



Which Week?

This Week: Monday 16th Oct (Week 2)
Next week: Monday 23rd Oct (Week 1)

Inside Kingshurst

Looking to the Future! Invitation to Parents, Carers and Students of Year 11 to Tuesday's Sixth Form Open Evening

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 17th October 2023
4.00 - 6.00pm
Talks by the Director of Sixth Form at **4.10pm** and **5.10pm**

ALL internal and external students are welcome to attend.

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Once again, we are delighted to invite all of our Parents, Carers and Students of Year 11 to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Tuesday 17th October, from 4-6pm in the Main Hall** and Foyer area.

In invitation and plan of where each subject will be based on the

evening in order to plan your wish-list of faculties to visit and speak to has already been emailed to all parents and carers of Year 11 students to support these next steps of what the future might look like next year and to provide a genuine drive and impetus to this year's current studies.

Mr Bowers, Director of Sixth Form will deliver talks on the Sixth Form at 4.10pm and 5.10pm in one of our new Lead Learner rooms on the ground floor and access to the Academy will be available at both the pedestrian and vehicle entrances to provide easy entry to the main building.

T G A K SPORT

Under 16 Girls, 5-A-Side Firepower!

Our Under 16 Girls 5-a-side football team, managed by Mrs Lowe, were a credit to themselves and the Academy last week as they took part in their first North Solihull Girls 5-a-side tournament of the season.

Despite feeling the pain of similar national squads in not having enough time to prepare as a team, in the case of the girls, they had never played together before and demonstrated their characteristic resilience in introducing themselves to one another on the day.

Consequently, confidence wasn't very high the outset of the tournament, however, we are pleased that this didn't last long as the girls literally, hit the floor running, making a phenomenal start to the season through playing 8 games, winning 7 (!) and drawing in 1 match.

In total they scored an outstanding 18 goals (an unbelievable achievement given the games were only 5 minutes long), and only conceded 3 goal to the collective opposition, and puts them at the top of the table!

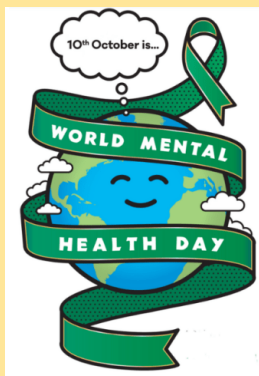
We would like to congratulate the following students for all of their efforts:

Millie Evans (scored 9 goals), Demi Quirk (scored 5 goals), Millie Wade (scored 3 goals), Alexie Smith (scored 1 goal) and Chloe Payne (goal keeper-extraordinaire)

World Mental Health Day

On Monday last week, it was World Mental Health Day 2023, where people all over the world, including the Academy get involved by raising awareness of mental health. This year, the Mental Health Foundation has helped thousands of people to speak up about mental health through events being held across the UK, and despite mental health being a universal human right, some groups face more barriers to good mental health than others, these include:

- 2-3 times more likely for children and adults in the lowest income bracket to develop mental health problems than in the highest.
- 5 times more likely for asylum seekers to have mental health needs than the general population.
- 38% of people with severe symptoms of mental health problems also have long-term physical conditions.



Further information can be found through clicking [here](#) in addition to access the Academy's own resources [here](#).

West Midlands Police: Advice and Guidance #LookCloser



As part of our multi-agency safeguarding work, the West Midlands Police have asked all local schools to share the content of the letter (on pages 2 and 3) with parents and carers. If anything below is a concern to you, you can use the helplines listed, or phone the academy and ask to be put through to the Safeguarding Team who will support and advise you further.



OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,



West Midlands Police have partnered with The Children's Society and British Transport Police to help raise awareness of exploitation. We are working hard with our specialist teams and community partners to disrupt and prosecute criminal gangs exploiting young people.

Do you know the signs of child exploitation? Would you know where to report exploitation if you spotted the signs?

Exploitation can happen anywhere. It happens online and offline. Children are being targeted outside fast food outlets, at shopping centres, through online games, and social media. There are many types of child exploitation including money laundering, stealing from shops, transporting drugs via trains and bus routes.

Signs of child exploitation:

Ask yourself, is a young person:

- Travelling alone, particularly in school hours, late at night or frequently?
- Looking lost or in unfamiliar surroundings?
- Anxious, frightened, angry or displaying other behaviours that make you worried about them?
- In possession of more than one phone?
- Carrying lots of cash?
- Potentially under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- Being instructed or controlled by another individual?
- Accompanied by individuals who are older than them?
- Seen begging in a public space?





You can find out more information from the **#LookCloser** campaign website here
[#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(\[childrenssociety.org.uk\]\(http://childrenssociety.org.uk\)\)](#)

If something **doesn't** feel right, don't wait, report it:
Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency

Text the British Transport Police on **61016**
Call Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on **0800 555 111** online [County Lines: Protecting Our Communities and Families | Crimestoppers \(\[crimestoppers-uk.org\]\(http://crimestoppers-uk.org\)\)](#)
Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

If you would like to talk to your schools officer about exploitation or your concerns, please get in touch with the school or your local police team today [Your Local Police | West Midlands Police \(\[west-midlands.police.uk\]\(http://west-midlands.police.uk\)\)](#)

Thank you,
West Midlands Police

