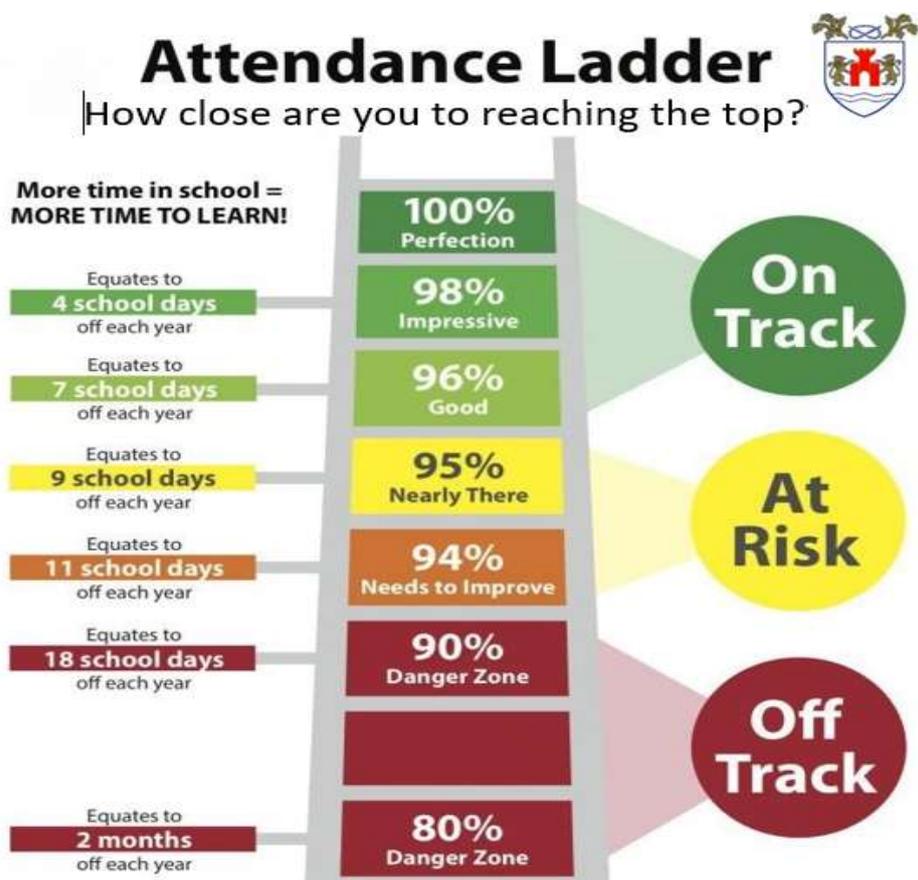




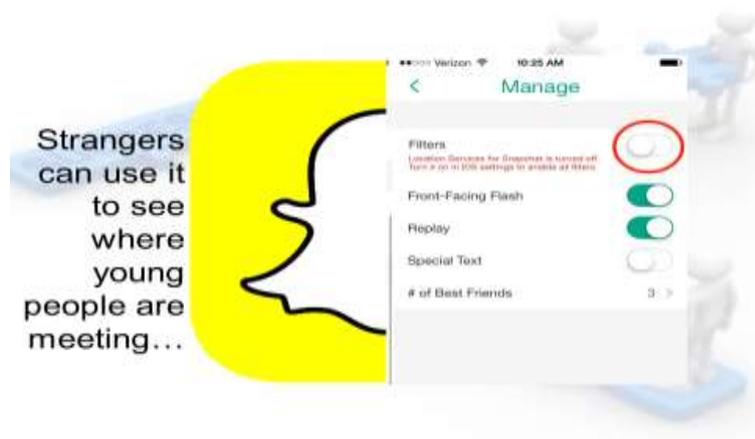
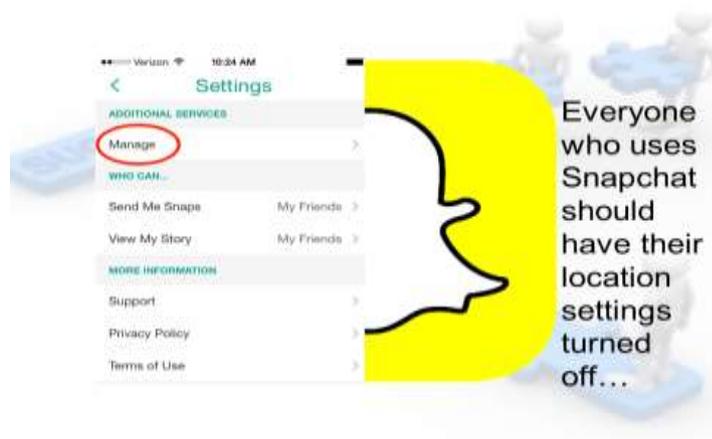
Head's Blog 7th November 2018

