

**This week's update includes: COVID Update; Year 11 Mock Examinations; Year 10 Mock Examinations; Attendance and Punctuality; Werneth Stars of the Week; Year 11 Performing Arts Students; Senior students update; Term Dates for 2022/23 academic year**

Following the government's **COVID** announcement this week, we have now removed face coverings in classrooms with effect from this Thursday. The advice remains of course that we continue to wear them in communal areas around school until at least next Thursday. School leaders are still in regular communication with public health leads in Stockport, to ensure that this is done in the correct way to ensure we stay as safe as possible. I will of course update you further if necessary. Let's hope this is the start of the end for COVID's impact on our lives ... we know there is a lot of further work ahead to make sure this is the case!

We have been looking at **Year 11**'s performance in their **mock examinations** this week, and it's generally very pleasing! They have clearly worked hard to address any absences as a result of COVID and most of them are on track to achieve. A reminder if you have any concerns with helping your Year 11 child to achieve, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Chantler, Mrs Aspinall or Ms Hunt in school. We are currently working with teachers to put supportive strategies in place to prepare them for the summer. We only have around 10 school weeks now before the exam period begins to happen, and we will be completing another round of mocks to check performance in March. **One more term of commitment and hard work will make a massive difference to those final GCSE grades.**

Our **Year 10s** have also had their GCSE progress affected of course. We know from our latest tracking information that many of them are doing really well too, but equally we know there are a few of them who need to really re-focus on the fact that they only have a year left now to achieve. If you feel your Year 10 child needs a discussion to get back on track, it's Mr Willis and Mrs Massey to contact in school.

**Mrs Hall: Attendance and Punctuality Lead** - It is still vitally important to remember that your child should only miss school if either they are too ill to attend, or you've got advance permission from school in advance.

**Remember also that getting here on time matters!** Please ensure that your child gets on site in sufficient time for form, which will start at 8.40am prompt. Students should arrive onto the school site by 8.40am, otherwise they will be classed as 'late'. If they are late twice in a week they will be issued with a 20 minute detention. If you have any queries relating to attendance or would like our support, please don't hesitate to email [attendance@wernethschool.com](mailto:attendance@wernethschool.com) or call us on 0161 494 1222 ext 1037. Remember 'Attendance

Matters'. Getting in the right habits for attendance and punctuality is crucial for the working world, and employers / colleges ask us for attendance records as part of their recruitment.

WERNETH STARS OF THE WEEK

MILLIE CHATTERTON BETH LAPHAM JEN ARTHINGTON ISSY FLEETWOOD-JONES CALEB SANDERS AIMEE HEDLEY NEVE DAVIES MELLOR IZZY WATERS DAN RAEBURN CHLOE NICHOLSON DANTE CAVALLO CHANTE HARVEY HARRY SIMENSKY	ELISIA EVANS ELLIOT MELIA ALYSHIA ANGUS CHLOE NYLAND JAYCY-JAYNE WALLACE ARTHUR MERCER FREYA WILD NIALL MURPHY TILLY MATHER KENZIE LEE BELL THOMAS MILLICHIP EVIE CUNNINGHAM <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: blue; margin-top: 10px;">WEEK 15</span>	KIAN DALEY ELLIE SEWELL EVIE MORAN SCARLETT WALSH SAUL SMITH JACK MIDDLETON OLIVER KILLINGBECK DAHEEM KHAN FINLEY SHAW HARLEY STONE CALLUM RUSHTON KODY-LEIGH STONES LOGAN PIRIE
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Congratulations to our **Stars of the Week** [left] who have all received rewards, and to Daheem Khan in Year 11 who was drawn from this list to receive the Big Prize voucher.

**Year 11 Performing Arts Students:** Dance and Drama students in year 11 were treated to a presentation about 'Charity' by Mr McAllister and Mrs Craven from our HART department. This year the students exam piece has a close

to the link to charity and students have to think about how they can link their creative intentions to the idea of being charitable. It was really interesting to hear about all the wonderful different charities both local and international and to really get students thinking about what it actually means to be charitable. Heartfelt thanks to both members of staff!



The Culture-Vultures of Werneth have found a gem! The Wiz at the Hope Mill Theatre is a MUST-SEE! You can be part of their virtual audience online in the next week or two - check it out!!!! [Hope Mill Theatre | Manchester Theatre Company](https://www.hopemilltheatre.co.uk). Hope Mill is an ethical and inclusive theatre company, recognised as The best Fringe Venue outside of London! And they gave us 13 Free tickets to their sold out show for last Friday - it's well worth a look!

**Senior Students:** Our Senior students have kicked off 2022 with a bang. They have started to work with our year 7 students and have been conducting circle time with our younger students. The sessions have been really successful so far and students have been checking in with our group of year 7, asking questions about school life and doing team builders to help with friendships. We are hoping to work with more students over this year in lots of different ways.

Our SSLT also met with student leaders in years 7 to 10 this week. This was the first time this group of students from all year groups met together. Students from younger year groups were asked to give their pupil voice around form time activities and content they think would be beneficial for their year group. There were some really productive ideas being discussed and we all look forward to bringing some of these ideas to reality in the near future.

We have now finalised our [dates for the new \[ 2022/23 \] academic year starting in September](#). This is published on our website, and you can access it also [here](#) if you need to plan your holidays! The days in green are the days that students are expected in school. We work hard with our neighbouring trust school Bredbury Green Primary School to standardise our INSET days, and the days in September, October and February are all the same across both schools to help parents.

***Have a good weekend!***