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WESTBOURNE  
ACADEMY

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## WESTBOURNE, MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

This has been an extra ordinary year in the life of this extra ordinary school. To have converted to Academy status during the year would, for many, be seen to be a huge challenge. To have had one Ofsted inspection, two HMI monitoring visits and a 'Baseline Review' from new employers on top of that change has been intense. Despite the pressure of all this monitoring, the staff and students have delivered at every stage, and we at the school have been so proud. It has been widely recognised that Westbourne has made some powerful improvements and that we are ideally placed to deliver the transformational change that will deliver to our community an 'outstanding' school.

Last year we left for our summer holiday confident that our students would achieve record results. They would have done had it not been for the scandalous re-grading of exams that hit schools across the country. We picked ourselves up from that disappointment and pushed on, and again we leave firm in the belief that our students will achieve impressive results in the summer. Our fingers are crossed for them all!

Within school we have been talking a lot about standards. Standards of achievement, standards of learning, standards of behaviour, standards of teaching. The change in the uniform is a visual signal of our determined aim to raise standards. Later in this newsletter we will outline the details regarding the sale dates. This is a massive undertaking, and we would request that if you have a question please contact via the many channels open to you – phone, in person, email, social media and we will do our best to answer your question. The uniform looks great, and we can't wait to see the students in September all looking so smart.

We are re-emphasising the school rules, which in some cases have been allowed to be ignored, such as the wearing of make up, extreme hair styles, jewellery and piercings. Undoubtedly those that have had piercings etc and have been allowed to continue unchallenged will be alarmed at the strengthening of the Academy's position on this, and may say that 'my nose stud does not affect my education.' Clearly there are many more factors that affect an education, however one of those is learning to follow the rules set out by an educator, or in the future, an employer. We want to make the young people of Westbourne highly employable. We will not shift our position on this, so our advice to our students is to use their energy wisely and truly concentrate on learning, not on distractions that will not lead to any tangible outcomes.

## HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Effective two-way home/school communication is extremely important for our students, parents and the school, and to facilitate this we employ a number of different systems. These now include written letters/newsletters, our website, email, text/SMS, Twitter, and Facebook. We welcome your views and feedback and are happy to receive these by whichever method suits you best. To help us, please make sure you we have your current details (e.g. mobile number/s, email addresses) by emailing [tracy.hanson@westbourne.attrust.org.uk](mailto:tracy.hanson@westbourne.attrust.org.uk) and please follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/westbourneacademy](https://facebook.com/westbourneacademy)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/WestbourneA](https://twitter.com/WestbourneA)).

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## CONTACT NUMBERS FROM SEPT 2013

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**HEAD OF PHASE**  
Years 7 & 8  
Ms Salter 466104

**HEAD OF YEAR 10**  
Mr Dyer 466109

**HEAD OF PHASE**  
Years 9 & 11  
Mr Payne 466168

**STUDENT MANAGERS**  
Years 7 & 8  
Mr Lee 466172

**Year 9**  
Mrs Anderson 466169

**Years 10 & 11**  
Mrs Clark 466170

**W.I.S.E group**  
Mrs Banks 466171

## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 23rd July**  
**END OF TERM**  
students early release

**Tues 3rd/ Wed 4th September**  
**PD DAYS** (no students in school)

**Thursday 5th September**  
**START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**  
**Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov**



## BUYING NEW UNIFORM

The sale dates for the new uniform will be held on Wednesday 31 July and Friday 23rd August. These dates have been negotiated with the suppliers, Price & Buckland. We wanted to do our best to provide dates far enough apart so as to ensure the vast majority of parents would be able to attend one of the days. We have had to take into consideration when the uniform was actually ready, as providing over 1000 of each item is a massive undertaking. We have also had to take into consideration when staff are available to help sell the uniform, as well as the availability of the hall during the holidays.

The school will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on both days.

Unfortunately we can only accept cash or cheques.

Students will be able to try on the uniform to help with sizing, buy and then take the uniform away. If you are unable to attend on either of these days – please consider if someone else can buy the uniform for you.

Our suppliers, Price and Buckland are experienced at holding such events, and have stocked accordingly, however there is always a chance that some items in some sizes might sell out.

Some parents have questioned why the uniform is not available online – this is because this service would add cost onto the uniform, and this is something we have worked extremely hard to avoid. If enough parents in the future want this service, it is something we could easily initiate.

We will hold onto some stock at the school, and it will be available to be purchased from the school during the staff training days on the 3rd and 4th September, however we are keen to have the vast majority of uniform in the hands of the students by the end of the 23rd August.

