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WPS Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 11 were tasked with being the first cohort to have a mock interview at Wootton Park School. Our team were so impressed with how our learners conducted themselves during their interviews. We were delighted to hear the feedback from employers, praising learners on their attitude and preparation.

A big thank you to our local employers who offered their time to support throughout this process.



LEARNER ACHEIVEMENT

Mrs Salusbury

A big well done to Jasper who won our year 7 competition for 'a day in the life' at Wootton Park School.

Jasper has been featured in the local East Hunsbury Life magazine. Please use the below link to view.

[Newsletter Link](#)

A year 7 day ... but, its the Wootton Park way



As summer ends and the hallways bustle with anticipation, Wootton Park School greets its newest members: The new cohort of Year 7 students. With a sense of superiority in the air, I began my first secondary day at this wonderful, all-through institution, anticipating a successful year ahead.

Tutor Time With Mrs Payne

The day introduced itself with a warm welcome from my amazing form tutor: Mrs Payne. During Tutor Time, Mrs Payne introduced herself and made us familiar with the school's policies and expectations, cementing the importance of respect, determination and collaboration to all the learners. This guidance made me forget about all the nerves that had lingered in me from the previous day, reassuring me that Wootton Park was the perfect place to continue my educational journey.

My Favourite Subject: Maths

As the day opened before me, my excitement soared when I got to experience one of my favourite subjects, Maths. The Maths classroom had a serene hum that gently followed the breeze and out of the windows into the KS1 (Key Stage 1) playground. The breeze was filled with me and my classmates' enthusiastic ideas as we worked together, tackling problem-solving challenges with the supervision of our maths teacher, Mrs McDonald.



Breaks And Lunches

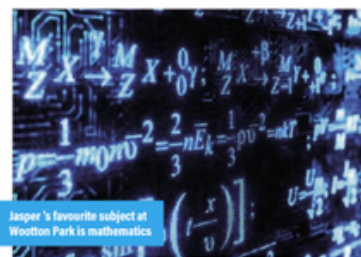
While I knew that expanding my knowledge was the spearhead of the day, Wootton Park was also able to recognize the importance of leisure and socializing. During breaks and lunches, the vibrant school playground came alive as all the secondary students socialized, playing games of tag, or simply chatting with new friends. However, the playground is not the only place. The field is a suitably sized space where secondary can play football with their mates or talk under the shade of trees. The positive atmosphere led by these daily interactions supplies a sense of community, making myself and others feel welcome and supported throughout the day.

Food

Every day, you can buy food before school, at lunch or at break. I enjoyed the Belgian Waffle and Pizza. To clarify, the school is aware of different allergies, so you just need to let them know. Daily, there is a new special at lunch that you can purchase from the Snack Shack or the canteen. There is also a FREE salad bar where I regularly collect a suitable amount of carrot slices and chopped peppers. YUM!



Jasper really enjoyed the pizza option on the Wootton Park lunch menu



Jasper's favourite subject at Wootton Park is mathematics

Enrichment Clubs

One of the major highlights of my first day was discovering Wootton Park's wide range of enrichment clubs. During my lunch break, I delved deep into the extensive list of hundreds of lunchtime clubs and after-school clubs on offer, varying from drama and all the way to Pokémon club! This wonderful opportunity to explore my passions outside of the classroom promises to be an exciting endeavour throughout Year 7.

What Are My and My Classmates' Thoughts of Our First Day?

As I concluded my first day at Wootton Park School, I could not help but feel an overwhelming sense of excitement about the year ahead. The engaging Tutor Time, captivating lessons in Maths, enjoyable breaks, lunches, and the myriad of clubs display the school's commitment to top-class education. With every day bringing new possibilities, I can say that Wootton Park School has set the stage for an extraordinary learning experience throughout secondary. Here is what multiple of my fellow Year 7's has to say:

"Better than expected." says Archie.
"Made new friends." says Harrison. M
"I was scared at first but got more fun throughout the days." Says Jenson. P
"Fun!" says Tom. C

By Jasper, 7SII, Wootton Park School

LEARNER ACHEIVEMENT

A huge WPS well done to Charlie in Y8. November 8th marked Charlie's 365 day streak on DuoLingo!

