star has to go to Ben Brown Strutt who worked incredibly hard, overcame some big obstacles and went up the chair lift. Mr. McCarthy (Assistant Headteacher and trip organiser) said "The amazing exploits on the ski slopes was matched by the fantastic time they had socializing in the hotel within groups and with other schools. The students were fantastic at helping each other. A special thanks to Miss Carruba, Mrs. Vardy and Nanny 'MacWilson' for their tireless work, effort and care which contributed to the success of the trip".

A big *thank you* to all our parents for their amazing support.

### **5. Clubs**

We offer a range of lunchtime clubs to enable students to have fun, socialize and use unstructured time appropriately. The Clubs Timetable is on the next page.

I have attached an update with some links from the Department for Education. I hope you have a restful half term as the daylight gets a little longer and the weather improves.



Paul Walsh  
Headteacher

**Lunchtime Clubs**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Football Basketball</b> Playgrounds	<b>Football Basketball</b> Playgrounds	<b>Football Basketball</b> Playgrounds	<b>Football Basketball</b> Playgrounds	<b>Football Basketball</b> Playgrounds
<b>Superhero Club</b> Room 2 Mrs Clark	<b>Film Club</b> Room 1 Mr Downie	<b>Film Club</b> Room 1 Mr Downie	<b>Film Club</b> Room 1 James Downie	<b>Y10 Art Club</b> Art Room Mrs Williams
<b>Chat Club</b> Cafe Kate (SALT)	<b>Art Club (KS3)</b> Art Room Mrs Williams	<b>Newspaper Club</b> Room 3 Mr Burrell	<b>Y11 Art Club</b> Art Room Mrs Williams	<b>Singing Club</b> Room 11 Mrs Ward
<b>Home Lodge</b> Y7 Jason	<b>Home Lodge</b> KS4 Lisa	<b>Home Lodge</b> Y7 Jason	<b>Home Lodge</b> Y8/9 Lisa	<b>Home Lodge</b> Y8/9 Lisa
<b>IT&amp;Homework</b> Room 4 Miss Kean	<b>IT&amp;Homework</b> Room 4 Miss Kean	<b>IT&amp;Homework</b> Room 4 Miss Kean	<b>IT&amp;Homework</b> Room 4 Miss Kean	<b>IT&amp;Homework</b> Room 4 Miss Kean
<b>Snooker/games</b> Hall	<b>Snooker/games</b> Hall	<b>Snooker/games</b> Hall	<b>Snooker/games</b> Hall	<b>Snooker/games</b> Hall
	<b>Construction Club</b> Cafe Emma		<b>Comic Club</b> Room 2 Mrs Clark	<b>Library Club</b> Room 1 Mrs Brown

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y8 Tutor Parents' Evening
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Reviews
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring BBQ and Bingo
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	KS3 and KS4 prize giving
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole school Mufti morning – finish at 12pm
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Students return to school at 9am
w/c Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 8 Reviews
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Reviews
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank holiday
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May & w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 7 Reviews
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May-Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y11 DofE Practice Expedition
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Maths GCSE Paper 2
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths GCSE Paper 3
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Prom
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June-Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y10 DofE Practice
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Record of Achievement
Wednesday 1 July	Y9/10 Tutor Parents' Evening
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July-Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 DofE assessed expedition
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre DofE Y9
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term

# Message from the Department for Education about the Coronavirus

You will be aware that there is a current situation regarding the Coronavirus.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate and it is prudent that we all raise awareness of the issue and understand our own responsibilities.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone who is intending to travel to the area.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your youngster(s) catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school.

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Further information about the virus can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-guidance-to-assist-professionals-in-advising-the-general-public/guidance-to-assist-professionals-in-advising-the-general-public>

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses. The following is some basic advice about good hygiene practices.

<https://www.who.int/images/default-source/health-topics/coronavirus/social-media-squares/blue-1.png>

<https://www.who.int/images/default-source/health-topics/coronavirus/social-media-squares/blue-2.png>

<https://www.who.int/images/default-source/health-topics/coronavirus/social-media-squares/blue-3.png>

<https://www.who.int/images/default-source/health-topics/coronavirus/social-media-squares/blue-4.png>