



# SUCCESSFUL LIFELONG LEARNERS



Westfield Academy

Seeing the qualities in every child





# WELCOME

Educating children is a privilege that brings with it a responsibility to provide the best all-round education.

We aim to help students discover who they are and what they aspire to achieve. We recognise and value the unique qualities in every child and take pride in fostering a warm, inclusive community where all students feel respected and supported.

Our goal is to nurture confidence, independence, tolerance, and integrity; to develop strong communication skills; to inspire creativity, and to promote effective teamwork.

We believe that happy children thrive in an environment of high expectations and strong support, where they can achieve more than they thought possible. As the world continues to evolve, Westfield students are developing the skills they need to succeed in the future.

A strong partnership between home and school is key to this journey. Open, effective communication ensures that each child receives the support they need to flourish in every aspect of school life.



“ Westfield Academy is a happy, inclusive and caring school. The school’s ethos is built on warm and respectful relationships between staff and pupils.  
Ofsted Report

# STRIVE



## VALUES

At the core of our school community lies a set of fundamental values that shape our whole-school curriculum and ethos.

We are proud to be a diverse and inclusive school. Cultivating an open, equal environment is essential to the success of our students. Our STRIVE values are actively encouraged throughout all areas of school life.

We encourage students to take on roles to develop these skills in leadership and communication such as Prefects and Peer Tutors. With each role comes recognition for their dedication to the school, along with a unique set of responsibilities. Students learn discipline and further develop key competencies, which not only impress future employers but also help build confidence and self-esteem.

Our commitment to these values prepares students for life beyond our doors, ensuring they leave Westfield as compassionate, well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the wider world.



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### SCHOLARSHIP

Work hard and apply effective study habits.



### TEAMWORK

Work positively and effectively with others.



### RESILIENCE

Have self-awareness and be willing to adapt to change.



### INTEGRITY

Be honest in all that you do, and show respect for others.



### VERSATILITY

Adapt, be flexible, and find new ways to learn.



### EMPATHY

Be aware of the feelings of others and support your peers.



# SCHOLARSHIP

Staff acknowledge and recognise the talents of every child and are fully committed to providing a supportive and stimulating environment.

This approach enables students to grow and develop as individuals. Regular school trips and visits from external speakers enrich the educational experience, adding depth and context to subject areas. We adopt a variety of teaching and learning methods across a broad curriculum, offering a wide selection of subjects at Key Stage 4. Students then select a range of subjects to study at GCSE level.

This encourages independence and allows for a personalised education that reflects each student's strengths, interests, and future ambitions.

In line with our commitment to providing relevant and engaging courses, we have introduced several new GCSE and BTEC subjects in recent years including Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism, Photography, Business & Enterprise, Statistics and Textiles. These have proven to be popular choices among our Year 10 and 11 students.



# TEAMWORK

Our enrichment programme provides an exciting platform allowing students to expand their personal interests and experiences outside of regular timetabled lessons.

Performing Arts is particularly popular at Westfield Academy, with the department producing several professional performances each year. These Dance & Drama productions unite students from our BTEC Performing Arts classes and extracurricular groups, resulting in a dazzling showcase of talent. Our 2025 school production of 'Disco Inferno' was an exceptional display of our students' abilities, with various departments collaborating to bring the performance to life.

Breaktime and after-school practices take place daily within our vibrant Music department, supporting the school orchestra, steel pan group, concert band, school choir and senior choir.

Equally, our thriving Sports Department runs daily extracurricular activities, providing additional coaching for our up-and-coming sports stars, and an opportunity to build on current skills and techniques. Consistent performance in local, area and county finals has built Westfield Academy's reputation as the premier choice for young and ambitious sports enthusiasts.



Additionally, the school continues to take part in the popular Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Even though it is physically, mentally and emotionally challenging, it is still a firm favourite amongst those wishing to challenge themselves and obtain the award in recognition of their commitment and dedication.





# RESILIENCE

Staff and students within Westfield are expected and encouraged to aim for the top, work hard and strive to succeed.

We recognise that in order to achieve, students need to be well-supported and develop an enthusiasm for learning. At Westfield Academy, careers education is taught throughout the school curriculum and we are dedicated to preparing students for living and working in the adult world. To give students from Year 7 to Year 11 the opportunity to consider the world of work and their personal preparation for it, all subject areas highlight opportunities to discover the relevance of their subject to their future employment choices.

Our Post-16 provision is something we are incredibly proud of, actively fostering high-quality CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and providing students with an introduction to the world of work, skills and opportunity. We offer tailored careers advice and guidance aiming to help students think realistically about their ambitions, empowering them to make reasoned, informed choices about their future pathways.

Year 10 students have the opportunity to undertake a week's work experience with a chosen employer. This provides the students with a fantastic opportunity to discover a wide variety of industries, roles and tasks, ready for making those all-important Post-16 choices.



Between the exceptional facilities and the incredibly supportive staff, Westfield Academy truly nurtures each child's potential. I cannot recommend this school highly enough.

