



Westfield Academy

Seeing the qualities in every child



Welcome

At Westfield Academy we see the qualities in every child.

When you join our academy you become part of a warm, friendly community where everyone matters and everyone's accomplishments are celebrated. We believe that education helps build strong foundations, and provides the academic skills and life lessons our students need as individuals to carve out successful futures. Teachers, staff and students share one common goal, to ensure that as individuals and as a school, we all become the very best that we can be.





“ Children are encouraged to make the most of the outstanding opportunities on offer at Westfield so that they may become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. We’re all very proud of our students and the local community that we serve. ”



Mr C Hunt, Principal of Westfield Academy



Responsibility

Students leave Westfield as well rounded individuals with appreciation and consideration for others. Commitment, resilience, honesty and respect are actively encouraged throughout all areas of school life, but for those who wish to enhance their personal development and lead by example, there are a variety of positions throughout the year groups for which students can apply; Head Boy and Girl, Prefects, Peer Tutors, School Council Representatives, House Captains, Form Captains and so on. Students are given the opportunity to canvass opinion, represent views, lead assemblies and help mould the continuous improvement of their own school, while at the same time developing vital employability skills.





Academic Excellence

A variety of approaches to teaching and learning allow students to be specifically matched to the curriculum based on their individual needs and ability. In Year 7 and Year 8, all students follow courses in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, French, Spanish, Art, Music, Drama, Computing, Design Technology, Social Ethics and P.E. From Year 9 onwards, KS4 students select a number of subjects to continue studying at GCSE level in preparation for their exams. Core subjects such as English, Maths and Science are all compulsory but the freedom to choose a number of additional subjects including Dance and Mandarin supports student's independence offering self tailored education to suit their strengths, interests and future aspirations.

Teachers and staff acknowledge and recognise the talents of every child, and are fully committed to providing a supportive and stimulating environment allowing students to personally develop and grow as individuals.

Regular school trips and external visitors also provide further depth and detail to learning, ensuring subject areas are explored with maximum effect.



“ Westfield is an outstanding School with supportive staff and teachers who help you reach your full potential and beyond.” Year 9 Pa





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Recognising Achievement

Success, in and outside of school, is celebrated at Westfield Academy. A variety of daily and termly reward systems are in place for all students, and three annual Celebration Evenings form a very important part of the school calendar. We believe in the power of praise so events like these provide the perfect opportunity for parents and teachers to focus on the achievements of the children and congratulate them for their continued hard work and performance.

Acknowledging out of school accomplishments is also something we do very well at Westfield. Many of our students have special talents in Sport, Performing Arts and Music which has opened an array of exciting doors for them. Westfield is home to a whole host of incredible individualsdance champions, international gymnasts, budding actors and actresses training with national theatre companies, multi-talented musicians and song writers and county sports champions with some even achieving representation at a national level.





“ Students are respectful and any issues are sorted quickly. Expectations are high but fair. Our daughter is now in Year 11 and the school has performed extremely well against our own expectations as parents”

Yr 11 Parent

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High Expectations

Staff and students within Westfield are expected and encouraged to aim for the top, work hard and strive to succeed. Good behaviour is compulsory, as is smart uniform at all times. Looking smart encourages pride in presentation, promotes equality and instils a sense of belonging. Our standards are high, but we recognise that in order to achieve, students need to be well supported and develop an enthusiasm for learning. In addition to on site resources, a variety of online platforms can be accessed outside of school to further build on lesson material. The school equally expects parents and carers to show an interest in their children's education and believes continuous, two-way communication between home and school is essential.





Progress For All

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. Westfield excels in progress. Students regularly achieve above and beyond their targeted levels, proving that within our school, personal aspirations are high. Inspiring students to challenge themselves creates determined, committed individuals who learn hands on, the reward of persistence and effort.





