

## Westbourne Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

### 1<sup>st</sup> HALF SPRING TERM – PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

#### Price & Buckland School Uniform Shop

You have probably read in the media that schools are facing unprecedented financial pressures due to cuts in government funding. At Westbourne, we have had to review both our staffing and procedures to save money. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to supply our uniform in school.

From after half term, all school uniform items will only be available to purchase through Price & Buckland's online shop. You may either visit the *Parent* page of our academy website and follow the *Uniform* link or you can go to [pbparentsonline.co.uk/westbourneacademy](http://pbparentsonline.co.uk/westbourneacademy). Price & Buckland have been manufacturing and selling uniforms in the UK since 1959; they are a family-run business based in Nottingham and they have been supplying our academy uniform since 2013.

As a first-time user of this service, you will need to register with your name and a password of your choice and then you are ready to order. Delivery can be made within 5 working days to your home/work address for a charge £3.95. Price & Buckland offer free P&P for orders over £50. Please note that delivery cannot be made to the school. In the event that you do not have internet access, you can pick up an order form from main school Reception and place your order by post, paying by card.

In school we will retain a complete set of uniform items for sizing purposes. To avoid you ordering the incorrect size and then having to pay for the return postage, students will be able to try on samples to determine the correct size required. Students will be able to do this at break time and at parent consultation evenings. In the first instance, students will need to speak to their Assistant Head of House.

#### World Book Day 2017

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the academy will be participating in the 20th annual festival of books. Students will be able to enter a range of competitions such as making a book-themed cake, designing a new board game and creating a 3D mini-book model of their favourite book, scene or characters. June 2017 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of J K Rowling's first ever Harry Potter book being published and, in honour of this, staff and students are invited to come to school wearing a wizarding robe or hat over their school uniform. We want to see how many Westbourne Wizards there are in school!



#### Academy Uniform Expectations

Many thanks to the vast majority of you who support us to keep uniform standards high. We appreciate that there are occasions when school shoes need replacing and can become unwearable as a result. Please be advised that students will be permitted to wear alternative footwear for a maximum of 2 school days when accompanied by a note from parents. On the third day, we will provide students with a temporary pair of shoes to wear whilst they are in school. These shoes will need to be returned at the end of the school day.

An increasing number of students are opting to wear trainers to school in the mornings. We recognise that some students travel significant distances to and from school. Students are welcome to change out of their trainers on arrival at school or during break time if they are playing on the field so long as they change into their school shoes before lessons.



At present, it is expected that students will come to school in their full academy uniform. As and when the decision arises to apply warm weather rules (ie when jumpers are optional), students will be informed in school by their class teachers.

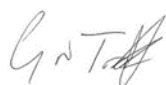
### Academy Calendar

There are no more staff training (PD) days this academic year. We will shortly be announcing the confirmed staff training days for 2017/2018 and this information will be posted on our academy website. Below is a summary of key dates and events this term and next term:

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring half term holiday begins.</li> <li>• Students return on week 1 of timetables on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Fun/Quiz Night for Y11 students. Invitations and details to follow.</li> <li>• Year 10 MenACWY/Td/IPV immunisations in school today with the NHS nursing team.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day 2017. Various competitions are taking place in school. Staff and students are invited to commemorate 20 years of Harry Potter by wearing a wizard robe/hat to school.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students from all years will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm. Lesson 5 will be reduced to 40 minutes. There will be no extra-curricular clubs or after school detentions.</li> <li>• Key Stage 4 Pathway information evening for year 9 students and their parents between 6pm – 8.00pm. There will be further details sent home with students after February half term. .</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 parent evening takes place between 4pm – 7pm. Parents will be advised by email/letters home when they can start making appointments.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two weeks Easter holiday starts.</li> <li>• Students return for the summer term on week 1 of timetables on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 parent evening takes place between 4pm – 7pm. Further information and details on how to make appointments will be sent before the Easter holiday.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 parent evening takes place between 4pm – 7pm. Parents will be advised by email/letters home when they can start making appointments.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer exam seasons begins (and ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June).</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring holiday starts.</li> <li>• Students returns on week 1 of timetables on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 girls 1<sup>st</sup> dose (and year 9 girls 2<sup>nd</sup> dose) HPV immunisations in school by the NHS nursing team. Consents forms to be sent home after February half term.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 taster day at Suffolk New College. Information to follow from Mr Payne.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 PREs start (and end on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 taster day to Easton Otley College. Information to follow from Mr Payne.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 parent information evening in school for students starting in year 7 in September 2017.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 taster day at Suffolk One. Information to follow from Mr Payne.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole school sports day.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 leaver's prom at The Ipswich Hotel Copdock.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of 2016/2017 academic year.</li> <li>• Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00pm after whole school assembly.</li> </ul>

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation and I wish you an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Yours sincerely



Garry Trott  
Principal