Parent



# INTEGRITY

At Westfield Academy, achievement is celebrated in and outside of school.

At Westfield Academy, we believe that achievement is rooted in integrity: doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. We foster a culture of honesty and respect in all aspects of school life, from academic work to personal interactions. This principle guides everything we do, both inside and outside of school.

Our value of integrity is reflected in how we recognise success. Daily and termly reward systems are built not only on achievement but also on effort, perseverance, and doing what's right. These moments of recognition provide a powerful way for families and staff to celebrate the morals and honest hard work and commitment that our students consistently demonstrate.

We proudly acknowledge and celebrate accomplishments that take place beyond the classroom. Many of our students show outstanding commitment and discipline in developing their talents in Sport, Performing Arts, and Music. Their dedication has opened exciting doors, from prestigious performances to competitive sporting arenas.





# VERSATILITY

No two students are the same and success can mean different things to different people. What matters is that every student is provided with a first-class educational experience and given the optimum chance to achieve their full potential.

Students regularly achieve beyond their targeted levels, proving that within our school, personal aspirations are high. Inspiring students to challenge themselves creates determined, committed individuals who learn first-hand the rewards of persistence and effort.

We all learn differently at various levels, at different speeds and with varying abilities. While some excel in the classroom, others absorb more from practical, hands-on experiences, and some may require additional support from our SEND team. Recognising the personal needs of each child allows us to tailor our provision, providing the support they need to reach their full potential.

Continually striving to improve and build on our facilities makes our academy an exciting and inspiring place for all.

We were the first secondary school in Somerset where all students have personal Chromebooks, and we continue to integrate these into our everyday educational experiences. This enables students to progress faster in an environment where teachers are able to utilise the power of collaboration and the constant visibility of students' work to further develop critical thinking and communication skills.

The Creative Arts departments are equipped with many state-of-the-art facilities such as our very own recording studio, 300-seat theatre, and dance studio complete with a sprung floor. Alongside our 3G artificial turf pitch, flood-lit tennis and netball courts and refurbished sports hall, we can also boast the addition of an inflatable sports dome.

**“** Westfield Academy is a warm, welcoming environment for everyone. Our teaching and support staff work collaboratively to ensure every student feels supported and valued throughout their educational journey.

Staff member





# EMPATHY

At Westfield Academy, we are dedicated to creating an environment that nurtures and positively transforms the lives of the children and young people in our care. We take our responsibility to safeguard and promote their welfare very seriously.

All staff, governors and volunteers undergo regular safeguarding training and are required to be familiar with and implement our policies and practices aimed at keeping students safe. Recruitment is led by designated leaders trained in safer recruitment procedures.

We are extremely proud of our pastoral provision, which is driven by a dedicated team of non-teaching professionals, comprising a Pastoral Lead, Designated Safeguarding Leads, our Attendance Team, and Heads of Year.

Heads of Year deliver exceptional pastoral care and, alongside the Tutor, act as a trusted point of contact for students who wish to discuss any concerns, ideas or achievements.

As adults, we often look back on our school years with fondness and appreciation for the experiences that shaped us. At Westfield, our hope is that every child leaves having made the greatest possible progress based on their individual abilities and is well-equipped for the next stage of their lives.



# HOUSES

Upon joining Westfield, all students are assigned to a House, with each captained by a staff House Leader. Aqua, Ignis, Terra & Ventus.

Form tutors are assigned to the same House as their tutor group, a connection proudly reflected in the group's name (such as A1 for Aqua or I1 for Ignis). This shared identity helps to build a strong sense of belonging and family.

Through regular inter-house events, students can experience healthy competition and compete for further rewards and accolades. Ultimately, our Houses are about developing a desire to go 'above and beyond'.



AQUA



IGNIS



TERRA



VENTUS



“ Since joining, my child has truly thrived thanks to the strong sense of community. Staff provide incredible support, making Westfield a wonderfully welcoming environment to learn and grow. Parent

# CARING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Throughout the academic year, our vibrant community spirit shines through a variety of fundraising events. These include our annual Lord's Larder appeal, cake sales, coin collections, non-uniform days and staff vs. student competitions, all supporting both local and national charities.

Our most highly anticipated events, such as the Colour Run and Fun Run, have collectively raised over £13,000 in recent years. We are incredibly proud of our ongoing commitment to charities like School in a Bag, consistently raising vital funds alongside our support for St Margaret's Hospice.

Whether large or small, these initiatives bring students and staff together in a fun, spirited celebration of community, and we eagerly look forward to continuing this strong tradition of giving in the years ahead.



At Westfield Academy we are committed to a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing for all students, staff, parents and carers. We know that wellbeing is fundamental to learning and achievement and we want to ensure that it is at the heart of education and the school community.





Starting secondary school was a big step, but Westfield instantly felt incredibly welcoming. The teachers really help you find your individual strengths and build your confidence. I've had so many amazing opportunities already, and the after-school clubs are a great place to meet new friends.

Year 7 Student



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