Opportunity

Our enrichment programme provides an exciting platform allowing students to expand their personal interests and experiences outside regular timetabled lessons. The popularity of Dance and Drama within Westfield continues to grow, with both departments producing a number of high quality performances each year. Lunch time and after school practices take place every day within our busy Music Department, supporting the school orchestra, jazz band, string group, school choir and senior choir. Equally our thriving Sports Department run daily extra curricular 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 is quickly building Westfield Academy's reputation as the premier choice for young and ambitious sport enthusiasts.

A number of exciting residential trips to Barcelona, Paris, Italy and London await eager students keen to broaden their horizons. In recent years we have even built strong international links with schools in China and India, a fantastic opportunity for students to travel to these countries and learn more about their culture. Many students also choose to take on the challenge of the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award, allowing them to further develop their team building, leadership and problem solving skills.





Seeing The Qualities In Every Child

We all learn differently. At different levels, different speeds and with varying abilities. Some excel in the classroom, others absorb more from practical, hands on experiences, and a number of children may require additional support from our SEN (Special Educational Needs) team. Recognising the personal needs of each child allows us to tailor our provisions specifically to them, and provide them with the support they need to reach their full potential. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss any special requirement's for your child's school care in more detail.







“ I would definitely recommend this school. Go and have a look, speak to the staff and students. Westfield Academy has so much to offer. ”

Parent Questionnaire feedback

Innovation and Development

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

The creative arts departments are equipped with many state of the art facilities such as our very own recording studio, 300-seater theatre and dance studio complete with sprung floor.

Along with our existing 3G astro turf pitch, flood-lit tennis and netball courts and refurbished sports hall, we can also boast the addition of a new, inflatable sports dome for Autumn 2016. The dome is the first of it's kind within the South Somerset area creating yet another fantastic undercover space within which we can coach and play. With provisions like these proving to be of enormous benefit to students and the wider community, it's easy to see why Westfield is fast becoming a centre for sporting excellence.



Ambition and Aspiration

“ Careers guidance is well developed. Students undertake work experience which is closely linked to their aspirations and interests. They visit colleges and universities and this raises their aspirations of what they are able to achieve in the future. Ofsted 2014 ”

Westfield Academy is unique within the Somerset area in that it has specific timetabled lessons dedicated to preparing students for living and working in the adult world. Having recently been awarded one of the highest available accolades for excellence in this area of work, the Investors in Careers quality standard, we know our Post 16 guidance is something to be incredibly proud of; actively seeking the development of good quality CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and providing students with a true introduction to the world or work, skills and opportunity. In addition to provoking consideration of future careers, we also aim to help students think realistically about themselves, educating and encouraging them to make reasoned, informed choices about their lifestyle in other areas such as health and wellbeing.





“ I would say our son has flourished. He’s grown in confidence throughout his 5 years here, taken on new hobbies and exceeded expectations in all subjects. We are such proud parents and look forward to seeing this bright, young man continue to grow as he begins College in September. ”

Y11 Parent



Belonging to Westfield

Upon joining Westfield, all children are assigned to a house; Darwin, Einstein, Franklin or Galileo with each house led by a dedicated, non teaching member of staff, the “Head of House”, solely devoted to ensuring the health and wellbeing of the children in their house. Heads of Houses provide exceptional pastoral care and are a go-to for students who wish to discuss any concerns, ideas or achievements. Being part of a house builds a sense of belonging and family, with regular interhouse events allowing students to compete for further rewards and accolades.

Our wonderful students are the very heart of our academy. Ultimately they are the academy and we understand that happy students, who feel safe, appreciated and enjoy school, flourish.

Often as adults we reminisce about our younger years and sometimes even describe school as “the best days of our lives”. Our hope is that every child who leaves Westfield, does so having made the best possible progress that they as individuals could achieve, well prepared for the next steps in their lives and able to reminisce with that same fondness.

“ Open Day was great. It was informal, light-hearted and focused on the children rather than it just being about results. With my child nearing the end of Year 7, I can now say what a wonderful place Westfield really is. The care given to my child has been over and above my expectations. I trust the staff to care as I would and I am very glad my child chose this school. ”

Year 7 Parent





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