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WESTBOURNE
ACADEMY

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YEAR 11 EXAMS

Our Year 11 students have less than a month left of school and so every possible support is being put into place to help them achieve the very best results in the summer. The reality is that it is harder to achieve good grades, due to the decisions made last year to set higher national grade boundaries, but we have to expect our students to be capable of achieving these results. So we run specific revision classes, have carefully planned one to one support, holiday revision classes, exam preparation and mentoring, revision packs and links and other revision resources all for the sole purpose of supporting our students to achieve. With the Easter holiday upon us, the focus is now on how Year 11 students use their time during the holiday. It is vital that students plan a programme, and carefully balance this invaluable time between their subjects, and between their own rest and recuperation. Westbourne will be running revision sessions for targeted groups of students, but these by themselves are not enough - students need to be using their home time effectively. We have included the holiday revision timetable in this newsletter (Yr 11 students only). Subject staff all have specific revision guidance and they have been and will continue to advise accordingly.

LEAVING US



At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to three of our colleagues. **Miss Pearl Gibson** (Assistant Principal) recently returned from a three year secondment to a local teacher training programme. This experience has helped her secure a permanent post at Essex County Council as Commissioner for Initial Teacher Training. Miss Gibson has been with us since 2007 and has covered a variety of roles, most notably as the lead on our former Sports College specialism.

Mr Tim Abbott also joined us in 2007 as a newly qualified teacher of ICT. Mr Abbott has played an integral role in recent years pioneering the development of new curriculum developments, notably the introduction of GCSE Computing. Thanks to Mr Abbott, we are very proud to be ahead of many schools in the development of this aspect of our curriculum. Mr Abbott is taking a break from teaching to follow his interests in construction.

Miss Georgina Logan joined us in 2011 as a newly qualified teacher for Design Technology. Her arrival meant that we were able to expand our curriculum to include Textiles. Miss Logan has set up all of the features of this new course, enabling us to continue to offer it in the future. Miss Logan is pursuing the opportunity to work abroad within her family business.

We wish them all well with their new career directions, and would like to thank them for everything they have done in developing the Westbourne curriculum.

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 thanson@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk and please follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/westbourneacademy) and Twitter (twitter.com/WestbourneA).



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CONTACT NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE

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HEAD OF PHASE

Years 7 & 8
Ms Salter 466104

HEAD OF YEAR 9

MR Dyer 466109

HEAD OF PHASE

Years 10 & 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

Thurs 28th March
Year 10 Parents Evening

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Mon 22nd April
PD DAY (no students in school)

Thursday 25th April
Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday 6th May
BANK HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May

ADVANCED NOTICE
Friday 28th June
PD DAY (no students in school)

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UNIFORM

At the time of writing we are close to making the final decision regarding the new uniform. The process has involved meetings with parents, students, staff, governors and numbers of uniform providers. Some aspects of the uniform have been decided, for example the switch to a more formal and smarter uniform with a blazer and tie.

Throughout the consultation process we have been determined to source a uniform that meets the following criteria;

- ◆ Smart and formal
- ◆ Cost effective
- ◆ Quality materials, hard wearing and machine washable
- ◆ Easily accessible
- ◆ A uniform that reflects the higher standards and ethos of the Academy

A series of assemblies were held with some very brave students modelling some of the options. All students then were able to vote on what they preferred. Prior to this another group of students from all years met with Mr Lee -Allan to discuss their ideas on the uniform. A group of parents met for a morning to consider some early proposals and to help shape the decision making process. We are now comparing all of the samples, price options and supply systems from each of the companies we have used to ensure that the decision we make will be the very best for everyone at Westbourne. We will write to all parents after Easter informing them of the new uniform and how it is going to be sold.

Many congratulations to the following students who did such a fine job modelling the uniform during the assemblies;

Zoe Ablitt, Sandra Kowal, Reece Webber, Troy Sudeene, Ewan Milne, Depade Ouassingou and Sky Bloomfield.

COMIC RELIEF



ON the 15th March student's and staff raised **£1193.31** for Comic Relief with still some more money to be collected. The traditional fund raising of wearing non uniform for the day was supplemented with a hugely popular talent show held at lunchtime and cakes being sold at break and at lunch. Some very game staff dressed up for the day, as did some brilliantly bonkers students. The extraordinary community spirit witnessed on a national scale was evident throughout Westbourne, and this made us all very proud.



