

Dear Parents and Carers,



Many of you have noted that the extra-curricular clubs have begun, and there will be a broad variety of different activities across the academic year. Do please check the times that apply; these are found within The Insider, which is also displayed (for parents and carers) on the display board at the front of school. (Pupils can also check their copy which is displayed near their entrance to the main building.)

We have sent details of this year's residential trips by email this week having launched these in assemblies. Thank you to the many of you who have returned the annual permission forms for activities. We distribute these so that it avoids asking for specific permission for each and every sporting fixture, and returning these by email is fine. Otherwise, please use 'pupil post', as the red mail box on the bottom corridor will happily receive the reply.



The author Gary Toward came into school yesterday. He gave two talks to the older pupils, as well as working in the afternoon on literacy activities with others. The sharing of the process of writing a book, and the expertise required (and how to avoid 'Grammerly'!) were shared with our children. Gary certainly found the day enjoyable.

We have been delighted to receive an award this week. The citation reads:

"We would firstly like to thank you for all the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated. You have been nominated by Severn Arts. They have recognised the value that you place on music and requested that you become a Music Mark School." Therefore, we extend our thanks to the Music Mark team and, or course, our Head of Music, Mrs Griffiths.



Now allow us to praise famous people and our ancestors, generation by generation... some giving wise words in their instruction; others devising musical melodies, and composing lyrics; these were honoured in their generation, a source of pride in their time.

Sirach 44: 1, 5, 7

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A Prayer for Trust

Dear God,

We pray this week we can learn to trust in you in all areas of our lives. We thank you that we can trust in your grace and faithfulness to help guide and protect us in each day. Your love helps to strengthen our faith and build up our lives, and we trust that in you, your love and peace will shine in all that we do.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Trust

We are saved by trusting . And trusting means looking forward to getting something we don't yet have.

Romans 8:24

Whole School Attendance
97.52%

Whole School Target
95.6%

09.09.19—13.09.19

Year 5 — 98.46 %
Year 6 — 95.43 %
Year 7 — 97.56 %
Year 8 — 98.62 %



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12: 15-17</i>
The assembly theme:	Friends of Jesus	A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity. <i>Proverbs 17:17</i>

We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	Musicians in all their variety	Monday	The Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge
Tuesday	Pupils and staff at Crabbs Cross Academy	Wednesday	Y8 pupils and those making high school preferences
Thursday	Our Royal Family	Friday	Walkwood's catering team on 'fish & chips' day



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



Outstanding

Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Thursday 10th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide.

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

Parents' Days

Tuesday 15th and
Wednesday 16th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.





**SCHOOL
MEMBER**

~ 2019/20 ~

**In recognition of a commitment to
providing high quality music
education for all children and
young people**

Bridget Whyte
Chief Executive

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High Schools in Redditch

Saint Augustine's Catholic High School <http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/>

Trinity High School <http://www.trinity.worcs.sch.uk/>

RSA Academy Arrow Vale <http://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/>

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch <https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/>

Ridgeway Academy <https://ridgeway.academy/>



Parent Governor

The Governing Body has a vacancy for parents of current Walkwood pupils to serve as school Governors.

The Full Board meets once a term, and each Governor also serves on one of the three sub-committees which also meet once in each term.

As Walkwood is an academy school, there are legal duties to ensure its smooth running and financial stability, along with supporting and holding to account the school's leaders. Governors put aside the needs of their own child and look to support the school in delivering to all pupils.

For an initial conversation, please contact the PA's Office at school, or email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Consultation on proposed changes and development plans

1. Age range change: revert to High School status, maintaining Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 180 students in Years 9,10,11 and 220 in the Sixth Form.
2. Expansion of the current Mainstream Autism Base to include new specialist facilities in a dedicated building.
3. Sports Centre: Refurbishment of the roof and facilities allowing for the re-opening of the Swimming Pool for community use, beginning a programme of investment in the improvement of the TGAR site.

