



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 14th  
February 2025



## Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

**Monday 24th February 2025:** *Year 7 Parents Evening*

*Evening*

**Tuesday 25th February 2025:** *Young Voices*

**Friday 28th February 2025:** *Swimming Gala*

**Monday 3rd March 2025:** *Non-Uniform Day—Bring in and Easter Egg*

**Tuesday 4th March 2025:** *SEN Consultation Evening*

**Wednesday 5th March 2025:** *Easter Bingo*

**Thursday 6th March 2025:** *World Book Day*

**Monday 10th March 2025:** *Mock SATs week*

**Monday 10th March 2025:** *Year 7&8 Arete Residential*

**Monday 17th March 2025:** *Year 8 Parents Evening*

**Monday 17th March 2025:** *Inspire Dance*

**Thursday 20th March 2025:** *Robotics Final*

**Tuesday 25th March 2025:** *Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements*

**Friday 28 March 2025:** *Non Uniform Day*

**Tuesday 8 April 2025:** *KS2 Rewards (Invite Only)*

**Thursday 10th April 2025:** *KS3 Rewards (Invite Only)*

**Friday 11th April 2025:** *School closes for Easter at 3.35pm*

Hello everyone and to the end of a very busy half term.

- House points: Mrs Wills held an assembly on Wednesday to share with the students where each house was in terms of points. Trent was the house that had the most points so will have their non-uniform reward on the first Friday following the break. Well done all of you but shout out to Trent - it was very close!
- Multicultural Day: Our schools in Biddulph all take part in this to some degree. The pupils looked at various cultures and faiths, from Hinduism to Buddhism, and had a great day. The activities ranged from meditation to festivals and we have had some excellent feedback. A huge thanks to our staff and our pupils who behaved brilliantly.
- District Rugby: On Wednesday after school, a number of schools came over to Woodhouse for this event and a number of our year 7s took part. They won one, drew one and lost one but this was their first game played. A HUGE well done to all of you and for representing the school so well.

Following the break, we have another really busy week with year 7 parents' evening, Young Voices and the swimming gala so a lot to look forward to!

Have a safe, restful and lovely break.

Mrs Farr



### REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

**ABSENCES:** Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day via Arbor. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Please note school meals are NO longer booked via Arbor. These will now be ordered daily by students in form time.

**ARBOR PARENT PORTAL:** Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

#### FOR INFORMATION:

**WEEK A:** 13/01/25, 27/01/25, 10/02/25, 03/03/25, 17/03/25, 31/03/25

**WEEK B:** 06/01/25, 20/01/25, 03/02/25, 24/02/25, 15/03/25, 24/03/25, 07/04/25

### FAQ

#### What can I log myself on Arbor?

Please log all absences on Arbor, these will then be processed in school. Any medical or contact detail updates should also be done through Arbor. If you would like to view an attendance certificate this can be done on Arbor via a browser and a pdf of the certificate can be downloaded in the 'absence by date' area.

#### What clubs are available and when/how can my child sign up?

The list of clubs will be made available on the school website under 'parent information' and included in the school newsletter once they are launched. For any clubs with a sign-up policy, students will do this in school. Parents can't attend school to 'watch' any clubs. However, they are more than welcome to attend fixtures that take place after school. Most after school clubs run from 3:45 - 4:35 (unless notified otherwise).

#### How do I know if my child has a fixture?

If your child has been selected for a fixture they will be notified in school and you will be contacted separately via email. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the fixture (if they are not making their own way home).

#### Can I park on the school car park?

Please don't use our school car park to park on at any time. However, if you are collecting a child (during the school day) for a medical appointment then it is okay to come onto the car park.

#### Where do I find a list of school policies?

All school policies, including how we deal with complaints, can be found on the school website ([Woodhouse Academy: School Policies](#)).

### EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us,

### NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

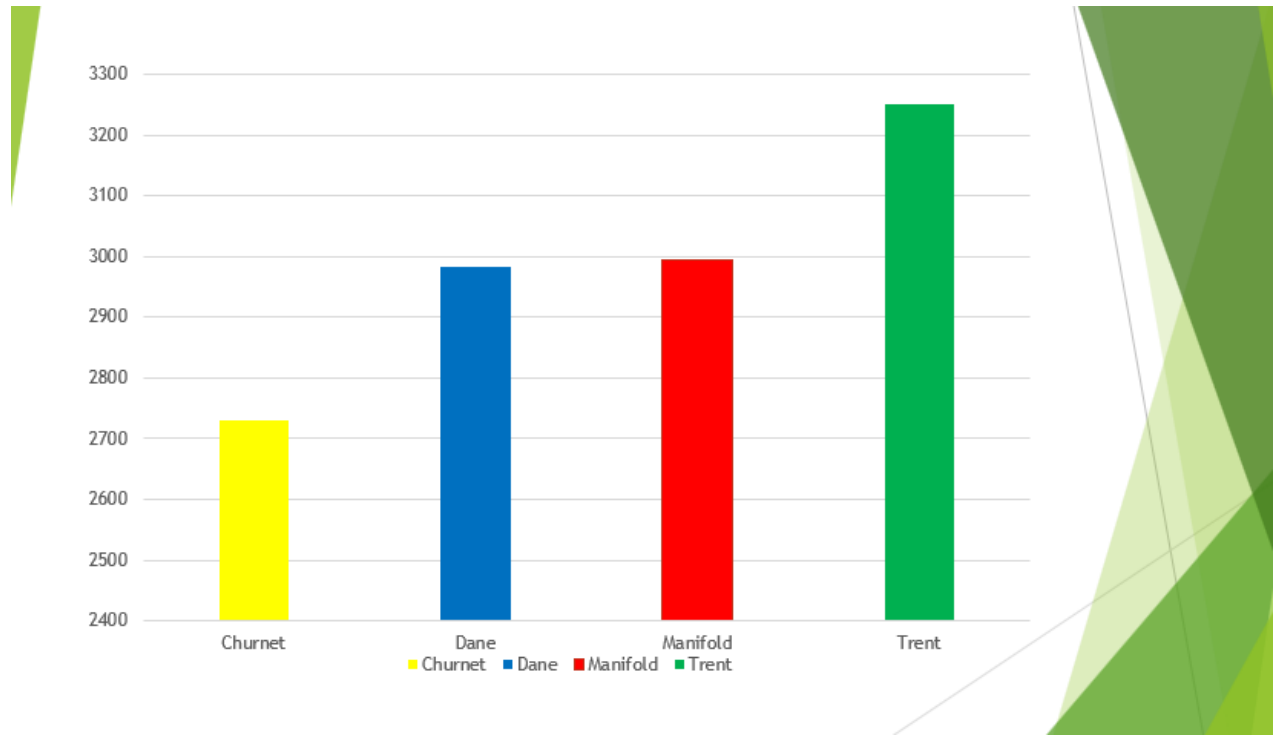
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk)

# From the Staff

## HousePoints



### TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Dylan L (17)
2. Isaac S (14)
3. Jack M (13)
4. Lilly J (13)
5. Stanley M (12)
6. Elsie J (11)
7. Ava S (11)
8. Sophia E (11)
9. Max D (10)
10. Elliot P (10)
11. Emily M (9)
12. Evalyn C (9)
13. Lyra W (8)
14. Alfie N (8)

### TOP POINTS THIS YEAR

1. Evalyn C (153)
2. James B (111)
3. Lyra W (97)
4. Ruby H (91)
5. Abi F (83)
6. Emma J (87)
7. Sophia T (85)
8. Abi F (84)
9. Tilly B (79)
10. Amber B (79)
11. Stanley M (74)
12. Jackson B (71)
13. Dylan L (71)
14. Martha S (69)

