

**Which Week?**

This Week: Monday 4th Feb (Week 2)
Week After: Monday 11th March (Week 1)

Inside Kingshurst

DfE Feedback

We were delighted to welcome Andrew Warren, Regional Director, DfE to Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst during Wednesday last week.

The Principal was immensely proud to show firsthand the many ways in which our vibrant school community is demonstrating our Ready, Respectful and Responsible values across every aspect of school life. Andrew Warren thanked us for showing him the school and actually tweeted that he could see the good developing impact of our work on culture, values and behaviours. He said he



he saw calm and purposeful corridors and classrooms and thanked us.

Mrs Crehan commented "I am so very pleased that our great students and committed staff were recognised in this external visit. I am so very incredibly proud of this community and am forever grateful to be part of it."

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March every year.

IWD was celebrated for the first time in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. Over a million people marked the day with rallies for women's working rights, calling for an end to gender discrimination.

However, the day wasn't celebrated by the United Nations until 1975; and it wasn't until 1996 that they began to mark an annual theme. IWD began to be about much more than just voting and working rights, with themes like 'Women and Human Rights' and 'World Free of Violence Against Women' reflecting this.

We are now seeing women represented more widely than ever. In the media, we see more women's stories being told - with fewer topics off-limits - and women of all backgrounds challenging gender stereotypes and advocating for change. Kingshurst also marks this day through dedicating its weekly Life Long Learning session for all year groups towards this.

In the workplace, we see women being offered roles men have historically dominated - in law firms; in banks; as scientists and engineers and mathematicians. But there is still work to do.

We know that globally, women are still not paid as much as men. A report from the World Economic Forum in 2021 estimated that it would take over 135 years to close the gender pay gap - in other words, to bring women's pay in line with men's. IWD aims to tackle divides like this by promoting women's visibility - making sure women's efforts and knowledge in the workplace are being seen - but also pushing to make better-paid roles available to women.



Upcoming Key Dates

- 1. Sixth Form (Year 12 and Year 13) Parent's Evening:**
Wednesday 6th March: 4-7pm
- 2. Year 9 Parent's Evening:** *Wednesday 20th March, 4-7pm*



'Tgakingshurst' Instagram is Live!

TGAK is delighted to have made it to Instagram to share our latest news and updates.
Please like and share to spread the message!

www.instagram.com/tgakingshurst/



The February 2025 New York Trip will launch shortly to students in Y8-10 and 12. Priority will be given to those who applied last year and those with good attendance and behaviour.

Letters will be released shortly and there will be a tight turn-around for deposits (£150).

Further details will follow over the coming weeks!



Enhancing the Student Experience Focus Group

Please find a final opportunity extended by the Associate Principal, Mr Gariff to all of our Parents and Carers who would like to express an interest of joining a focus group that is similarly aligned to supporting our desire to continue to enhance the student experience within the Academy. Anyone wishing to put their name forward, can do so through completion of the following short form. **[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE FORM](#)**



Student Opportunity: West Midlands Police Cadets, Solihull

The West Midlands Police have asked for us to share the opportunity for students aged 13-17 to join the WMP Cadets in Solihull. Police Cadets provide support for the local community whilst engaging with other young people, and will also have the chance to work with West Midlands Police in various capacities. Initiatives might include assisting in weapon sweeps, foot patrols, and being introduced to different departments within the police. In the detailed letter on page 2, Molly Kellow, the Cadet Youth Engagement Officer for Solihull outlines this opportunity in greater detail in addition to contact details.



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Email: cadets@westmidlands.police.uk

Dear parent/guardian,

I am writing to you to present the opportunity for your child to join the WMP Cadets in Solihull.

Our Police Cadets provide support for the local community whilst engaging with other young people, and will also have the chance to work with West Midlands Police in various capacities. Initiatives might include assisting in weapon sweeps, foot patrols, and being introduced to different departments within the police. For example, our cadets in Solihull have had demonstrations delivered to them by the WMP Dog unit, Drones Team, Forensic Department, and more. Annually, the cadets represent the Police in ceremonial events such as Remembrance Day, and other community events such as Pride and Race for Life. First Aid is included within the Cadet curriculum, providing essential life skills to the younger generation, with all aspects of the curriculum amounting to a great feature on the young person's CV.

Alongside a fantastic insight into the role of a police officer, WMP Cadets are given the opportunity to participate in sporting and outdoor activities, including trips to outdoor activity centres. The basis of teambuilding and leadership play a key role in the Cadet Scheme, enabling young people to develop their interpersonal skills at the same time as making new friendships with like-minded people.

The West Midlands Police Cadet Scheme is completely cost-free for all of our members.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be aged 13-17
- Must live within the West Midlands

Please contact cadets@westmidlands.police.uk for more information on the joining process or if you have general queries related to the Cadets.

Yours sincerely,

Molly Kellow
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