Prices and other details regarding the uniform are available on our website.

## STANDARDS

Please read the uniform standards carefully. Items such as facial piercings, heavy make up and canvas style shoes will not be acceptable from September 2013. Also we expect students to come to school ready to learn with the right equipment. Please support the Academy by ensuring that on the first day back your son or daughter meets the new standards. Failure to do so will mean they will receive their education apart from their peers until they meet the regulations.

From next September all students will carry a Standards Card which will be signed by staff should any item of their appearance not meet the standards expected. Six signings will result in an after school detention held by a senior member of staff on a Friday. Failure to produce the card will result in a detention. 'Clean' cards at the end of a term will earn the students rewards. Full details regarding the uniform and appearance standards are printed in this newsletter.

### 2013-14 MAIN UNIFORM

Royal Blue Blazer or Jacket with Academy logo  
 Grey jumper with blue collar design  
 Light Blue Shirt  
 Clip on Tie with Academy logo  
 Charcoal grey trousers  
 (traditional style full length – no cords, jeans style, tracksuit, leggings or fashion trousers)  
 Black shoes (no trainers)

### PE KIT

Blue Polo shirt with Academy logo  
 Navy Blue shorts with Academy logo  
 Navy Socks  
 Navy Blue tracksuit bottoms with Academy logo  
 Navy Blue PE Hoodie with Academy logo  
 Training Shoes

### PRACTICAL LESSONS

An apron, overall or old shirt is essential if clothing is not to be soiled or damaged.

### JEWELLERY

Years 7-8 – no rings. Years 9-11 - One PLAIN ring per hand  
 One bracelet per arm  
 No facial piercings, including tongues. No retainers.  
 One pair of stud earrings or small sleepers  
 A wristwatch  
 No necklaces or chains to be worn outside a student's shirt

### MAKE UP & HAIR

Make-up is allowed if it is discreet. Any application of makeup that is deemed to be excessive in any way will not be tolerated. The Academy reserves the right to be the final arbiter of what constitutes extreme hairstyles, but a general guide should be as follows; No shapes cut into hair, no unnatural colourings. Colouring is permitted if it is naturally blended and of natural tones. Hats may not be worn in the Academy building. Outdoor coats can be worn in corridors but must be removed on entry to classrooms

### SANCTIONS

Students will carry a Standards Card. If uniform and appearance is incorrect the card will be signed. The sixth signature will result in an after school detention.

If jewellery reappears it will be confiscated.

Repeated infringements will be dealt with by a serious sanction.

### MOBILE PHONES, iPods, MP3s and similar devices (including cameras)

These must not be used during lessons.

They may be used during Break & Lunchtime.

The above items will be confiscated if used outside of the agreed guidelines. Students and parents are reminded that valuable items should not be brought onto Academy premises.

**THE ACADEMY BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS LOST**



We will be saying goodbye to Ms Lawson (English) who is relocating to Somerset and taking up work as an English teacher.

Mrs Robinson (Music) will also be leaving us to join St Albans as Head of Music; congratulations and best wishes to both of them.

We would also like to say thank you and good bye to Miss Jimoh (Textiles), Ms Hurren (Science & Maths) and Mr Blakemore (ICT) for their work this term. Two of our Teaching Assistants, Mr Cawston and Miss Garside are moving on to pastures new to pursue new careers.

Having been here, firstly as a student during the 1960s, and then for over 40 years working with the Science Team, Sue Edwards our Senior Science Technician has made the decision to retire from life at Westbourne. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for the staff and students at Westbourne, but it is hard to match our thanks to the sheer level of dedication she has shown to the school.

Miss Elvin, a member of staff who will be well known to many of you in her role on the Main Reception will also be retiring having spent nearly 7 years with us. Another long serving member of the Westbourne community, Wendy Stannard, Catering Assistant in the Canteen is also leaving after more than 22 years of serving lovely grub and sticky puddings for school lunch.

With departure of Mrs Robinson & Ms Lawson the Form Groups will be tutored next year by Miss Tinkler (11H) and Mrs Browne (11L). Having previously worked closely with Mrs Robinson, Miss Tinkler will be returning to Westbourne in September to teach Music.



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Thank you for your support

With the end of another school year nearly upon us, preparations are now well under way for this December's whole school show, which is 'Guys & Dolls'.

Auditions for the lead roles took place in June and we were amazed by not only the number of students interested in auditioning, but also the calibre of their performances.

