



This week's update includes: Year 11 mock examinations; Be traffic aware!; NHS Message for parents; BBC Children in Need; Girls Football; Werneth Stars of the Week; Attendance matters; Operation Christmas Child; Artists of the Week; Girls Network; Romiley Christmas Lights switch-on; College Day Information

Our **Year 11s** have been a real credit to themselves this week and conducted themselves exceptionally well in their **mock examinations**. This is the first step in the final stage of their school education and the feedback from these mocks will enable them to move forward to those final examinations in the summer of next year.

A message from the NHS: This Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> November) we have a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for 12 to 15 year olds and adults, open from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Westmorland Primary School in Brinnington. You can book an appointment at <u>www.stockport.gov.uk/covidvax</u> or just drop in. 12 to 15 year olds need to attend with a parent/carer or bring signed consent from their parent/carer. The consent form is <u>here</u>. Please note the change in guidance for 12 to 15 year olds that they need to wait 12 weeks following a positive PCR test before they can have their covid vaccine

An appeal about **traffic**.... it's always incredibly busy on the main road outside of school and a young lady from Harrytown was sent to hospital this week after being run over. Several of our students were quickly on the scene to help out and the headteacher at Harrytown was very grateful for their help. Please be mindful of the road traffic problems created by two secondary schools together in such close proximity, especially around the starts and ends of the day.

<u>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED:</u> It was "Children in Need Day" last week, and a group of students worked together in an effort to raise money for Children in Need. They created Pudsey Badges to sell and raised a total of £80.00. Our kitchen staff also dressed up for the occasion to raise additional funds. This will be donated to help improve the lives of disadvantaged young people in the UK



**Girls Football Results** .... In a busy few weeks of competitive sport the Girls' football teams have had some excellent results these last 2 weeks. Last Thursday, the Y7&8 team had 2 hard fought draws against Cheadle Hulme High School & Laurus Cheadle Hulme Academy, as well as some excellent wins against Harrytown and St Annes. This week the combined Y7,8 & 9 team played

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Laurus Academy. It was a thoroughly entertaining game with end to end chances throughout. Werneth were losing 1-0 with less than a minute to go when Ruby in Y7 rifled into the corner a last minute equaliser with her weaker left foot. The team showed resilience and determination right to the very end. Well done to the squad of players across all football fixtures.



**Congratulations** to all of our Werneth Stars of the Week for last week, who were nominated by their teachers for recognition.

**Aila McCloy** was drawn from the winners this week, and received her prize.

## Congratulationstoforms:7E, 8N, 9L, 10H,11S for having the most improvedattendanceand a big THANKYOUto all their parents forsupporting them in achieving this!!.

COVID has of course meant that

students have lost many face to face days of learning at Werneth School. Therefore, it is absolutely vital for your child's wellbeing and academic development that they now attend school every day where possible. Of course, if your child has symptoms or receives a positive PCR test they must remain at home for the appropriate period (we will support your child at this time).

Please be aware that - if your child has had 5 days off within the first half term - they are classed as 'PA' (Persistent Absentee). This means that your child's attendance is 90% or below, which may be a cause for concern because of the impact it can have on their learning and progress. The Attendance Team are here to support you and your family so that your child's attendance improves. Please rest assured that although a confirmed CV-19 case does affect your child's attendance record, we are

aware of the circumstance of absence so your child will not be penalised!

Please email attendance@wernethschool.com or visit our website <u>Attendance Matters</u> if you have any queries. We are here to support you in ensuring that your child attends school every day.

Well done to Mr Brierleys form (9N) who have donated gifts for **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal.** They filled 2 shoeboxes with gifts and these will now go to children around the world in need this Christmas! Well done all involved.





11 of our **high achieving girls** have been selected to join the nationwide mentoring scheme called The Girls Network. On Wednesday evening the girls met their mentors and started on their exciting journey. They interviewed the women about their experiences in education and their chosen careers paths. The mentors are a group of successful, high flying women who have volunteered to coach and guide the students through their final years of school.

They will help the students to understand the

opportunities available to them and enabling them to be successful and motivated adults. Next week the girls will be paired up with their own personal mentor and find out about the exciting workshops and work experience on offer to help them on their journey.

Visitors to Werneth are often struck by the quality of our students' **Art work** around the building on display. It's stunning to see, and Mrs Holden and her team are very proud of the outstanding final pieces of work on display. Today, we introduce a new feature to the updates with a



gallery of best work from our students. Miss Carr has put them together, and we will share them regularly with you. She comments that these are the Visual Arts Students of the Week, and "we are so proud of the achievements and excellence our students have shown this week across all the visual arts subjects."

Have a look **here** at the work of students in Years 11, 10 and 7.

**Romiley Christmas light switch on superstars!** Our fabulous year 7 and 8 dance performers took to the stage in front of hundreds of spectators on Saturday and sparkled with confidence and pride to

have been invited to perform at this year's Christmas light switch on. It was such a wonderful event to bring the surrounding communities together for the first time since the pandemic. I was immensely proud to be able to watch our young students perform for the very first time, representing their school pride as hundreds of people smiled, clapped and sang along to some Christmas favourites. This was the first of our festive performances. Parents and Carers are invited to our 'Winter Wonderland' on Monday 13th December at 5.30pm in the school hall to watch all of our dancing superstars in some festive fun.

Well done to all our dancing superstars, led by Miss Hibbert! You smiled and shined brightly!



Finally, I met with Daheem and Natalie this week - our Head Boy and Head Girl. They updated me on some of the outstanding work they are co-ordinating to support teachers in school ... from mentoring Year 7 students to helping out at lunchtime. They contribute so much to our school, even when they are working hard on their mock exams. A reminder of how wonderfully community spirited young people can be! Daheem has produced a presentation for families of Year 11 students on upcoming key dates for colleges here.

## Another reminder that next Friday - 3rd December - is a day off school! So 14 school days until Christmas now. *Have a good weekend!*