



PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

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Thought for the Week

If you can stay positive in the face of negativity, you win

Black Country Women's Aid

Go Purple

Black Country Women's Aid
2020

Your donation changes lives.

“ Thank you for your help support for me and my children. I wouldn't be where I was now if it wasn't for you! ”



www.blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk

This week we will be raising awareness of domestic violence in school. Students will be having assemblies and on Friday they will be encouraged to wear something purple and to make a donation to Black Country Women's Aid (£1 suggestion). Students who have 100% attendance up to 6 November 2020 will also be allowed to wear non-uniform on Friday.

BCWA currently have 57 women and 52 children in their care and last year supported over 9,000 adults (10% men) to escape living in fear, overcome trauma, regain their self-esteem and rebuild their lives. They receive over 24 calls an hour and on average they have been getting over 140 referrals every 2 weeks.

If you would like to, please [click here](#) to make a donation.

Remembrance



Shire Oak Academy have been involved with the Wreath Laying Ceremony in Aldridge again this year.

Mrs Stoddart attended, along with our Head Boy and Head Girl, the manner in which our Head Boy and Girl represented Shire Oak Academy was exemplary, as they confidently paid their Homage.

As there will be no public gathering for the Remembrance Parade and Service, recordings have been made of various

groups across the district paying their respect and laying wreaths.

Please click the following social media links:

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

Sixth Form Parents/Carers

We are making changes to our absence reporting each day. If you still wish to call school and leave a voicemail that is still an option but you will be able to call or text us on **07958 585162**. The message of absence must come from a parent or guardian. This number is specifically for sixth form students and their parents/carers. The number can also be used to call the sixth form team during the school day.

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- ✓ 28+ exam mapped subjects
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Head of MFL
at Yateley School

"I found GCSEPod especially useful to compliment my knowledge and I'm certain it helped me secure the grades that I have been so happy to receive."

Student

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Parent

Student Activation

Please follow these instructions if your child has not yet activated their GCSEPod account

1. Go to GCSEPod.com and click LOG IN
2. Click 'New to GCSEPod? Get Started'
3. Enter your child's details and confirm the name of the school they attend
4. Create a username and password

For more information please visit
www.gcsepod.com/parents



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info@gcsepod.com

[0191 338 7830](tel:01913387830)

A Message from Crested Schoolwear

I hope you are all keeping well and safe during these difficult times.

In line with Government Guidance we will be closing our retail Stores from 5th November until 2nd December.

Our online Store www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk will continue to accept and ship online orders during the 4-week lockdown direct to your home.

We will also still be accepting deliveries from our suppliers, if you have placed any special orders in store a member of our team will contact you once it arrives.

You may collect your item once we re-open on the 2nd December or we will be happy to post your item free of charge to your home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during these difficult times.

The School Wear industry like other industries has experienced long delays and shortages due to lockdowns and short working from our wholesalers and their manufactures and we thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to resuming our usual service to you shortly.

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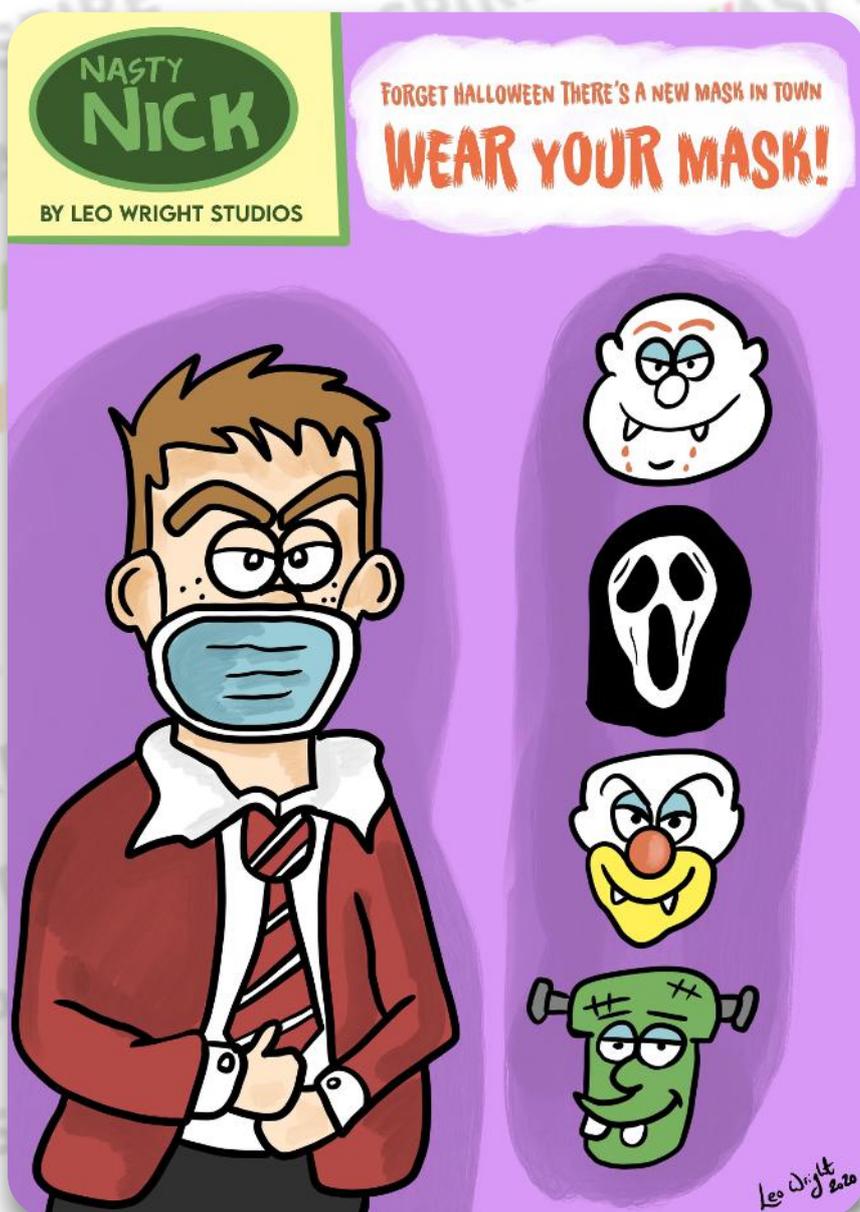
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COVID-19