Casting the show was an extremely tough decision and after singing and acting call back auditions, we are delighted to congratulate **Zoe Ablitt, Antonio Frost, Ashley Milne, Tom Winder and Chloe Zagni** who will play the lead roles and as always with a Westbourne show, **every** student who auditioned will be included in the cast. Rehearsals will start as soon as we return in September but spare a thought

for them whilst sunning yourselves this summer, as they battle to learn pages of dialogue and songs during their holidays!

The dates of the show for your calendars are **11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013** and we look forward to seeing lots of you there as always to support our students.



To keep up to date with all the news about the show's progress, see rehearsal photos and be the first to hear about discounted ticket information and exclusive competitions, add us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/westbourne.drama](http://www.facebook.com/westbourne.drama) or follow us on Twitter [@westbournedrama](https://twitter.com/westbournedrama)

Mr Smith  
Head of Expressive Arts





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**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**Student of the Term**

Ashleigh Mark 11R  
Lauren Page 10D

**Praise postcards for  
Excellent Work**

Tamara Clark 11T  
Rebecca Mason 11T  
Ashton Hedges 10H  
Courtney Jacobs 10R  
Karri Crisp 10T  
Danielle Fenn 10K

**BUSINESS STUDIES  
STUDENT OF THE TERM**

**Summer**

Nathaniel Haste 10W

**Praise postcards for  
Excellent Work**

Haroon Khan 10T  
Jack Van Tankeren 10L  
Bradley Harris 10H  
Tyler Berry 10T  
Antonio Frost 10D  
Daniel Woods 10N  
Liam Garwood 10D

**ARTIST OF THE  
TERM**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Cara Storer   | 7R  |
| Eryk Kowal    | 7T  |
| Naomi Cook    | 7L  |
| Marley Curtis | 8H  |
| Callum Hubert | 8W  |
| Emily Berry   | 8K  |
| Kira Mullan   | 9R  |
| Emma Cook     | 9W  |
| Callie Green  | 9D  |
| Megan Baker   | 10R |
| Rebecca Cook  | 10T |
| Danny Mullan  | 10L |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Amy Brunning | 10R |
| Shelby Kirby | 10H |

**SCIENCE  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
JUNE**

Jack Welham, 7R  
Natan Urbanczyk, 8K  
Sophie Sparrow, 9T  
Haroon Khan, 10T

**HUMANITIES  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH  
MAY**

Shelby Coleman  
Ataylia Clarke  
Sophie Derrett  
Reece Jones  
Sumerya Ozbek  
Tahirul Islam  
Jodie Miller  
Maysie Dolling  
Mollie Spencer  
Dominika Dahm  
Rhainnon Deveraux

**LEARNING RESOURCE  
CENTRE TOP READERS  
MAY**

Year 7 - Aleks Wasilewski  
Year 7 top class -  
7x4 Ms Lawson  
Year 8 - Natan Urbanczyk  
Year 8 top class -  
8y2 Mr Melton

**JUNE**

Year 7 - Caitlyn Bruce  
Year 8 - Sophie Rumbold

**ENGLISH  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH  
JUNE**

Jack Amass  
Sophie Bond  
Eryk Kowal  
Sean Reynish  
Molly Allen  
Gabriele Grajauskaite  
Lara Chema  
Aidan Smith  
Charlotte Sutton  
Tom Copping  
Courtney Jacobs



to all  
our  
award  
winners

**LANGUAGES  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
JUNE**

Lorna Kelly 7N  
Ellie Matthews 8T  
Zoe Ablitt 9L

**JULY**

Joss Oliver 7W  
Helen Su 8K  
Alisha Hixson 9W

**PAL STUDENT  
OF THE MONTH  
MAY/JUNE**

Alex Baldry 7K  
Charlie Moslin 7N  
Molly Lawrence 8W  
Megan Brett 8D  
Samantha Spencer 9H  
Adrian Stanescu 9D  
Becky Powell 10H  
Megan Baker 10R  
Nargis Hoque 10W

# SPORTS NEWS JULY 2013

## Athletics

Well done to our all year 7 and year 8 pupils who competed in extra-curricular athletics competitions this term. Special mention to the U13 girl's team who finished in third at the area School Games Super8 Athletics at Northgate Sports Arena in June. This result qualified their entry to the county competition, the Suffolk Sainsbury's School Games Summer Festival, held on a very warm, sunny day at West Suffolk Sports Arena on 5th July.



The team finished in a very respectable fifth place out of eleven teams with particular successes celebrated on the track and long jump.