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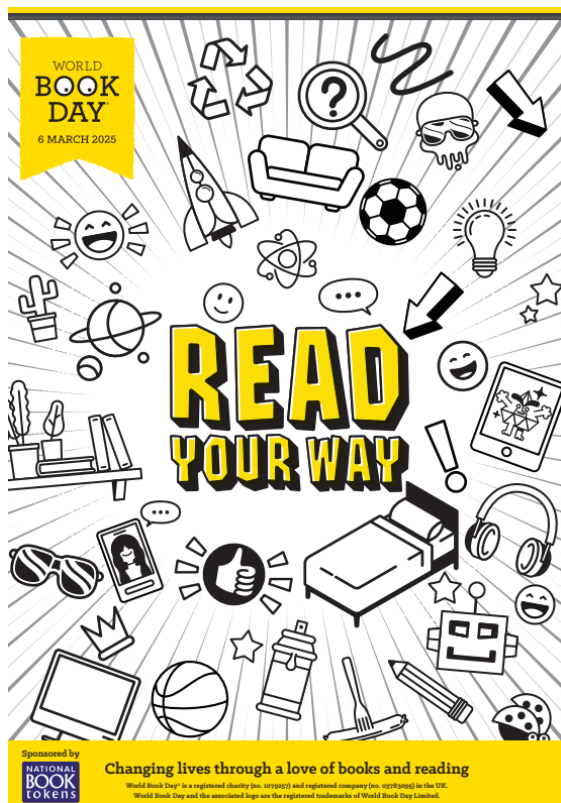
During our visit from Mr Wiggins - Thomas (future HOY at BHS) earlier on this term, he asked our Year 8 students to write a piece about change and transition. no more than 2 sides of A4. They could include:

- What change means to them
- How to deal with change
- What can be the benefits of change
- What can be the difficulties with change  
How can they overcome these difficulties

This is voluntary but all entries will be awarded an enrichment house point from me and will go into a competition where the winner will receive a prize from BHS. The closing date is the Tuesday 25th Feb. All entries should be handed in to myself and then I can forward them to the high school.

Good luck from Mrs Bowers

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2025



Put **6th March** in your diary for World Book Day 2025!

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY®



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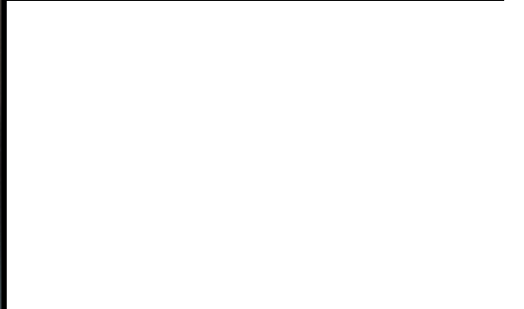
## Y7 & 8 Girls Futsal

This half term a group of our Y7 & 8 students represented the school in the district Futsal competition at Fenton Manor. We were the only school who entered two teams; a testament to the commitment and passion our girls have for the sport. The standard was high on the night but that didn't stop both of our teams putting in some fantastic performances. The highlight being a 4-0 win over St Edwards; a great show of attacking and defence play. We finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 7 teams.

Well done to all the girls who took part.



A big well done to the Y7 rugby team who took part in their first ever rugby fixture last night. They have been working on developing their rugby skills for the past 6 weeks and did themselves super proud. They completed the evening with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss - finishing in second place overall in the district tournament.

