

Westfield News

Year 6 Newsletter: 2021



Welcome to Westfield Academy

Dear Parent

I am delighted that you have chosen Westfield Academy for your child's secondary education. Please be assured that we will strive to make sure that your child is happy and safe and enjoys their learning. They will be challenged, encouraged and supported to meet their full academic potential. They will also be given the broadest possible range of opportunities outside of the classroom through our sporting, artistic and creative extra-curriculum programme. I trust that you as a parent will encourage your child to be fully involved in the life of their school.

We will share important information with you at our Virtual Welcome Evening later this month. We are unclear at this time whether we will be able to host a transition day/evening in July for our September 2021 students and parents. Regardless of this we will ensure you and your child are fully prepared for a successful transition to Westfield Academy.

Mr S Dallimore
Headteacher



Mr Simon Dallimore
Headteacher



Mr Matt Reid
Deputy Headteacher

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs J Strange - Assistant Headteacher/SENCo
Mrs S Allen - Director of English
Mr S Brimson - Director of Maths
Mr N Creasey - Director of Science
Mrs R Middlemast - Director of Sport
Mrs J Coles - Safeguarding Lead
Mr Mark Payne - Business Manager

Student Welfare

We all want our students to succeed academically, but it's equally important that they leave Westfield as rounded, confident and articulate young adults. Student welfare is paramount, and our dedicated team of support staff care for students from day one through to the end of Year 11. The Head of Year 7 is Mr Bromham. He is a non-teaching member of staff who is there to mentor and provide support for all Year 7 students.

If your child is unwell you should contact our Attendance Officer, Mr Mounsey as soon as possible to let us know they will not be attending school.

Wherever possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. However, we do understand the difficulties with this so if an appointment is made during school hours please ensure you; Contact *Mr Mounsey in advance to inform him of the date and time of the appointment* - Provide your child with a note to enable them to leave school during the day.

What's Been Happening @Westfield

BOOKBUZZ 2020 - Just in time for Christmas, every child in Year 7 received a book as part of this scheme which is run by the Booktrust to encourage reading for pleasure! We have taken part in this scheme for the last four years and the students are always extremely excited to receive their books.

POSITIVE POINTS RAFFLES - So far this academic year we have run two raffles. One for a Christmas Chocolate Hamper and the most recent for a Stationery Hamper. Positive Behaviour Points are reviewed over the course of the week and students given entries based on how many points they have received. We hope to be able to continue these in the future as a way of celebrating the fabulous work our students do.

ONLINE CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES - As we were unable to hold our Christmas Carol Service or Performing Arts Concerts both our Music and Performing Arts Departments worked hard with students to put together virtual performances showcasing our students creative talents. The videos were wonderful to watch at the end of a difficult, and very different, first term back at school.

PUBLISHED POET - Year 11 student Lauren Mines won a National Poetry competition with Young Writers. From the 10,000 entries she won her class and was published in their new book "Through Their Eyes".

COUNTY LINES WORKSHOP - Staff of the St Giles Trust joined us to deliver a County Lines workshop to our Year 10 & 11 students in early December. Helping students to identify and avoid the risk is something we take very seriously as a school.

LOCKDOWN CHALLENGES - Students & staff has taken part in two challenges, set by the PE Department, during the most recent lockdown! The first challenge had us collecting how far we had travelled during our exercise to accumulate the distance from Lands End to John O'Groats. The second was 'House Team' challenge - a race around the Premier League stadiums, including YTFC. This event concluded at the end of February so we are eagerly waiting to see which House made it the furthest!

CULINARY SUCCESS - Year 10 student Abi Saunders went through to the final 10 in the National ICG cookery competition. This is an annual competition for aspiring young cooks. She did extremely well to get through to this point of the competition we are very proud.

REMEMBRANCE - With remembrance parades not going ahead Westfield Academy spent time in school remembering all of those who have served and sacrificed during War and the 2020 Pandemic. Our display showed both the poppy and the rainbow, alongside of messages of thanks to all of those who serve.



Safeguarding

The safety of our students is extremely important at Westfield. We believe that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people under the age of 18 years and keep them safe.

Mrs Coles (left) is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and her Deputy is Ms Broom (right). They work in partnership with all staff and other agencies to ensure our students are as safe and happy as they can be.