**Well done!**

## School Games : Sports Leaders

Well done and thank you to Amber Allen, Chloe Beard, Maysie Dolling, Arya Sunil and Teliah Turner who completed a Sports Leadership Conference in June in preparation for supporting the delivery of the athletics element of the Suffolk Sainsbury's School Games Festival on 5th July.

Well done to Henry Church, William Seager and Liam Woolnough for achieving a Cricket Umpiring Academy Award at East Suffolk Cricket Club in June which lead to their being asked to assist with the delivery of the subsequent Area and County cricket finals.

## Extra-Curricular Sports Activities

This year has been a particularly busy one with Westbourne pupils representing the Academy in extra-curricular competitions and tournaments including athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, netball, rounder, rugby, table-tennis and trampolining. Our Discovery Club members have also enjoyed a gymnastics, a multi-sports activity day at David Lloyd, sailing on the River Orwell and a cricket festival at Felixstowe Academy.

Similar opportunities to learn and play competitive sports at lunchtime and after school will continue in September with Basketball League and Football League/Cup fixtures for all years (girls up to Under 14) getting under way very quickly.

**Look out for the new autumn clubs and activity programme which will be posted on the Academy website in September 2013.**



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### CHEQUE PAYMENTS



Please note that with our change to academy status ALL cheques should be made payable to **WESTBOURNE ACADEMY**. Any payment slips on letters should state this quite clearly.



### WESTBOURNE STUDENT PERFORMS AT MUSIC DAY

Alex Holland played drums as part of group CSV which entertained the crowds at Christchurch Park as part of Music Day. Crowds of over 45,000 attended so this was a big achievement .

Well Done!



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**BIOMETRICS to be used for NEW FOOD HALL, & OTHER SERVICES**

As mentioned in the last edition of Westbourne News, we are introducing a new biometric ID system, which will mean that students and staff will not need to show a card or remember a pin number; once registered they just press their finger to a reader by the till, the cashier then confirms their identity and the transaction is completed. It is important to note that the Biometric system will also be used as a method for student to access other services including the LRC service and student printing.

The initial registration process has already taken place for those who have already returned their completed permission form. However, if you have still not returned the permission slip we would like to have this completed either way regarding permission accordingly.

We will only obtain students biometric details if we have had permission from their parent/guardian, so please complete and return the form, even if your child will not be using the new Food Hall, as soon as possible so the implementation of the cashless/biometric system is not delayed. Apply to Student Services if you require a form.



To enable purchases to be made at the Food Hall, students will need to 'top up' their catering account. There are a number of ways to do this – from September students can top up by placing cash into one of the validator machine (by Finance window, by Student Services, or opposite H1), or you can pay online via ParentPay.

**Further details are available from our website ([www.westbourne.atrust.org.uk](http://www.westbourne.atrust.org.uk)).**



**Summer 2013 Reward Trip Wed 24th July**

Information for invited students. We will leave Westbourne Academy at 7.00am prompt, so please be here by 6.45am so that we can all get aboard the right coaches in plenty of time. Coaches will leave Thorpe Park at 5.00pm and return to school at approximately 8.00pm subject to traffic conditions.

In the event of an emergency prior to (or on the day), please telephone 07789-926352.

Full details will be on the academy's website.

**END OF TERM ARRANGMENTS**

**School will end on Tues 23rd July at 1.00pm.**

If any students require their free school meal they should notify student services by the end of Friday 19th July.

The programme for the day is as follows;

- 8.40 – 8.50am Registration
- 8.50 – 10.30am Period One – Normal Lesson
- 10.30 – 10.50am Break
- 10.50 – 11.50am Period Two (shortened to one hour)
- 11.50 – 12.10pm Students return to tutors for PM registration
- 12.10pm Assemble for Whole School Assembly
- 1.00pm Students leave

Please ensure that any lost property is collected from student services as it will be disposed of during the summer if it is not named or collected.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support during the year, and wish you all a very happy holiday.**

**Thursday 5th Sept**  
**START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS**

**REQUEST FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE**



Please can any overdue books be returned to the L.R.C before we break up for the holidays. If books have been lost could you please see Mrs K Jacobs in the L.R.C for replacement cost.

Thank You

**YEAR 10 & 11 LUNCH PASS APPLICATIONS**

Please remember that any Yr 10 or 11 students wishing to leave the premises at Lunch time to go home must return an application form signed by a parent accepting parental responsibility for the lunch time period, to Student Services office by **Friday 19th July** to enable the pass card to be produced ready to be collected from Student Services at the start of the new academic year in September.