Special mention must also go to Tasnim Begum, Mariana Manata and Maryam Faris in year 7 who raised £119.30 for a sponsored silence which was donated independently and adds to the total raised by Westbourne students. An excellent effort!



SCIENCE INTERVENTION

Helen Feakes, our Science KS3 Science Coordinator recently led an exciting new project designed to help students who might be struggling with science to make more rapid progress.

The scheme brings families into school to discuss the issues, share revision tips and resources as well as gaining a better understanding of the current work being delivered in school. All of this is then complimented with a family science challenge involving dissolving sugar, with all equipment and ingredients supplied by the school. The launch of this project was really well supported – we look forward to seeing the results of the sugar challenge, and also in the improvement in student grades.



REPORTS

Your child's Spring reports were issued on Wed 27th March. You would have been able to view them online a week earlier at www.go4schools.com provided that we have a current email address for you. If you have still to provide the school with an email address you can do so by contacting Tracy Hanson at thanson@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk As well as being able to access your child's reports online, you are also able to access their attendance record along with assessment data we hold from every single one of their lessons, allowing you to monitor their progress throughout the year.



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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 will state this quite clearly as a reminder.



CANTEEN UPDATE

The construction of the new canteen is all running according to schedule, with the main shell of the building now completed. The builders are now busy developing the interior space, ready for opening to students in September 2013.

The new canteen will use a cashless catering system. These systems are becoming common across the education sector and offer a variety of advantages over the traditional cash method. We are currently exploring the range of providers that offer this service. We will be using a biometric recognition system as part of the cashless process. This means that students are identified using a finger reader, so there is no need to remember a card, pin number etc (this system takes a number of measurements from their fingerprint and converts this into a template which is held securely by ourselves on site – an image of their fingerprint is not stored).



We will introduce this in full accordance with legal requirements and the latest guidance, and parents will be able to opt in to this system, in compliance with the data protection legislation. We will be contacting all parents in the near future with more details regarding the cashless and biometric systems.

PROM FAYRE

On Monday 18th March the 2013 Prom Fayre took place, the event was attended by over 100 people and showcased a range of prom related goodies such as jewellery, make up and vehicles for hire, including a fire engine. At the event there was also a fashion show with a range of suits and dresses from Moss Bros, Coes, Kiss and Simply Splendid dress hire being modelled by a selection of our year 11 students. This event has helped to raise funds to help make the Yr 11 Prom a great event, thanks to everyone who helped



Students that have booked to attend the Prom are reminder that final payments are due by 1st May

BUSINESS STUDIES GCSE NEWS

Our business students are showing they have what it takes to be the next big entrepreneurs as they set up their own small businesses.

Here are just a few of the businesses that the students will develop as part of their course:-

- ◆ Crazy Custom Controllers
- ◆ FIFA 13 tournament competition
- ◆ Car wash business
- ◆ Gamers meeting website
- ◆ Custom print T shirts



To see more detail about each company visit the Academy website.

EASTER 2013 REWARD TRIPS

Over 500 reward invitation letters were issued to pupils who had qualified on the basis of excellent attendance, attitude, behaviour and conduct in school during the Spring term.

Pupils were offered Combat Paintballing at Thetford or a Harry Potter Studio Tour, London. Both trips take place during the Easter holiday, on Friday 12th April, with an additional trip to Harry Potter being arranged for years 9, 10 & 11 on Thursday 11th April.



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**Full details including departure time, return times and emergency contact numbers on the day, are available on the academy's website.**

**BOOK MASTERMIND FURTHER UPDATE**

Last month we reported on Lewis Seago's success in Book Mastermind. On Friday 22nd March, Lewis competed at the County Finals of the Book Mastermind Competition, representing both Westbourne Academy and area. Lewis was competing against 9 other competitors.

After some very stiff competition Lewis was placed 3rd overall, an excellent result,

**WELL DONE LEWIS!**



**"HAVE YOUR SAY" SPEAKING COMPETITION IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**Hosted at Westbourne Tuesday 19th March.**

**Westbourne students through to the final!**

This annual competition for Essex and Suffolk schools has now been running for twenty-six years. It is the only one of its kind in England and was originally invented and developed by members of the Essex & East Anglian Branch Committee of the Association for Language Learning (A.L.L.)

