



## Spring Term



### A Night of Hip-Hop

Miss Woodall, our Head of Music, put on this year's Spring Concert 'A Night of Hip Hop!' The students were incredible, rapping, instead of singing, Hip Hop songs including those by Eminem and Coolio! Our orchestra also played a wonderful medley of Hip Hops songs.

A massive thanks to Miss Jones and our Business students for supplying the refreshments on the night and a big thank you to everyone who came to support our students! It was a great evening which everyone enjoyed!

### Sea Cadets

Two of our students, Jamie Douglas & Olivia Goddard represented Yeovil Sea cadets in the Somerset and Dorset District Area Drill Competition. Our Marine Cadets have worked incredibly hard giving up most of their weekends to train. Jamie and Olivia won their competition and they're going to the Nationals in April. Well done both!



### Sports

Congratulations to Yr8 student Mason on winning the U15 singles South Somerset Badminton Community Network Tournament- fab work as he was also the runner up in the U15 doubles!

Well done to our Year 7 boys football team after their Area Cup game win, now they are heading into the Area Cup Final- Good luck boys!

Another win from our Yr 7 girls Netball team who are now through to the Area Finals this week. Good luck to you all!

### Tree Planting

Our Year 7 students and our Science department have been planting more trees in our lower school field. These trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust as a way to replace and rejuvenate tree populations! Woodland Trust encourage the planting of woods and trees to combat climate change to build a greener future for the UK!



# Food and Nutrition

Every year we enter our most talented and determined young chefs into the ICG/Teflon National Aspiring Student Chef Competition. Students had to cook, photograph and write a recipe as well as explain their signature dish and why they wanted to win to enter. Out of 100's of entries across the country, Westfield Academy had FOUR students selected to attend the national final in Bournemouth! This was an outstanding achievement as we are always proud to get even just one student through to the final.

For the first time we had two students in the 11-14 year old age category: Ruairidh Smith in Yr 7 (the youngest competitor) with a homemade pasta dish of spaghetti carbonara, and Theo Higgins-Hart in Yr 9 with another pasta dish of pesto cod with a herb crumb. We then had two students in the 14-16 category: John Freeman in Yr 11 with a king prawn and watermelon curry and coconut rice, and Oliver Parsons with a handmade stuffed ravioli and pesto sauce.



Following on from Theo Higgins-Hart's success at The Rotary Young Chef competition hosted at Westfield in January, Theo went to Burnham on Sea and competed again representing Yeovil. This time, he had to produce a 3 course meal in 2 hours, along with a set table and menu. We are delighted to say that Theo got second place and is now through to the Southern Cluster Final in Cardiff! This is an extraordinary achievement for this young chef, who is thrilled at the opportunity. He will compete in April, and if successful will then go to the National Final. Good luck Theo, we are very proud of you!



Year 11 have just completed the practical element of their GCSE course, culminating in serving 3 high level dishes in just 3 hours!

## Student Message

*A message from Nerys (Yr9)..*

There have been countless events taking place recently at Westfield Academy as the new year starts and spring comes around again. So many events have already taken place, including the school's wonderful production of Bugsy Malone and the Spring Hip Hop Concert.

The school production of Bugsy Malone was a collaboration between the drama and music departments, and involved many of Westfield's talented performers. The audience have described the performance as atmospheric and the refreshments were served by the school's own business students. The school has been working non-stop to create this stunning performance, from recreating every prop and learning every word.

Another recent school event was the Spring Hip Hop Concert which was comprised of performances by students and teachers. There were a number of unique performances and the atmosphere was incredibly joyous.

On top of this, more events are planned for the future and there is almost always an opportunity for a student to showcase their skills, whether it be on a stage or behind the scenes.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SUMMER TERM 1

- Monday 17th April - Students Return from Easter Break
- Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
- Monday 15th May - Year 11 Live GCSE Exams Start
- Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half Term Break
- Monday 5th June - Students Return from Half Term



## SCHOOL SHOW

### Bugsy Malone

In February our Creative Arts departments teamed up to recreate 'Bugsy Malone', starring our very dedicated and talented students. The show was performed in front of friends, family and the local community- the show even got published in the local newspaper 'Yeovil Press!' Many thanks to the amazing staff members for working so hard to bring this all together and well done to all students involved- you all put on a fantastic performance!



## Work Experience

### Work Experience Week

Last Monday, the majority of our Year 10 cohort participated in our annual Work Experience Week. This involves students finding their own work placement of interest in order to learn about a job role, a company or a career sector. Placements included local primary schools and nurseries, cafes and restaurants, engineering and automotive businesses, hairdressers and beauty salons and even venues further afield such as Bristol, Surrey and London where a court of law and a recording studio was visited!

Covid had sadly disrupted the last three years and now economic pressures hinder the organisation of the whole scheme. This is a year long project, which takes all of that time to coordinate and finalise but the feedback we are now receiving has been phenomenal. Teaching and Support Staff head out to visit the students and comments from Employers so far include our young people being the best they have ever had, they are a credit to themselves and the school and further job role opportunities such as Apprenticeships have been offered! Well done to all who participated. We really hope you enjoyed your week as it is all for your benefit and we will now be focusing on evaluating your time and what you have learnt, which will assist in making those all important post 16 choices. A huge thank you to all of the Employers who supported us. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated, especially in such difficult times and we look forward to working with you again in the future. Here is a wonderful selection of photos of our students to share with you all. If you think you can assist us in 2024 and beyond, please do get in touch with the school.



# Work Experience



Thank you for another great term and we hope you have a good Easter break!





# CHALLENGING

# THE STEREOTYPE



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