Full details and a feedback form are available at: <https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/media/consultation/>

The period of consultation for the proposed changes and development plans at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will run from Monday 9th September 2019 until 12 noon on Monday 21st October 2019.

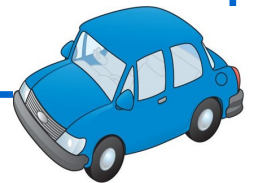
P Parking Please

Morton Stanley Park's car park is the perfect place to '**park and stride**'. The car park has dedicated walkways including underpasses and pedestrian crossings that segregate walkers and traffic.

The use of the pedestrian crossing at the front gate is supported by Rev Leach on most school days, so allowing pupils passing across Feckenham Road and access onto the pathway to Morton Stanley Park.

We ask drivers to 'stop and think' about whether you are parking in a safe place. If you do not, you could be endangering a child. The same is true of stopping in the middle of the road to let your child jump out.

Regrettably, residents in roads surrounding the schools are having their drives blocked. This applies particularly to the upper section of Feckenham Road, along Tennyson Road and within Scott Road. Such action can be classified as obstruction of the highway and action may be taken by any Civic Enforcement Officer.



MUSIC NEWS

Practice Earns Points

Instrumental and vocal lessons are now well-underway this term and our visiting music staff have commented on the good organisation and enthusiasm of our pupils.

Learning to play a musical instrument takes time and involves lots of dedication and perseverance. Our visiting teachers are all highly skilled and experienced musicians who will be able to teach their pupils plenty... ..as long as the pupils practise what they have learnt in their lesson when they get home. Music practice needs only to be 10 minutes a day for beginners, increasing as pupils progress through their grades.

So, here is the challenge for all pupils who have instrumental or vocal lessons: if you can complete at least 10 minutes of music practice on 5 days of any week you will earn an Independent Learning point. Your practice diary will need to be signed by your parent or carer. If you need a new practice diary please collect one from the Music Room. Bring your practice diary to Mrs Griffiths in the Music Room to claim your points.

Happy practising!



Primrose Concert Rehearsals

We have had several super rehearsals at lunchtimes since the start of term, with a good turn-out from all year groups. For the next three weeks, as well as having lunchtime rehearsals, we shall be having a choir practice after school on Tuesday 24th September, Tuesday 1st October and Tuesday 8th October in the Music Room, finishing at 4.30pm. I would like as many of our singers to attend as possible because we still have a lot of learning to do for the Primrose Concert on 18th October.



Musical Instruments

Please ensure all musical instrument cases are clearly labelled. A keyring type label is the most secure.



Music Success

Congratulations to Tiegan May who has recently passed her Initial Grade guitar exam.

Congratulations should also be given to three boys who were in Year 8 last year – James, Jamie and Freddie all passed their Grade 5 guitar exams.

A huge well done to them all and also to our guitar teacher, Mr Nicholson.



Points Boosters



This year we welcome back 'Points Boosters' as we continue to reward all of those pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

How does it work?

Attendance Points Boosters

- A 5-point booster will be awarded for every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2-week timetable—Week 1 and Week 2.
- These points are automatically awarded at the end of every Week 2.

Zero Demerit Points Boosters

As mentioned, we will be rewarding all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons and complete all of their homework on time.

- Pupils will gain a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable—Week 1 and Week 2.
- Again, these booster points are automatically awarded at the end of every Week 2.

Each time your child receives an Attendance or Zero Demerit Booster their name will be entered into the End of Term Prize Draw (held during the Celebration Assembly).



As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



Rectangular Snip

ARE NOW RECRUITING BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5+

Come and join us and experience life beyond what is possible in school or home.

Get engaged in exciting activities, days out and residential events.

Make new friends, have fun, and discover and develop your potential.

Earn awards, be part of our great organisations.

We meet on:

TUESDAY NIGHT – GIRLS’ BRIGADE

FRIDAY NIGHT – BOYS’ BRIGADE

THE BRIDGE CHURCH COMMUNITY HALL

EVESHAM ROAD, REDDITCH

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

EMAIL – info@1stredditch.com

Our Leaders have all undertaken criminal record checks and are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for young people.