Please [click here](#) to read the most recent letter sent out to parents



Girls PE Kit

Due to the change in temperature we have been reminding students that they can bring black sports leggings (no logo's) to wear under their shorts and can wear their Shire Oak mid layer or a plain black sweatshirt during PE lessons. Apart from extreme weather conditions will be taking the students outside for PE.

After School Clubs

Unfortunately we have had to cancel all after school sport clubs due to the new restrictions.

Form Champions

Our Form Champions are the students who have achieved the most house points in their form each week.
Well done to all.

7F1	Connor Duncan	10F1	Emily Jackson
7F2	Oliver Bradburn	10F2	Callum Sedgwick
7F3	Millie Haynes	10F3	Esmee Cumberledge-Hill
7D1	Esme Sledge	10F4	Kerys Pickstone
7D2	Arthur Broughton	10D1	Jovian Campbell
7D3	Cameron Hackett	10D2	Ethan Tromans
7N1	Libby Hope	10D3	Lewis Dunn
7N2	Charlie Anderson	10N1	Megan Clare
7N3	Diego Derry	10N2	Olivia Snoddy
8F1	Benjamin Sturch	10N3	Samuel Turner
8F2	Kyle Powell	11E1	Erin Ward
8F3	Alice Ing	11E2	Andrea Georgiou
8D1	Maisie Neal	11E3	Jack Wright
8D2	Tom Halford	11M1	Carris Lake
8D3	Daniel Martins	11M2	Lucy O'Neill
8N1	Luke Butler	11M3	Arjun Bajwa
8N2	Hannah Graham	11R1	Lucy Baker
8N3	Leona Stephenson	11R2	Josh Hems
9F1	Isabella Miller	11S1	Phoebe Peel
9F2	Finnley Hopkins	11S2	Oliver Maddock
9F3	Shanaide Wright	11S3	Shaun Law
9D1	Chloe Andrews		
9D2	Olivia Hall		
9D3	Addison Plested		
9N1	Amy Baker		
9N2	Jenson Webster		
9N3	Seb Freeman		

Some messages from West Midlands Police...



Darker Nights Campaign

As the nights draw in, we typically see a spike in burglary so it's a good time to protect your home and belongings against opportunist burglars and thieves.

Our top tip is to **'Lock up and lights on'**

Dark evenings can provide perfect cover for burglars who can easily spot an open window, see valuables through open curtains or blinds, or try their luck with an unlocked door. If you're heading out, try to make your house look as occupied as possible, use a light timer and close curtains and blinds.

Even if you are in, lock your front door and windows from the inside. Some front doors are often left unlocked when people are in and burglars know this! Also don't leave anything by the front door that could be fished through the letter box such as keys. If you have a porch, locking the door can also add an extra barrier to your home.

If you're out, remember to keep your bag closed and close to you, and keep your phone out sight. Opportunist thieves will try and take anything they can easily grab.

[Visit our darker nights webpage for more advice and safety tips on keeping safe.](#)

[If you want to find out more advice on protecting your home, click here to play our interactive game, 27 Station Road, where you are the detective at the scene of a house burglary.](#)

[To report a crime or incident, please contact us via Live Chat on our website \[www.west-midlands.police.uk\]\(http://www.west-midlands.police.uk\) between 8am – midnight or call 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.](#)

Would you like to help victims of hate crime cope and recover after an incident?

To request an information pack please email info@bc-innovate.co.uk

Vehicle Crime

We would like to remind people in Walsall to think about the security of your motor vehicle and specifically how you can help prevent or deter thieves from stealing your vehicles Catalytic Converter.

Most cars have catalytic converters, which are stolen for the value of the metal or are illegally re-sold. The simplest way to prevent catalytic converter theft is to park in a garage if you have one or park in a well-lit busy area.

You could also:

- Speak to your manufacturer's main dealer regarding security products available for your vehicle
- Mark catalytic converters with a uniquely coded security product specifically designed for marking catalytic converters, and display the warning stickers supplied
- Take manufacturers advice, but consider fitting a protection device made specifically to cover the catalytic converter (one product such as <http://catloc.co.uk/> which isn't third party tested, but is used widely by vehicle manufacturers)
- Use your vehicle's alarm or install a Thatcham approved alarm. The alarm should detect and activate if the vehicle is tilted or lifted
- Park vehicles so as to prevent access underneath (This may be difficult in certain circumstances, and we realise is not always an option)