

Westfield News



Spring 2018

New Principal

Westfield Academy is delighted to announce the appointment of their new Principal from September 2018. In December, Mr Chris Hunt announced his intention to retire from his role as Principal of Westfield Academy. Mr Hunt has made an outstanding difference to the school in his time as Principal and the school is much changed. As well as an improvement in results and an Ofsted rating of Good, the school has undergone a radical improvement in its facilities. Westfield now boasts two sports halls, an outstanding outdoor courts area, a new 4G sports pitch, new dance studio, a new theatre, an outstanding music department with recording studios, and most recently, a new Design and Technology block. Westfield Academy now has a strong reputation across the community resulting in the incoming year group being fully subscribed. With this in mind, it was essential that we were able to appoint a new Principal who would be able to build on this excellent progress and enable the school to make the step up to outstanding. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Simon Dallimore as the new Principal from September. Mr Dallimore was appointed from a strong field comprising existing heads and deputies from across the country. In his role as Vice Principal, Mr Dallimore has been part of the transformation of the school over these recent years and understands the role of Westfield in the community. He is also an outstanding leader and brings with him a clear plan and a fresh vision to raise the outcomes and results across all students at Westfield Academy. Mr Simon Dallimore said 'It will be a privilege to build on the strong foundations that Mr Hunt has laid down. As a Principal, it is vital to have a real belief in the ethos of the school you are leading and I believe that students succeed in an environment that values them as individuals, where they are happy, where they experience high expectations and academic challenge. This enables students to achieve more than they thought possible. Mr Adam Dyer, Chair of Governors said 'as a governing body we are delighted by this appointment, and we are excited about the future of Westfield Academy under Mr Dallimore's leadership. The foundations are in place for this to be a great school where students achieve outstanding results and leave with a clear understanding of who they are and what they want to achieve in the world. We believe that Mr Dallimore will lead the whole school community towards that goal. Westfield Academy is an exciting place to be right now.'



China Trip

There is still time to book your place on the planned trip to China in February 2019. This is open to students across all years and is a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture and way of life. Anyone interested should contact Mr Mounsey. Payment plans are available to help spread the cost and make it more manageable.



Duke of Edinburgh

The dates and details for the forthcoming expeditions are as follows:
Practice day walk: 18/03/18 (Trent area, local drop off and pick up by parents)

Practice overnight expedition: Saturday 12/05/18 - Sunday 13/05/18 (Martock area, local drop off and pick up by parents)
Assessed expedition: Saturday 23/06/18 - Sunday 24/06/18 (Swanage area, transport provided from school to location and back again).

Unfortunately there are currently 350 books overdue from the School Library. Letters have gone out to the parents of the students who borrowed them. If you could help us recover these books we would be extremely grateful

Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Dylan Madge** on gaining his Cadet 1st class promotion for Sea Cadets from the 1st Lieutenant of HMS Yeovilton. A very proud moment. Well done.

Westfield Academy student **James Bamford** was invited to dance at the Royal Academy of Dance HQ for HRH the Duchess of Cornwall as part of Project B on 1st February. This is a boys only group created by the Royal Academy and we've heard he had an amazing time and even chatted with Elaine Paige and Angela Rippon! What a great opportunity James. **Freya Milner** rang the bells Campanology in a church that had the bells replaced. This happens every 200 years, and she was the first to sound these bells.

Eloisa Lloyd beat strong competition in 2 previous rounds and secured herself a place in the South West Final of the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition. This is a national competition run every year by the Rotary Club. She didn't win the regional round to make the National Final this time, but she did incredibly well to make it that far. Contestants had to cook a 3 course meal in 2 hours based on healthy eating. Her theme was 'Gone Fishing' and she made an anchovy and burrato mozzarella salad, healthy fish pie with pea puree and glazed carrots, and an avocado chocolate mousse with moulded chocolate shells. Well done on your achievement Eloisa, a great opportunity to showcase some of the skills you have gained from your GCSE Food and Nutrition course at school!



School Trips

Students have been on a variety of school trips already this year. All Year 11 Art students spent the day at the Museum of Somerset, taking photographs and doing observational studies as preparation for their final exam.

This year the exam board set the theme of '**Fragments**'. 48 Year 8 students also enjoyed a visit to the Globe Theatre to see Much Ado About Nothing recently. We also took 112 Year 9 students (most of the year group) to Monkey World for deep learning day no 4, where they learnt about feeding behaviour, ecology and conservation of primates among other topics. A great day was had by all and we even sponsored 3 primates. Summer Term also has some great school trips on the calendar. Our trip to the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley in May is fast approaching and we can't wait. Westfield Academy Sports Department are especially excited.

Work Experience

During the week commencing 12th March 2018, all of our Year 10 students ventured out into the world of work. Some were local, some went further a field and some even spoke different languages! They were able to explore a variety of industries such as Healthcare, Armed Forces, Education, Hospitality, Hair & Beauty, Engineering, Media, Motor Vehicles. Many thanks to all of the Employers that were able to accommodate us. We have had some amazing feedback so we are really proud of our students for making the most of the week. Take a look at these fantastic comments.....'I cannot sing this students praises enough. During their time here, they have shown confidence in their work and fulfilled all tasks exceptionally. I have no doubt they'll go far'. 'The student was a pleasure to have in class and the children appreciated their support and help. Thank you for a superb week. We hope that someday you become a teacher as we are sure you would thrive at it!' 'It was an absolute pleasure having the student work with us for the week. They were polite, helpful, confident and punctual; often turning up early. I feel that they have a lot of potential.'

Finance Office Reminders

Please ensure you put any payments due to the Finance Office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the payment relates to and hand into Student Reception or the Finance Office. Don't forget you can use our online payment system to top up smartcards and to make most payments to us, although some trips will need an initial payment by cheque or cash. Uniform orders can also be placed online, please arrange to collect any orders from the Finance Office

Term dates

	Term begins	Term ends	Half Term
Summer Term	Mon 9th April 2018	Fri 20th July 2018	Mon 28th May —Fri 1st June 2018