Westhill Academy

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Staff & Pupil Information

S1-6 Holidays
Well done to everyone for managing all the new challenges so well this term - you've done amazingly well in these and in your learning, and we are proud of you.
Please continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines in whatever you are doing during the holidays, and we'll see you safely back in school next term.

[Mrs Reid]

Litter
Three bags of litter were picked up off the football pitch today by our janitorial team. This took a significant length of time to do. We would really appreciate it if you could please use the bins provided for litter and keep our school clean and allow our janitors to focus on more pressing matters. The football pitches are used for PE lessons, too, and therefore benefit us all. Please let any of the senior leadership team know if you have any information about littering. **Consider all others**.

Glass Bottles
We are aware that a local store is now selling water in glass bottles for 10 pence. These can be very dangerous if smashed in school and they have already taken up time for the janitorial staff to clean up. Please **do not** bring glass bottles to school. There are several fully functional water coolers where you can refill your own plastic water bottles with lovely chilled water. Thanks for your help with this. **Be safe** 😊

[Mr Sweeney]

Library Books
As the end of term fast approaches can I remind you to return any outstanding library books. There is a returns box outside the library pupil entrance (Quad door) where you can drop them. If you need to renew any items pop into the library on Thursday interval or send the library a message using Teams. Remember if you would like any books for over the holidays just complete the Book Selector Questionnaire on Teams and we will happily choose some for you ready to pick up.

[Mrs G Gourlay]

S5/6 Pupils
Morrison Construction, Kingseat Business Park, Newmachar, are planning to recruit a new **Trainee Estimator** at the end of this year or during next summer.
The opportunity is open to school leavers who have excellent Maths, English and Technical Drawing (or equivalent) skills, and ideally the candidate would be expected to have good passes (or expected passes) in these subjects. The role would involve a course at college to obtain an HNC in Quantity Surveying during the first two years.
Interested pupils, who have done their research are invited to contact **Mike Bruce, Managing Director via email mike.bruce@morrisonconstruction.co.uk** preferably attaching a short CV.

[Mrs Johnstone]

All Pupils (S4-6)

The Strathclyde University School of Education's Study Skills – Essential CLPL course will take place on 19th October 2020 via zoom.

This is aimed at pupils of all ages to develop good study habits and to help them to become successful and independent learners. You do not need to be applying to Strathclyde University - or indeed any university - to attend this.

Please use this link to apply: **https://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/schoolofeducation/career-longprofessionallearning/cpdearlyyearscurrentevents/**

[Miss Stewart]

S4-6 Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

- Finance Insight Day with HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance (Friday 30th October)
- Peter Jones Foundation Insight into Entrepreneurship event which sees students creating their own business idea for how to turn £500 into £5,000 (Thursday 19th November)
- EY business and technology work experience programmes (Summer 2021)

If interested in attending, please register through the relevant link provided and let your Guidance Teacher know. It's a great opportunity for you to gain some real-world experience which can also be used in CVs and personal statements.

[Mrs Johnstone]

S5/6 Pupils

Please note the following key UCAS links that will help to inform decisions around university courses and will assist you with your application:

UCAS Virtual Exhibitions:

https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition

UCAS Open Days:

https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/type/open-day

Create your own UCAS Hub

https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today

[Miss Stewart]