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term Part 1, 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) 12.50 - 1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)	Multi Skills KS2 Club (PMC) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20 pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm All years Football Team training (if selected) 3.30 - 4.45 pm Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball training (team only) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS2 Science Club (Lab 2) 3.30 - 4.30 pm (JHd) Cooking Club (Groups TBC) 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading squad 3.30 - 4.45 pm LMO/KRE
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby (PJE) 3.30 - 4.45 pm All years Girls Football 3.30 - 4.45 pm RMA/PCO/LWO
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		All years Rec football and rec netball for all those who didn't make the team. 3.30—4.45 pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

perfidiousness

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 4th September 2019 — 19th September 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Darcy Hocking (Year 7 CLBK) - who has read an incredible 224,994 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 7 CLBK) - who has read a fantastic 191,676 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

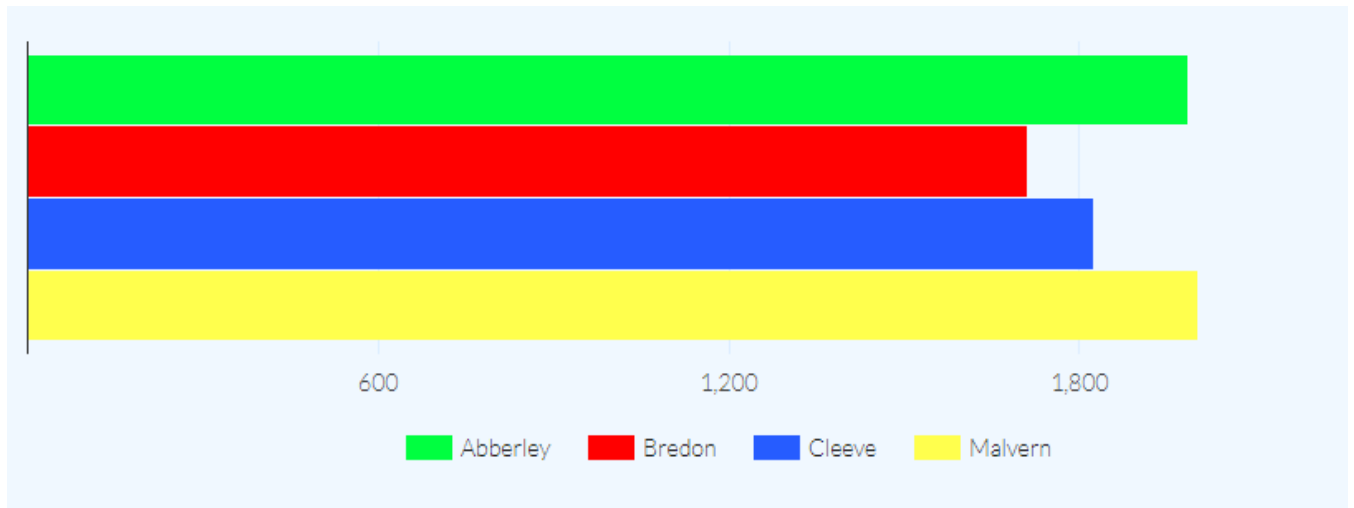




Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Zack Wrafter (BCJO) (34)
2. Olivia Lyszcz (CLBK) (29)
3. Toby Kustra (BCJO) (27)
4. Alex Freeman (AMLA) (20)
4. Zach Felton (MPJE) (20)
4. Elliott Allcock (AMLA) (20)
4. Eoin Clarke (AECCO) (20)
4. Sophie Gould (MMMGM) (20)
4. Sophia Eden (CTPO) (20)
4. Lucie Thompson (ALWA) (20)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9	Friday 18th October	Primrose Proms Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 24 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Wednesday 6 November	Y6 SATs information evening and KS3 Curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 13 November	Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
2 0 2 0	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term