

**This week's update includes: GCSE key information for Year 11; Visual Arts GCSE deadlines; Year 9 GCSE excellence; 2 budding authors; Year 9 football champions; Deaf Awareness Week; Work Experience opportunity at Adidas; Mental Health Awareness Week; HPV Vaccinations for Year 8**

**GCSE examinations are beginning.** A reminder to Year 11 of the fast-approaching exams. This week, all Year 11s have received their individual timetables. Remember our website also contains a full copy of examination dates and key information.

The main points to remember for students and parents:

- All Year 11 students will be in all lessons until May half-term.
- After half-term Year 11 will come in for the lessons that they still have an exam for and will continue these lessons up until the specific exam. Every minute with teachers counts!
- Year 11 Leavers assembly is on Thursday 23rd June in the afternoon (an Edulink text will be sent out nearer to the time). We will invite them in for an assembly to share some special memories of them and to officially say goodbye. There will be opportunities for them to sign each others' shirts and to have their leavers books signed too on this day.
- Year 11 prom is Wednesday 29th June where we look forward to celebrating their time with us.

### **Visual Arts - Photography, Graphics, Fine Art & 3D Sculpture**

**GCSE DEADLINE** - All work to be handed in by 12th May for marking

This is the final push for Component A in the portfolio (no exam this year) to be completed to the highest standard. Please give all the effort you can to get the grade you deserve - The Visual Arts Team

In other Visual Arts news, Mr Mujagic was a very proud Year Leader for Year 9 this week. Tess Hudson in Year 9 has been working with him to complete her Arts GCSE in her own time, working alongside Year 11 students at times to ensure she understands how to complete the GCSE. Mr Mujagic was delighted that Tess has managed to secure a very high GCSE grade, currently projected to be a grade 8 at GCSE. Fantastic performance from Tess.

**2 budding authors at Werneth** ... Mrs Clegg asked me to pass on massive congratulations to Grace Maher in Year 7 and Sophie Wilkinson in Year 8. Both have won a short story writing contest in which they were chosen from 10,000 entries from the entire country. The theme of the contest was 'Twisted Tales.' Sophie's story was called 'The Haunting' and Grace's, 'Beneath the Lake.' Their stories will be published in a book, and we have copies of their books in our school library. Fantastic work girls!



## Huge congratulations to the year 9 Boys football team

who became league champions on Tuesday night. Werneth beat St James in a riveting final which saw goals from Daniel Guiver and Harry Peirce Bolton. Normal time and extra time wasn't enough to separate the two sides. Jack Spillane was the hero once again with a tremendous save during the penalty shootout. All the boys should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done also to head Coach Mr Mairs and his assistant coach Mr Fay for their support of the team.

**2nd-8th May was Deaf Awareness Week** and Mrs Angove wanted to raise awareness of this in school. This year the theme was celebrating Deafness and acknowledging how we can help, support and include our Deaf peers or members of the public.

Students and staff alike have learnt some basic British Sign Language, taken part in some lip reading activities and the highlight of the week was asking students to guess signs for words such as Chicken, Aeroplane and Cup of Tea. There certainly were some interesting takes on what these signs should look like! Students were moved whilst watching Rose Ayling-Ellis (a Deaf Strictly Come Dancing participant) dance in silence to show us what her world is like. Thank you to Mrs Angove and to everyone who has participated in these activities this week. We have learnt that most Deaf or hard of hearing people are proud of their community and culture. We have also become more accepting and understanding of those around us who may have hidden disabilities.

Exciting partnership news for any student aged 14 or older. Adidas UK - based in Hazel Grove - are offering work experience at their headquarters this summer. If you are interested in this outstanding opportunity, please see this [leaflet](#). You can also contact [pamela.mason@wernethschool.com](mailto:pamela.mason@wernethschool.com) if you have any questions. Mrs Mason is our new Careers Officer in school, and you will be hearing a lot more from her over the coming weeks and months as we roll out a new Careers programme from Year 7 right through to Year 11.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and this year's theme is **Tackling Loneliness**.

69% of 13-19 year olds said they felt lonely 'often' or 'sometimes'

59% of 13-19 year olds feel like they 'often' or 'sometimes' have nobody to talk to

[How do I support my child with emotional loneliness?](#)

1. Put aside time for activities together
2. Share how you are feeling and encourage your child to talk
3. Be mindful that behind every behaviour is a feeling

Access this useful guide for more tips and advice: [Guide to Tackling Loneliness](#)

Finally, Year 8 HPV vaccinations take place next week. Monday 9th May for boys and Tuesday 10th May for girls.

**Enjoy the weekend!**