This is the first year that Westbourne has hosted the competition.

The preliminary rounds take place in March each year in three different schools in Essex and Suffolk. Students from Years 7-10 perform in pairs in French, German or Spanish. Years 7-9 use a choice of dialogue supplied by the committee to which they have to write their own endings. Year 10 have to write a complete dialogue based on a supplied theme. Judging in each section is done by members of staff from the different participating schools. Approximately 600+ students take part in these preliminary rounds each year and the four winning pairs from each section go forward to the finals which take place in May at Thomas Lord Audley School in Colchester. This competition generates an enthusiasm for language learning amongst the students who take part and the number of participating schools increases each year. There are twenty-five schools who have entered the competition in 2013.



**Westbourne students who competed were:**

Diana Ramalho, Kayleigh Hale and Rhiannon Bradshaw (through to the final with Emily Webb), Alex Brunsdon and Curtis Elvin, Esme Scott and Maryam Faris



**Well done to them all!**

## SPORTS NEWS



**Sports Person for February 2013** – Luke Scott (7W) for excellent leadership & attitude in PE lessons

**Sports Person for March 2013** – Thomas Winder (10R) for winning the U16 County Dance Championships in Latin & Ballroom



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Congratulations to our MVPs in extra-curricular sports:

| Basketball:      | Netball:          | Football:              |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Abbie Haxley 7R  | Marley Curtis 8H  | Isaac Warren 8H        |
| Carnell Dines 7D | Destiny Minors 8R | Ashley Mulligan 9D     |
| Isaac Warren 8H  | Milly Allen 9D    | Sam Harris 10W         |
|                  | Tara Norman 9N    | Thomas Copping 10H     |
|                  | Sian Williams 9K  | Lewis Sleightholme 10K |

## SPORTS LEADERS

Well done to Adrian Gilson 11L, Joshua Mower 11L, Bradley Thurlow 11L and Marley Wicks 11L who successfully completed a 'First Aid at Work' Sports Leadership Academy in March. They are now qualified emergency first aiders.

Our Year 10 leaders have been busy hosting two Primary Basketball Skills Festivals at Westbourne this half term. Teams of fifteen pupils from Dale Hall, Handford Hall, Springfield, Whitehouse and Castle Hill took part. With circa 75 pupils participating in each event, the assistance of our sports leaders is essential to the continued running of these events. They did an excellent job!

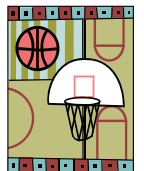
Next term, our year 10 sports leaders will be refereeing, scoring and time keeping at a high-five netball festival, two sportshall athletics festivals and a kwik cricket tournament. Leaders will also commence training in preparation for the School Games Quad Kids Event at Northgate HS, on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013. This annual finale is sponsored by Lloyds TSB as part of National School Sports Week. More than 600 pupils from Ipswich & South Suffolk primary schools take part in this Olympic-themed, team athletics event which is supported by over 45 sports leaders from various high schools in the area including Westbourne.

## LEAGUE UPDATES



**Girls Netball League C:** We are delighted to report that the year 8 and year 9 girls' netball squads have had a brilliant season so far. Both teams remain unbeaten in the league with a double-header against Claydon HS left to play on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Well done and be very proud of yourselves!

**South Suffolk Basketball League:** Well done and thank you to our year 7 and year 8 basketball players, the Westbourne Wizards, for your commitment and participation this season. Especially the girls teams who competed for the first time ever this year.



**The Suffolk Cup & Ipswich & South Suffolk Football Leagues:** Westbourne teams have competed in a huge number of fixtures since the start of the season and quite a number have been cancelled at the last minute through bad weather. Thank you to our parents and pupils for your patience! Well done to the Y7 boys who made it through to the QF of the Danone Nations Knock Out Cup, only to lose out excruciatingly on penalties!