This is a phenomenal achievement, Charlie has shown great determination and commitment!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

by Mrs Jones & Mrs Collard

The Cristmasaurus - by Tom Fletcher

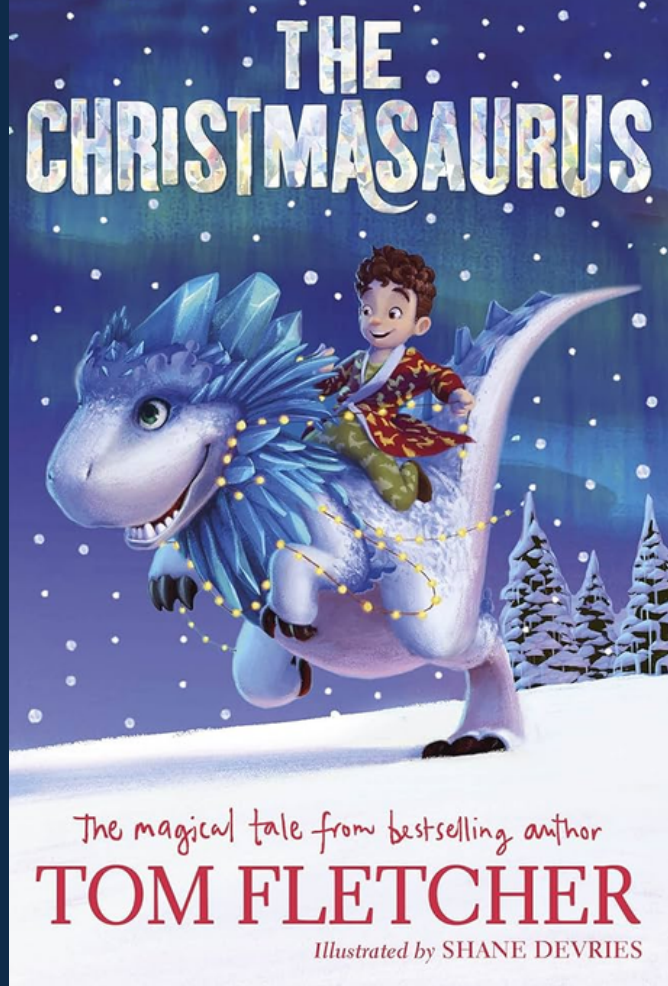
Our review

This book is warm and funny, with gorgeous illustrations. Perfect to snuggle up with over the Christmas period.

Summary

The Christmasaurus is a story about a boy named William Trundle, and a dinosaur, the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure.

It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer, music and magic. It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible...



WOOTTON PARK SCHOOL COMMUNITY

by Dr Rautenberg

We are very proud of the charity contributions made by our community for various organisations this autumn. These are sure to make a difference to so many people in our community and beyond!

We raised over £720 for Children in Need and over £740 for Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper day!

Donated nearly 60 shoeboxes for the Link to Hope charity appeal, which benefits families in Eastern Europe, mainly children and the elderly.

Finally, our mufti day on the 20th December will be raising money for Christmas presents for those children having to stay in hospital over Christmas at Northampton General Hospital. Your anticipated support for this worthy cause is much appreciated!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

by Dr Rautenburg

Wootton Park School has a proud tradition of remembrance. Our primary and secondary learners participated in remembrance lessons throughout the week before remembrance Sunday, as well as assemblies to further deepen their understanding of the sacrifice made by so many.

The week culminated in our two-minute silence in the playground on the 10th November, which was observed by all learners and staff.

Additionally, our school community has created a 'Field of Hope' outside our school, which serves as a reminder of the importance of remembrance, reflection and hope for the future.

We especially thank Mr Williams, Mr Thorpe and team for the design, development and excellent completion of the project! A wonderful Wootton Park effort, which brought all parts of our school community together!



MOVEMBER

by Mr Morgan



What is Movember?

Movember is a month-long challenge to grow the best (or worst) looking moustache over the course of November in order to raise much needed awareness and funds regarding men's health.

Movember began in 2003 to try and raise awareness of mens mental health, since then it has grown and developed, to now become one of the biggest charity events in the calendar year.

Its aim is to get men talking about their health including topics of suicide, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health in order to help men live happier, healthier and longer lives.

The shocking statistics:

- Men on average will die 4 years earlier than women
- Across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, being one of the biggest causes of death in men under 30
- 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their life

What are we doing at Wootton Park School?

Mr. Morgan has taken the lead on this project which is now in its second year.

Last year, over £300.00 was raised for this fantastic cause. This year, Mr. Morgan has been teamed up with Mr. Cowdell, Mr. Douglas and Mr. McGowan to grow their best moustaches (if possible) and help raise money and awareness around school on this particular topic.

Can you still donate?

YES! So far we have raised over £150.00 this year, and it is not too late to donate.

Use the link below or the QR code to go to our Mo page to make a donation.

[Wootton Park School Movember Profile](#)



It's the taking part that counts!

PSHE

by Mr Morgan

Welcome to the first PSHE Newsletter section! PSHE stands for Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education and it is now fully embedded in our curriculum from EYFS all through to KS5. All learners in Key Stage 3 and 5 have one lesson per week allocated on their timetable and KS4 have one lesson per fortnight on their timetable.

PSHE is about the personal, emotional, social and cultural development of learners. It involves learning about healthy relationships, consent, sexual healthy, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. It involves not only sharing information but exploring issues and values. Our approach at Wootton Park goes beyond provision of factual information but also to focus on clarifying attitudes, influences, values and developing a skillset to manage relationships and real-life situations.

