

THE WIGHTWICK WAY

WELCOME

Welcome to 2025!

We have had another busy start to the new term, With several award winners already, and some exciting additions to the school curriculum, in the form of yoga and, introducing next term, non-contact boxing.

Return to School Ready, Respectful, and Safe!

We hope you have a fantastic half-term break! When we return to school, remember to come ready to learn, bringing all necessary materials and a positive mindset. Be respectful to teachers, classmates, and school staff by listening, following instructions, and treating others kindly. Most importantly, stay safe by following school rules, being aware of your surroundings, and making responsible choices.

Next term, we will be closely focusing on our school code of conduct and expect all students to follow it. Could we please ask that students read through this with an adult and it is understood.

Let's start next term with focus, determination, and a great attitude. We look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and prepared for success!

Polite reminder, for Parent/carers to call into the school office and leave a message if your child is absent from school, stating the reason for their absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Office 01902 761889

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Mrs Julie Rivett who died in February after a short illness. She had worked at Wightwick since March 2005 and was a valued member of the team. She will be greatly missed by all our staff and students.

School Reopens on Monday 24th February 2025

REVIEW



Endeavour Achievement Award:

9th January 2025 - we celebrated our first Endeavour Achievement Award. The winner was Louis Bolton and he was presented with his certificate by Wayne Simner - Trust Director of Education (See Photo gallery)

****Christmas fun run update - money raised now totals £703.50. A fantastic effort from everyone. Thank you.****

Assembly:

Students were presented with certificates earned during this term, and certificates have been introduced and awarded to those students with 95% attendance

Golden Ticket winner was Cole Wooley.

School Uniform: Please see the code below to purchase any new uniform. We feel it is important to maintain school uniform standards.

Uniform does not have to carry the WHS Logo, but we would appreciate students adhere to the uniform policy.

SCHOOL TRENDS
15% off
Code: LOVE-ST
Ends 24th February

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 26th February - Young Voices
- 7th - 14th March - Science Week
- 7th March - World Book Day (dress as a book character)
- 25th March - Careers Day
- 4th April - Easter Coffee morning 10 -11am
- Photo - Johnnie our visiting therapy dog - watch this space!



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SCHOOL NEWS

Buhoma Primary School - Sponsorship

Wightwick Hall School - continue to support Buhoma Primary School in Uganda, through your support and with money raised from the purchase of Christmas cards.

Last year we supported a student - Princess Ansinguzi . Princess has now completed her primary school education and sat her Primary school leavers examinations in November.(We await an update from them).

2025/2026 Wightwick will be maintaining our support of Buhoma School and this year we will be supporting another young student called: Lucy Niwabime DOB 08/02/12 . She has been promoted to P6 in 2025 and will complete her primary education in November 2026 at the end of P7. We wish her continued success.

This is a link to their website should anyone wish to read more.
<https://buhomacommunityprimaryschool.com/>



WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience weeks:

- Spring Term 17th – 21st March 2025
- Summer Term 9th – 13th June 2025

Work experience will take place on the following dates:

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Work Experience is a valuable opportunity in helping our students to prepare for the world of work and develop their employability skills. It also provides a sample of a potential career pathway, and most importantly, allows the student to gain the independent skills of searching for a job, communicating with employers and fulfilling a role within an organisation. It will provide a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the world of work.

We have pencilled in some further dates in the Spring and Summer for more opportunities for work experience.

Please could you let me know if you, your organisation or if you know of a business that would consider having either our Year 11's or Sixth formers on placement.

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FRIENDS OF WIGHTWICK



To celebrate Valentines Day and a hard working term, Friends have very kindly donated a sweet treat, a gift for all pupils.

Friends Support

We like to hold events throughout the year benefitting the students, the school and hopefully the wider community.

The success of our events is down to 'Friends of Wightwick' which WAS a group of staff and parents that raised money throughout the year by organising events, but currently this is left solely to Mrs S Owen, our founder member.

She's lonely on her own, if anyone is interested in being part of 'Friends' and wants to take an active role such as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer please let us know.

Any help with future events would be hugely appreciated.



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STAFF PROFILE

Name: Mr Adrian Darrell
Teacher

Here are some of my favourite things!

Favourite Colour:
Black

Favourite Band: (Singer)
Oasis

Favourite Sporting Team:
Wolverhampton Wanderers

Favourite Book:
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by
Douglas Adams

What animal would you be and why?
Dolphin - because I love communicating
with others and working as a team.

Best Film you can watch over and over:
Star Wars - The Empire Strikes Back

Invite three guests for lunch, who would
they be?
Albert Einstein, Nikola Tesla and Stephen
Hawking

Apart from working at Wightwick, what
would your dream job be?
Biological Anthropologist

What do you value the most and why?
Integrity: I believe that being honest and
having strong moral principles is essential
to building trust and respect.