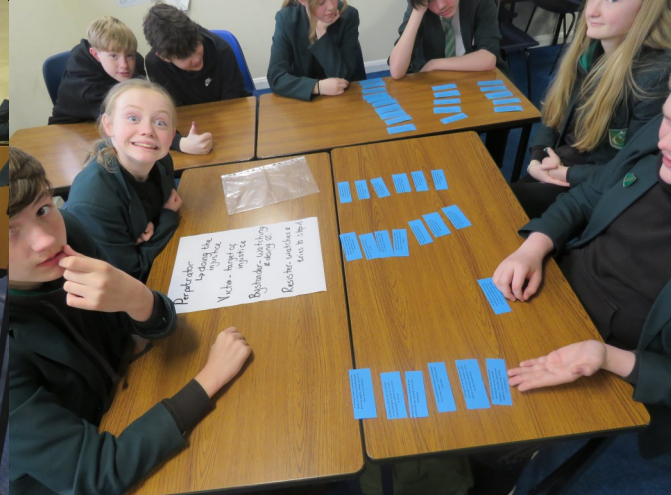
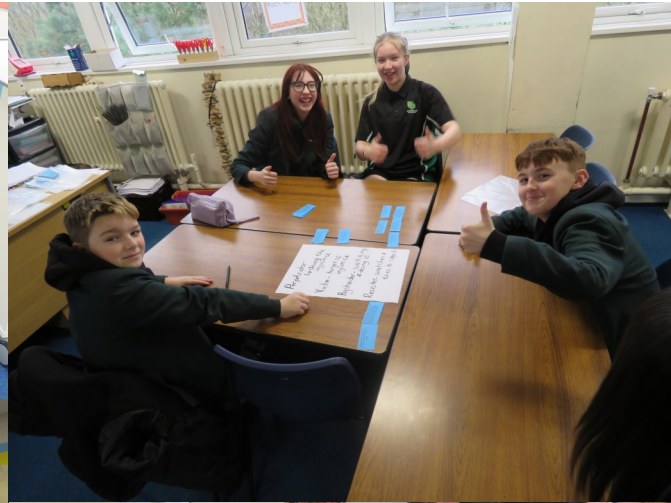




# Faith in Focus







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# 8c Community Project



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

Last weekend, Daisy placed 1st in her team coming 5th in duo in her Dance Competition.

Well Done Daisy!



# Woodhouse Academy Leavers Hoodies 2025

Standard



Standard



Extra Personalisation



Dear Customer, [smart](#) school uniform are delighted to supply  
Woodhouse Academy 2025 Leavers Hoodies

Standard Cost of Hoodie is £18.50 This includes Hoodie + school logo + Back Print in white  
Extra Personalisation add £3, has child's name printed  
on the back of the hoodie under the number 25 in white

[Details to remember](#)

Opening date for webpage Monday 2nd December

Closing date for webpage Friday 21st February

Delivery only to Woodhouse Academy Friday 28th March

**PLEASE NOTE: ENTER YOUR CHILDS NAME AND FORM IN THE NOTES SECTION. THIS WILL ENABLE THE  
ACADEMY TO LOCATE YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CHILD SMOOTHLY**

[How to order?](#)

Please visit [www.smartuniform.co.uk](http://www.smartuniform.co.uk)

Once at website please click on, Senior Schools, locate your Academy  
and click on shop Leavers Hoodies

Once at Payment please select:

Leavers Hoodie Free delivery from drop down menu on webpage

[Questions and queries](#)

All enquiries & questions must be directed to:

[shop@smartuniform.co.uk](mailto:shop@smartuniform.co.uk)

Samples will be available at the Academy to try on for size  
Please do not guess as incorrect size ordered will not be refunded

## Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	<b>Main Meal</b> Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Homemade Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognaise (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Breaded Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Samosa Roll (V)
Cheese & Tomato Baguette (V) or Veggie Bites in Sweet Chilli Sauce in a Baguette (V)	Meatball Wrap Or Veggie Meatball Wrap (V)	BBQ Chicken Baguette or BBQ Veggie Nuggets (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Homemade Pizza (V)	Cheeseburger Or Veggie Burger (V)
Garlic Bread, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Curly Fries, Corn on the cob, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Beans	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
<b>Desserts</b> Assorted Cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts.	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts.

FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS, FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES, JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.

(V) = Vegetarian option \*All menus are subject to change\*



## Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Italian Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken Tikka Curry or Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Baked Battered Cod Goujons or Vegetable fingers (V)
Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza or Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Ham and Savoury Rice Burrito or Vegetable Burrito of the day (V)	Buttermilk Chicken Wrap or Quorn Nugget Wrap (V)	Sausage Baguette or Cheese and Onion Pasty (V)	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll (V)
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Herby Diced Potatoes Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Coriander Rice & Pitta bread. Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
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### Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 3



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Chinese Chicken Curry Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Hunters Chicken Or Homemade Quorn Lasagne (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Sausage, Mash with Yorkshire Pudding or Veggie Sausage, With Mash and Yorkshire Pudding (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken Korma or Quorn and Vegetable Korma (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Crispy Coated Fish Cakes or Cheese Whirl (V)
Ham and Cheese Quesadilla or Vegetable Samosa with Yoghurt mint dip (V)	Brunch Wrap Or Veggie Brunch Wrap (V)	Fish finger Baguette or Crispy Veggie Baguette with Sweet Chilli (V)	Chicken goujon Burger or Vegetable burger (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Veggie Pizza (V)
Garlic Bread, Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Seasoned Potato wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic and Coriander Naan Bread, Basmati Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, steamed Graden Peas, Beans or mixed salad
<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted Cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts.