PSHE is not about the promotion of sexual activity or the promotion of articular lifestyles; it is about education and empowering our learners to be in the best position to make informed decisions about their own lives.

What have we done this term?

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Community British Values Self-esteem Wellbeing Poverty Money Work Bank Accounts	Mental Wellbeing Teenage challenges Healthy Relationships Healthy Communication First Aid Discrimination Homophobia	Body Image Relationships Social Media Peer Pressure Self Harm Climate Change Bereavement	Sex and Relationships Parenting	Pornography Alcohol and Drugs	Relationships Post-18 choices University Healthy bodies Budgeting Work experience	UCAS Interviews Sexual Health Relationships Illnesses Communication Personal statements

Stand-out moments from Term 1 and 2

- Anti-bullying week led by Miss Salusbury
- Anti-bullying Year 7 and 8 drop down day
- Knife crime, vaping and alcohol misuse for drop down day for Year 9
- County Lines drop down day for Year 10 and 11
- Remembrance Day led by Dr. Rautenberg
- Year 9, 10 and 11 assembly about Nitrous Oxide
- Year 8 Restart a Heart led by Y13 learner Ryan S
- Mock Interviews with employers for Year 11



Year 8 learners were taught life saving skills like CPR and how to assess and deal with an emergency situation, during Restart a Heart week – led by Y13 learner Ryan S



Year 9, 10 and 11 learners were taught all about the dangers of using Nitrous Oxide in an assembly by company Re-Solv and NGage Aquarius

PSHE Termly Award Winners

Progress Awards

- Year 7 – Lottie K
- Year 8 - Daisy D
- Year 9 – D’Foe M
- Year 10 – Taj S
- Year 11 – Kumora B

Attitude Awards

- Year 7 – Elliot M
- Year 8 - Prince F
- Year 9 – Dylan F
- Year 10 – Iviannah M
- Year 11 – Abbie H
- Year 12 – Ryan N
- Year 13 – Tabi B

What’s coming up next term?

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Conflict resolution Extremism Race and Religion Disabilities Eating disorders Puberty Healthy Living	Drinking and alcohol Cigarettes and vaping Substance addiction Freedom of speech Prejudice Stereotypes	Radicalisation Terrorism Careers Apprenticeships CV writing and interviews Universities	Marriage Unhealthy Relationships	Pregnancy Gambling and addiction	Emotional Intelligence Online safety Fake News Recognising harassment Mental Health Sex and consent	Mental health support Respectful relations Living away from home Travelling Unplanned pregnancy Independence

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

by Miss Percival

This year, International Day of Persons with Disabilities fell on Sunday 3rd December.

The aim of the day is to promote an understanding of disability issues and create support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

In Secondary and Sixth form, each class had an assembly and additional session on a particular disability. They explored the importance of tackling stigmas around disabilities and what it might be like living with ADHD, ASD, Visual Impairments, Dyslexia and Stammers. Primary learners spent some time exploring what makes each person different and looking at some inspiring stories. Some year groups then went on to learn about the Paralympic Games, Hearing Impairments, Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy.

Year 6 had a very special assembly, delivered by Rose from year 7. Rose explained what a disability is, explored the aim of International Day of Persons with Disabilities and then went on to talk about her experience living with Dwarfism. Rose read a story book to the children all about understanding Dwarfism and spoke about her dreams and ambitions for the future. Rose one day wants to be a Paralympian Swimmer. The children had a few questions about Dwarfism which Rose was happy to share. Thank you Rose for your amazing assembly!

Celebrating Differences

You can now find a whole section in the Knowledge Hub dedicated to celebrating differences!



A Message from West Northants SEND

We wrote a plan to work together to make services as good as we can for children and young people with SEND. This is called the Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and Alternative Provision Strategy. We now want to create a way to check that our plan is making a difference to your lives by gathering the results of three short questions.

You can access the questions 3 ways:

<https://www.menti.com/alcn5k6equyt>

Web link and code: menti.com – enter code: 8961 2311

QR code



PARENT REMINDERS

by Front Office

Half Day

Please be advised that Wednesday 20th December 2023 will be a half day with Primary finishing at 1:00pm and secondary at 1:20pm.

GCSE & A Level Certificates

All GCSE & A Level certificates are now available to collect from the front office for those learners who took examinations Summer 2023.

Borrowed Uniform

Please can we ask that any borrowed uniform items including green ties are returned to the main reception. Failing to do so may result in a charge on your parent pay account.

Enrichment Clubs

Secondary Enrichment clubs will finish this Friday, 15th December, and

Primary Enrichment clubs will finish on Tuesday 19th December.

Mufti Day

A reminder that Mufti day will be on Wednesday 20th December, donations for the Children's Ward at Northampton General Hospital has been set up on your ParentPay account (cash donations on the day will also be accepted). The original letter has been attached for your reference.



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