

Key Stage 3:

KS Leader: Miss Zakrzewski



We would like to welcome you and your children back to Woodhouse Academy for the new academic year. Mr Merali and I are looking forward to working closely with you.

We hope you find this information leaflet useful and welcome your feedback.

Kind regards, Miss Zakrzewski



Paying for dinners and school trips

School trips and dinners are paid for via the online system of Parent Pay. The cashless dinner system operates through the identification of your child by their thumb print. Providing their account is in credit they will be able to make purchases at lunch and break times in our canteen. Please speak with the school office for any assistance. Trips for KS3 this year are a Y7 Spanish trip (1st–5th April) and a KS3 residential to Wales (8th–12th April).

Homework— how much should be expected?

Each day your child will be expected to do 15 minutes of reading and this should be recorded in the reading log. Homework from core subjects will be set weekly and from non-core subjects half-termly. You will see this recorded by your child in their planner and will be able to find the half-termly homework instructions on the school's website. Your child should choose the level that is applicable to them and complete the homework by the date stipulated. We appreciate your help and support with this. The library is open daily at lunchtimes as a quiet place for pupils to read or complete work independently and room 12 is also open as a lunchtime club for pupils to complete homework with teacher support.



Out of school hours learning

There are many clubs your child can get involved in within a vast range of subjects, during lunchtimes or after school— a great way to foster new friendships. All clubs and times are posted on our website. Information is also available on display boards around school and your child will be given a paper copy too.. The clubs will change throughout the year.

MY FORM TUTOR IS:

Assistant KS Leader: Mr A Merali



Who do I contact and when?

If you have a concern, in the first instance, please phone or email the school office requesting to speak with your child's form tutor. They will contact you as soon as possible to discuss the matter with you. Please leave a message briefly highlighting your concerns. This will allow the tutor to gather any necessary information and have it at hand when they contact you. Please be aware that the majority of our staff have full teaching timetables and so it is not always possible to respond to or see you immediately.

How important is the school planner ?

The simple answer is very. This is our means of maintaining constant links between home and school. Your child's planner will be signed by their tutor on a weekly basis (days will vary, see website) and we ask that each parent/ carer does so too. We kindly ask that this is not done in advance but on a regular weekly basis. This will allow us all to keep track of your child's reward counts, homework set and completed and any additional notes and messages from individual class teachers or parents.

What if I need to notify school of something immediately important ?

If you feel that your message needs to be actioned immediately and cannot wait until the weekly planner check, please email or call the school office.

Reporting to parents

We know how important it is for parents/carers to have a clear understanding of their child's progress and attainment at school and it is for that reason we communicate with you regularly. At WA each year group has one parents evening per year whereby parents/carers have the opportunity to book appointments (via the school website) with their child's subject teachers. As well as this, individual grade sheets containing data about pupils' current grades, behaviour and progress in each subject are also sent home with pupils every term. At the end of the year, each pupil will receive a school report detailing their progress over the year.