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### New service - starting Monday 10th February



# grab & go



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Spicy Chicken Pizzini	Cheese and Tomato Pizzini (V)	Spicy Chicken Pizzini	Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza
Italian Meatball Pasta Pot	Tomato and Basil Pasta Pot (V)	Sausage Pasta Pot	Italian Chicken Pasta Pot	Chicken Curry Chip Pot
Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes



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FULL MENU ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY, PLEASE SEE WEEKS 1, 2 & 3



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# Pancake Day

Pancakes will be  
served for dessert  
with a Selection of  
Fruit and Sauces

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025



# School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
Rubber	40p
Bookmark	10p
Hair bobble	10p
Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1

Plus lots more for sale....



## BOOK SALE

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding a **HUGE** sale of second hand and new children's books at school on 5<sup>th</sup> March for only £1



IF YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN'S BOOKS YOU WISH TO DONATE PLEASE PUT IN A BAG FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS STAINTHORP BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE

Thank you 😊



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## Catering Supervisor

**30 Hours per week (Mon – Fri) Term time plus 5 days**  
**Permanent – To start as soon as possible**  
**Grade 4 £17,366 actual salary**

The governors are looking for a highly motivated person with strong organisational and people skills to supervise the catering service in our School. Our focus is on fresh, wholesome and exciting food for our pupils. As catering supervisor, you will be required to increase meal uptake and modernise the current service.

A commitment to maintaining high standards of food quality, customer care and hygiene is essential. The ideal candidate should have supervisory experience within a catering environment.

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

*This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure & Barring Service including a Children's Barred List check which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions. Pre-employment checks will be carried out in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.*

To apply for this post please download an application form from the academy website and send to [recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)

**Closing date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Interviews: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



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## Lunchtime Supervisor

**Part time - term time only – 5.42 Hours per week**

**Permanent – To start as soon as possible**

**£12.45 per hour**

The Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and committed individual to supervise KS2 & KS3 pupils during lunchtime. We are looking for someone with a positive, enthusiastic attitude who is flexible and enjoys working as part of a team. Applicants must be happy to spend time outside all year round.

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**Closing date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**Interviews: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



# TALKING TEENS

FREE  
SESSIONS  
STARTING  
MARCH 2025

Free 6 week course delivered online for parents of teenagers aged 13-18 years.

The course covers

- All about you
- Parenting Styles
- Understanding Behaviour
- Setting clear and appropriate boundaries
- Healthy Families



Online Sessions start  
March 26th 2025  
at 12.30pm - 2.30pm

To book your place please email  
[groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

February 2025

# Newsletter



<p><b>Thursday</b> 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00 FREE</p>		<p><b>FREE SESSION</b> <b>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b> A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> 3rd Feb 10:00 - 11:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 11th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Facing Defiance</b> Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Cannabis &amp; Ketamine Awareness</b> Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p><b>Understanding the Teenage Brain</b> A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.</p>

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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# Learn a musical instrument in school

Music NPO of the Year 24/25

- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an “outstandingly effective service” offering “outstanding value”
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Award-winning not-for-profit organisation with a friendly and efficient team



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parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

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Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.





# FREE HEART TEST

For anyone aged 14 - 35

**SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025**

**Biddulph Youth and  
Community Zone**

Church Road  
Biddulph  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST8 6NE



This screening  
has been funded  
in memory of  
Jordan Burndred

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TESTMYHEART.ORG.UK/PRIVATE/](https://www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/)

**PASSWORD: Jordan17**

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