The clocks have now gone back and we look forward to this next half term with re-energised staff and pupils!

Pupils are continuing to arrive to school on time, so again thank you for making sure your child is in school and ready to learn at 8.30am each morning. As you may be aware we closely monitor the attendance of pupils to school and reward those who have an attendance of 100%, but the best reward is your child having the best possible chance of achieving at least their target grades. It is absolutely key therefore to a child's education that they attend school every day. Statistics show that pupils who have time away from school are in danger of not making the progress they should be making as you can see in the attendance ladder below.



One of the main assembly foci last month was the issue of social media and the distress it can cause to young people lives if not carefully managed and used responsibly. Mr Lakin's assemblies highlighted to the students the dangers of Snapchat and I was surprised to see that so many of our children in Years 7 and 8 have accounts of such sites which are recommended to pupils over the age of 13. Here are the steps to follow to ensure that your child is safe on line when using Snapchat.



The Year 10 pupils this month have had a successful visit to France as part of the Erasmus + Do You Speak Culture and were wonderful ambassadors for the school. We are looking forward to welcoming the Headteachers from the participating French, Slovenian, Italian and Romanian schools next term.

The Year 7 pupils had a busy data conference on the 18th October and parents were welcomed to the school to discuss how well their child had settled in to life at Wolstanton High School. Thank you for the positive feedback from those parents who completed the questionnaire



Parent Questionnaire –Year 7 Meet the form tutor feedback OCT 2018
49 returns 124 parents attended

	(Please tick)	Strongly agree Agree	Disagree Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at this school	96%	4%
2	My child feels safe at this school	98%	2%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	96%	4%
4	My child is well looked after at this school	96%	4%
5	My child is taught well at this school	98%	2%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	98%	2%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%	5%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	96%	4%
9	This school is well led and managed	98%	2%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	98%	2%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	98%	2%
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	96%	4%

On the last Thursday before half term we held our first Lockdown practice and I am pleased to report that the whole school was locked down within minutes of the signal being sent out. I would like to acknowledge how impressed I was with the behaviour and attitude of our students and hope that we never actually have to put this safety procedure in place for our young people.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended our first Parents' forum of the Academic year and we will be holding our second parents' forum on Thursday 6th December from 5pm to 6pm. This is an opportunity for you to positively contribute to the life of our school. The meetings are fairly informal, informative and are an opportunity for you to air your views. At this meeting there will also be a presentation on E safety and on how to support your child in Maths.

Please ring main reception to confirm your attendance by Wednesday 5th December

Other forthcoming events for parents and carers are:

GCSE certificate presentation evening on Thursday 14th November 6pm start

Year 7/8 parents' curriculum evening on Wednesday 21st November 6pm to 7pm

Year 9/10 parents' curriculum evening on Wednesday 5th December 6pm to 7pm

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 30th November and Monday 3rd December due to staff training days.

Mary Hobson (Head of School)