COMMUNITY



Tettenhall Rotary Club

Tettenhall Rotary Club have once again supported Wightwick Hall School with a donation of £500 to assist in our enterprises throughout the year.

A huge thank you to them, much appreciated.

South Staffordshire Mental Health Support Team Visit

10th February - MHST Workshop

South Staffordshire Mental Health Support Team invited parents/carers to a 1 hour face to face workshop in the coffee shop at Wightwick. South Staffordshire MHST, supports children, their families and staff with mild-moderate mental health needs as well as raising awareness through a whole school approach. The event was well attended and hopefully everyone who attended took some useful guidance away with them.

More information can be found at: @southstaffsMHST



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Wightwick Hall Activities

Fund Raising and Awareness

17th January 2025 - Odd Sock Day. Students were encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

The activities we participate in are a great way for us all to come together, celebrate the season, and support causes close to our hearts. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and we enjoy seeing the school filled with a spirit of generosity and giving.

Thank you to you all for your generosity and support with all our events.

Helen Smith & Niamh Bruce

Headteachers Award Trip

Headteachers Award winners were announced. The first 10 students chosen all received a certificate in assembly and were taken out for the day (11th February) The students were allowed to vote on the activity they wished to participate in, they chose to go bowling and have a McDonalds for lunch afterwards.

They were all so excited and they had a great day out.

We look forward to repeating the process with our next 10 winners!

Good luck to all our students, keep up the good work, you could be next!

"Be Curious and Thrive, Together"

Mrs Ceri Rowley

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Classroom News

Yoga Workshops

Parminder Randhawa, a qualified yoga instructor and one of our TAs, will be delivering yoga workshops to small groups in school. 5 Students from Willow have participated and we hope to engage more students in the future

Sessions are all inclusive, yoga-inspired multi-sensory classes, delivered within a 50 minute session over several weeks. They help to encourage and support students with movement, balance, strength & coordination, including anxiety and stress management. In the sessions the students will experience simple yoga movements, mindfulness techniques and the session will end with a moment of relaxation.

The sessions also involve music, relaxation & props and lots of creativity to really engage all children in an inclusive, fun and developmental way, enhancing well-being, breathing and relaxation,



Willow Class - SDE

SDE have been working on electrical circuits in science, they have been building their own circuits and testing different materials to identify what materials electricity can pass through.



Interesting Facts:

Computing - Will robots ever rule the world?

Did you know? Even though computers can perform very complex operations, it's nowhere near as powerful as the human mind.

A computer comparable to the human brain would need to be able to perform more than 38 thousand trillion operations per second and hold about 3,584 terabytes of memory.

Mind Boggling!



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Help keep your family safer online

A reminder to parents that during half term their child will want to spend time on their phones messaging friends -

Family Link provides tools that respect families' individual choices with technology, helping them create healthy, positive digital habits. With easy-to-use tools, you can understand how your child is spending time on their device, share location, manage privacy settings, and find the right balance for your family.*

Arbor Parent Portal App

A reminder to parents to download the Arbor app. Arbor lets you book parent/guardian consultation slots, register your child for a club or trip, and manage payments all from one place. You can also use it to check in on your child's attendance, behaviour & academic progress.

<https://arbor-education.com/blog-the-arbor-app-is-here/>

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs Green - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Owen - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Scott - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Miss Higgs - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Want to be a Parent Governor?

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly local governing board. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

If you are interested in finding out more about what this entails, please contact Julie Haynes on j.haynes@wightwickhall.staffs.sch.uk, who can send you further information, along with an application form.



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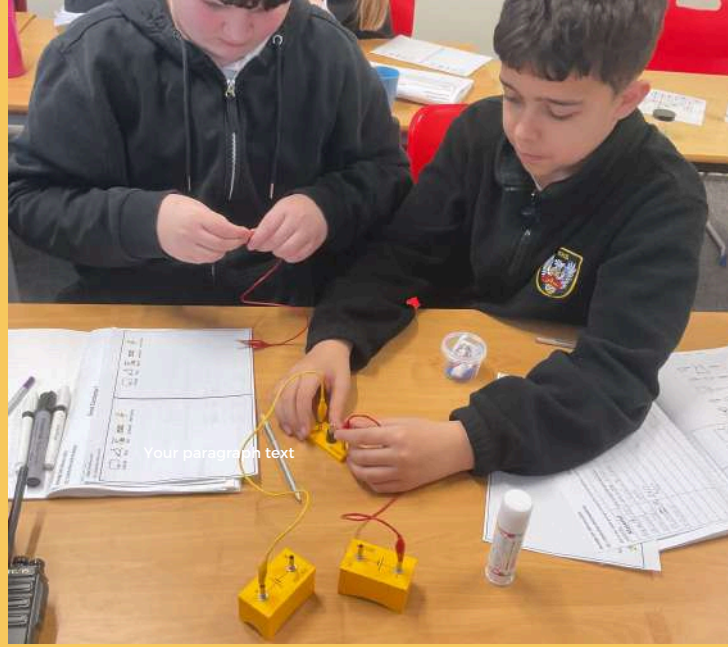
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Picture Gallery

