



May 2023

End of Half Term 5 Letter

Dear Family,

It does not feel like long ago I was writing my last end of term letter but the end of half term is upon us. It has been quite a disrupted half term with bank holidays and industrial action and it has been nice for the last few weeks to be more normal.

We have had some fantastic experiences and accomplishments this half term. Students from Year 7 and Year 10 have been experiencing Geography field work at Carding Mill Valley. We have had visits from authors, students have been out to Warwick and Birmingham Universities and our sports teams have been especially active with a special focus later in this letter.

A number of our students were successful nationally at the Poetry by Heart competition and are through to the all Key Stage freestyle national finals where they will perform at the Globe Theatre in London. We wish them luck!

The last half term of the year promises to be especially action packed with a large number of events, shows, sports days, trips, visits and of course end of year examinations.

Important Dates

End of Term – The half term will end on Friday 26th June 2023. This will be at the normal finish time of 3:25pm.

Start of Summer Half Term 2 – Students should return to the Academy on Monday 5th June at the normal start time of 8:45am.

Bank Holidays and Inset – There are no planned Bank Holidays or Inset Days next Half Term, however the NEU have stated that at the current time they may plan strikes next half term. In addition, Unison, ASCL, NASWT and the NAHT are all currently in various stages of balloting for strike action. As of yet we have no confirmed days but there is the potential for disruption.

End of Next Half Term – The next half term will end on 21st July 2023 at 12:30pm.

Parental Support and Information

School Show

On the 11th and 13th July at 6:30pm we will be running our Summer school show in conjunction with our Hippodrome partners. This year it is Shrek the Musical. The students have been working hard, learning lines and songs, building props and



rehearsing. They need and deserve an audience. Tickets will be on sale shortly through Parent Pay and this time, we will be able reserve and sell a small number of tickets on the door, for friends and family who don't have access to Parent Pay. We hope you will join us.

Attendance and Lates – Our attendance is excellent compared to the national average and we really appreciate the support from you as parents and carers who get the students through the doors and value their education. Students who attend better achieve better and we want all students to have the best chance of success.

Our day starts at 8:45am. Students should be in their classroom ready for the day at this time rather just entering through the gates. We also do not want to slam the gates shut on students that we see approaching as that is unkind. Therefore, from next term students who arrive after the 8:45 bell but are not yet on the playground will receive a late mark from staff deployed on the playground as if they had come through reception. Our playground empties at 8:40 and form time begins at 8:45 and we would expect students to ensure that they get to their classes for this time.

Parents Evenings – There are three parents' evenings next half term:

Year 10 is on June 8th, Year 7 is on June 22nd, Year 9 is on July 6th. End of year reports will be issued prior to these parents evenings so you can discuss your child's progress. Parents evenings are being held in person, late into the evening. It is really important to come and discuss your child's progress and how you can support them in being successful and fulfilling their potential.

Focus on PE

It has been an incredibly busy few months for our sports teams with nearly 30 fixtures played across the year groups. That does not count the interhouse competitions in sports such as Table Tennis and Athletics. There is a bumper round up of all the results at the end of this letter. Congratulations to all those who have participated in Academy Teams.

We are now recruiting House Sports Captains; students should see Mr Vaughan for applications.

Prefects

As students become older they have the opportunity to become more involved in representing and helping with the running of the Academy. Recently I had the pleasure of interviewing 12 students who had applied for Head Prefect, they presented, wrote applications and were interviewed for the position.

It was incredibly hard to choose but we have appointed Nicole and Zion as our first head prefects, we will now appoint a team of senior prefects and prefects to assist them in supporting the Academy.



Helping Students to be Successful

Summer Examinations

Your child should have brought home a personalised exam timetable that outlines the exams they will be taking after half term. Students will be revising in lessons in the run up to these but it is also crucial that they are revising at home.

There is lots of information and guidance on our website here: [Summer Examinations 2023 – West Bromwich Collegiate Academy \(wbca.school\)](http://wbca.school)

Year 10 are taking full GCSE papers for the first time so we are supporting their revision further with a suggested weekly revision schedule (also found on this page of the website and it has been emailed to Year 10 parents/carers).

If your child does not know where to begin with their revision or how to structure it, please follow the plan we have put together.

Online resources such as Seneca, Sparx Maths, Century, BBC Bitesize, Language Gym, Kerboodle are all really useful and helpful. More details on these can be found here: [Online Learning and Revision – West Bromwich Collegiate Academy \(wbca.school\)](http://wbca.school)

Please encourage and support your child with their revision over half term so that they can perform well in their exams.

They will need this equipment for exams:

- black pen
- pencil
- ruler
- rubber
- calculator - for Science, Geography and Maths Calculator papers
- compass and protractor - for Maths exams#

Pencil cases and water bottles must be clear with no writing.

They must be on time for school each day.

Further details on the exam regulations can be found here: [Examinations – West Bromwich Collegiate Academy \(wbca.school\)](http://wbca.school)

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and they need a scientific calculator or an exam pack pencil case, please complete this form and we will provide your child with one.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XNxha8D2vP>



Final Message

This has been a very busy half term with lots happening in the Academy and we have been very proud of our students' hard work. I wish you all a restful, happy break.