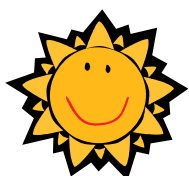


Well done also to the Y8 boys made it through to the QF of the Suffolk Cup and who celebrated two wins and two draws in their league. The Y8 girls did brilliantly in their first ever football tournament at ITFC back in November and won through to a nail-biting Npower U13 Girls semi-final.

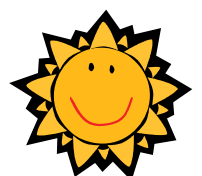
The Y9 boys fought very hard in their league games against Stoke, Ormiston, Felixstowe and Holbrook and played some excellent football despite the results. Congratulations to the Y10 boys; squad who are currently unbeaten in their league having trounced St Albans, Ormiston, Holbrook and Kesgrave to date, leaving Hadleigh HS left to play in a double-header with the Y9s after Easter.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Our Summer Clubs & Activities timetable will commence after Easter, in preparation for next term's programme of extra-curricular events and league competitions. Westbourne will be recruiting squads for Y7/Y8 Super 8 Athletics (girls and boys); Y7/Y8 Intercriquet (boys & girls); U14 Boys 20/20 Cup; and U12/U13/U14 Girls Rounders. Football will also continue for all years and for U14 girls.



**BE A TEAM PLAYER! HAVE SOME FUN AND GET INVOLVED!**





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### PERFORMER OF THE MONTH

#### JANUARY

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Jake Rayson       | YR7  |
| Abdullah Karim    | YR8  |
| Charlie Loveridge | YR9  |
| Loron Hurd        | YR10 |
| Claudia Conde     | YR11 |

#### FEBRUARY

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Sean Reynish    | YR7  |
| Sophie Ely      | YR8  |
| Dominika Kowal  | YR9  |
| Connor Noble    | YR10 |
| Bradley Thurlow | YR11 |



to all  
our  
award  
winners

### HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

#### Student of the Term (SPRING)

Païam Mahmoud 11D  
Jay Gilbertson-Saggers 10R

#### Praise Postcards for Excellent Work

Barbara Jakubowska 11D  
Danielle Dixon 11R  
Louisa Harris 10K  
Danielle Fenn 10K  
Ellie-Rose McLellan 10K  
Kiyah Head 10H

### HUMANITIES STUDENT OF THE MONTH

#### FEBRUARY

Jade Archer 7W  
Harvey Lain 7K  
Valerio Cardoso 7K  
Denise Coelho 8K  
Harry Stephenson 8N  
Lacey Burton 8T  
Ashley Clements 9D  
Sian Williams 9K  
Antonio Frost 10D  
Rowan Haste 10H  
Niamh McCullough 10K  
James Sherman 11W  
Lauren Curtis 11L  
Gavin Coyne 11N

### LINGUIST OF THE MONTH

#### FEBRUARY

Year 7 - Lorna Kelly  
Year 8 - Harry Wilson  
Year 9 - Caitlin Miller

### ARTIST OF THE TERM

Archie Nichols 7H  
Depade Ouassingou 7R  
Callum Hubert 8W  
Helen Su 8K  
Samuel Filby 9R  
Leanne Dakin 9T  
Brandon Moyes 10N  
Rebecca Heath 10H  
Sam Downer 11N  
Isra Modawi 11W

### PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE TERM

Scott McKay 10T  
Diana Ramalho 10D

### MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH JANUARY

Reggie Singh 7H  
Jamie Pointon 7H  
Mack Taylor 7W  
Teagan Stone 8T  
Elle Matthews 8T  
Maddison Cloud 8H  
Temuri Turner 9R  
Jakob Kemp 9R  
Callum Southgate 10D  
Damien Collis 10R  
Jordan Brame 11H  
Sally Su 11D

### SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

Cara Storer 7R  
Abigail Rudge 8K  
Dawid Hojka 9L  
Mikka Jay, 10R  
Sarah Dowsing 11T

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

Nicolau Neves-Mitcul 7N  
Atalyia Clarke 8H  
Callie Green 9D  
Megan Baker 10R  
Greta Supinaite 11R

### LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE READERS OF THE MONTH

#### FEBRUARY

Year 7- Sylwia Kedzierska  
Year 7 top class  
7y1 Ms Lawson  
Year 8 - Gabriele Grajauskaite  
Year 8 top class  
8y3 Ms Salter