Achievement Award Winner



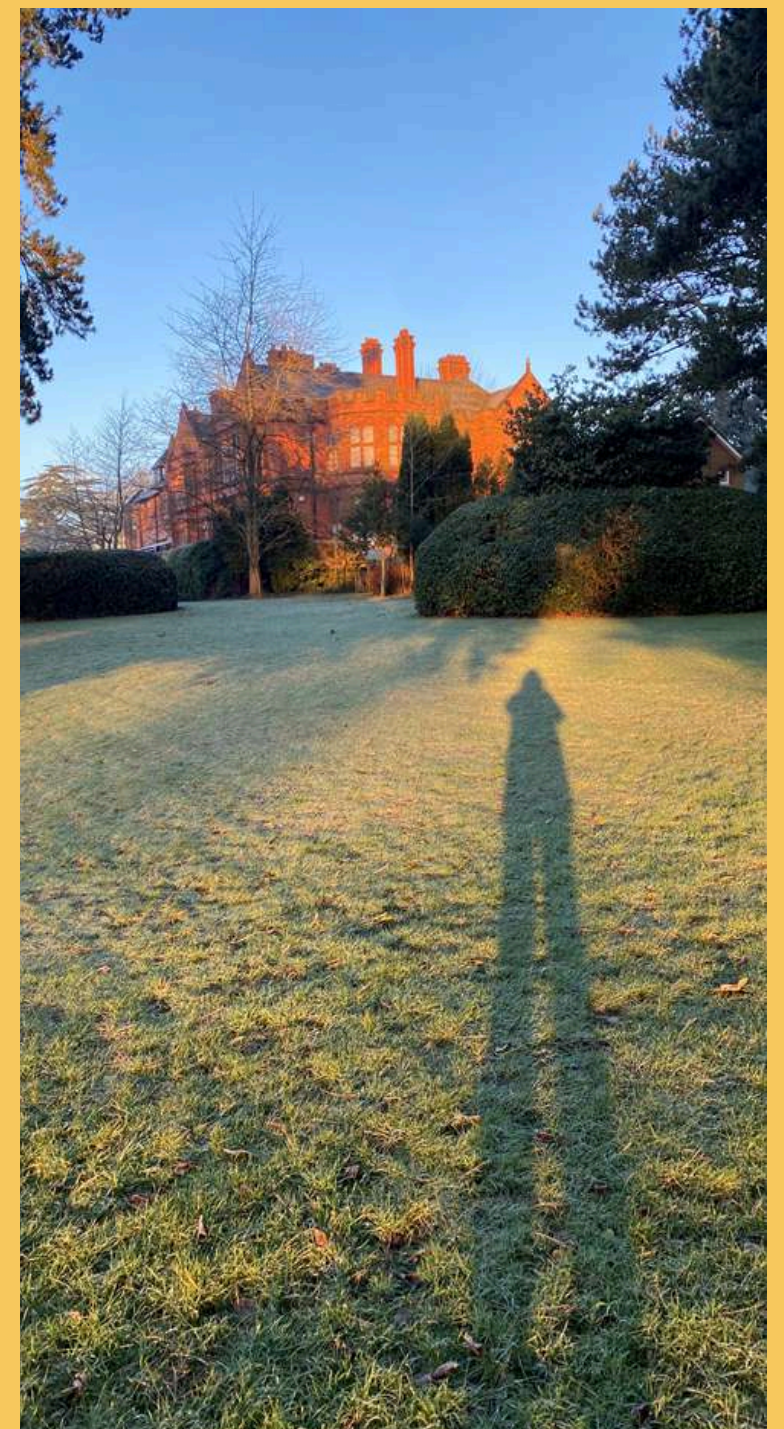
SDE Making Electrical Circuits



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Our Scenic School By Lucy Onions



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Code of Conduct "Ready, Respectful, Safe"

Ready: (To Learn)

- Appropriate, smart uniform
- Equipment
- Punctual
- Positive attitude
- Willing to participate
- Willing to do their best
- Ready to engage in learning

Respectful: (To self, others and environment)

- Follows instructions ("first time, every time")
- Listens to others
- Good manners
- Kindness
- keep school tidy and litter free
- Respect our differences, values and opinions
- Respect the school environment and school property
- Behave in a way that does not prevent others from learning
- Appropriate language and tone ("right voice, right time")

Safe: (Physical, emotional, in and around school)

- Move around School sensibly and safely.
- keep your hands to yourself
- Be mindful of personal space
- Be someone who promotes equality and fairness
- Be mindful of your actions towards others - bullying is not tolerated here!
- Report any problems to staff promptly
- Mobile phones are to be out of sight, and handed in at the school office (except for sixth form students)



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