Yours sincerely

George Faux

Principal



Spring Term 2 Calendar

Activity	Date
Start of Half Term	5 th June 2023
KS3 Examination Week	5 th June 2023
Year 10 Parents Evening	8 th June 2023
Silent Movies Theme Begins (Y7)	12 th June 2023
Britain Theme Begins (Y9)	12 th June 2023
Year 10 Examination Week	12 th June 2023
B'ham Uni Health Professions Quiz (Y8)	14 th June 2023
Year 8 Trip to Weston Super Mare	16 th June 2023
History Re-enactor Visit (Y8/10)	19 th June 2023
Over the Top Theme (Y8)	19 th June 2023
B'ham Uni Big Biology Quiz (Y10)	20 th June 2023
Artist Visit (Y8)	21 st June 2023
Year 7 Parents Evening	22 nd June 2023
SEND Coffee Morning	22 nd June 2023
Patrick Centre Lion King Performance	28 th and 29 th June 2023 TBC
Year 10 Work Experience Week	3 rd July 2023
New Year 6 Induction	5 th and 6 th July 2023
Year 6 Induction Evening	5 th July 2023
Year 8 Geographical Association Quiz	5 th July
Year 9 Parents Evening	6 th July
Shrek the Musical	11 th July and 13 th July
Year 8 Staffordshire Regiment Museum	12 th and 13 th July
Nurses Road Show	18 th July
Silent Movies Oscars (Y7)	18 th July
Sports Day	19 th July
Rewards Day	20 th July
End of Term (Half Day)	21 st July



West Bromwich Collegiate Academy PE – May 2023

We have had a very busy last few months with students taking part in lots of sports events and fixtures. Here is a write up of some of the events that our students have been involved in.

Football

Year 7 boys have made big improvements to their understanding of the tactical requirements needed when playing other schools. They have had a number of pleasing results and more importantly some good performances.

Four Dwellings 0 WBCA 4

Q3 Great Barr 8 WBCA 2

WBCA 6 SBU 5

Phoenix 1 WBCA 3

Sandwell Cup

WBCA 2 Phoenix 1

WBCA 0 Wood Green 4

WBCA 0 Gospel Oak 3

Year 8 boys have transformed themselves into a difficult team to play against. It has been great to how they have really taken on board formation changes that were required and how they work so hard for each other.

WBCA 3 Stuart Bathurst 1

WBCA 1 Phoenix 4

Four Dwellings 1 WBCA 2

Q3 Langley 2 WBCA 2

Sandwell Cup

WBCA 1 Phoenix 0

WBCA 0 Wood Green 2

WBCA 1 Gospel Oak 0

Year 7/8 girls' football

Q3 Langley 4 WBCA 0

The **Year 7/8 girls** football team had their first fixture against a strong Q3 Langley team. It was great to see the girls enjoying playing football and encouraging each other from start to finish. We have a lot to work on tactically, but with the girls' excellent attitude we are ready to develop and learn as a team for future fixtures.

Year 9 boys have proved that they can play well even with key players missing. They showed great determination and spirit against Phoenix and almost came back from 4-0 down to get a result. They need to show this spirit consistently to make sure they perform well as a team in all matches.

Phoenix 4 WBCA 3

Four Dwellings 7 WBCA 0



Year 10 boys have shown that they can adapt to a new formation with key players stepping up to play key roles. They also showed great spirit against Phoenix and also performed well in the Sandwell Cup. They went into the last game join top of the group with a chance of winning the tournament. A great effort.

Friendly

Phoenix 4 WBCA 2

Sandwell Cup

WBCA 0 Phoenix 0

WBCA 1 Wood Green 0

WBCA 1 Gospel Oak 1

WBCA 0 Q3 Great Barr 1

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Year 9/10 girls' football

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The girls played their first fixture against a well organised Gospel Oak team. Although it was not the result we wanted the girls put in maximum effort from start to finish and showed brilliant determination. We learnt a lot from the game, and look forward to putting this to practice in future fixtures.

Basketball

Year 9 trained hard to get themselves into a position to be competitive to play against other established school teams. They have now played their first ever matches and have made excellent progress.

Bartley Green 25pts WBCA 20pts

Four Dwellings 9pts WBCA 27pts

Year 10 have also played their first match as a team. The team put in some good individual performances although just came up short against a good opposition who have been playing together for a year longer.

Four Dwellings 32pts WBCA 26pts



Netball

Year 7 began by playing against a very good Shireland team and although they lost they can be rightfully proud of the attitude shown during the match. They also worked hard in a joint training session hosted at WBCA alongside the year 7 girls from SBU. The focus was on positioning and footwork. The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and understanding of the rules. This was reflected in the recent competitive game against SBU where the students won 2-1.

Table-tennis

Year 7 Table-tennis match

Year 7 played their first table-tennis match v SBU. It was a really successful afternoon, hosted at WBCA and an excellent attitude was shown by both team's players.

Boys – WBCA 13 SBU 1

Girls – WBCA 5 SBU 7