

Friday 5th January 2018

# WESTFIELD NEWS



## Headteacher's Welcome to 2018

Firstly I hope you all had an excellent festive break and we would all like to offer you our best wishes for the New Year.

The Autumn term is always a long one. It starts with the tail-end of summer, long days, bright sun and then ends with snow days and darkness at the end of school. It was however a fabulous term, topped off with an exceptional Panto run by the Creative Arts Faculty. What I loved about the Panto, it was genuinely funny and well done to all the amazing students who played a part in it's production, it really ended the year on a positive note.

We also ended with our 'presentation evening'. What was so nice was that an ex-student came to do the keynote speech. He is one of a small group of ex-students who have come together to offer bursaries to the most deserving students to support them through university. What is so nice is that these are all ex-students who live all around the world, are all successful lawyers and are happy to come back to their old school and support the students.

This is a shorter term, but a key one for exam classes. Next week we start the 'mock exams' which is the best way to see whether students are 'getting it' or still struggling. Revision sessions will take place after school and Ms Dunkley will soon be looking at introducing Saturday revision as well. We are aiming to top last year's excellent exam results.

Have a great new year and thank you as ever for your support.

## Presentation Evening

On Monday 18th December, Westfield Academy welcomed back last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students to celebrate their hard work and achievements in the summer of 2017 with their GCSE and A-Level exams. The evening was a perfect way for staff and students to say thank you and congratulate one another on all of the work and effort they put into their studies.

We were very honoured to have Mr Gary O'Neill as our guest speaker and a representative of the prestigious Bill Phillips Scholarship awards. Mr O'Neill spoke with both passion and flair about the rewards of hard work and perseverance and was inspiring to our young people about what they can achieve. Mr O'Neill then presented a monetary scholarship to two ex-Year 13 students to help them with their studies at university. Both Husam Imad and Hajrah Faheem were worthy winners of these prizes and were very humbled at the generosity and care that they were shown.

The celebrations carried on after the awards, with an excellent spread of refreshments and nibbles that were made by our canteen staff. The spread was delicious and really captured the celebratory feel of the evening with everyone having an array of treats.

At the end of a very busy term, this was the perfect way to celebrate all of the hard work and the efforts of every member of staff at the school and the students that we are fortunate enough to teach every day. The evening was a way of remembering why we do what we do and the positive effects this has on our young people.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the evening and for everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

Next week is  
**Week 2**  
on the  
timetable.



# Year 8 Information

Year 8 has had an excellent first term. We've improved our attendance and have settled well into our new form groups. There has been a lot change for the year group, but the students' resilience and positivity has carried us through the first term with wonderful achievements and a lot to celebrate. In our final assembly we recognised and celebrated some of the achievements we've had in the first term.

All forms have improved their attendance this year and the form with the highest attendance, 8W, enjoyed a lovely reward breakfast with me. We also recognised those students that have consistently gone above and beyond and have achieved the highest number of achievement points in the year group:

Maaham Nawaaz, Lara Ward, Eloise Green, Ruth Draganescu, Haroon Bhatti, Preeti Randhawa, Sinthu Sivamanoharan, Alisha Jenkins, Eden Waller and Toby Righton.

As well as students who have shown exemplary behaviour, significantly improved and/or shown exceptional resilience in the face of obstacles:

Holly Shanahan, Rebecca Pike, Chloe Baker, Dilawar Butt, Ryan Keanes, Felie Mae, Shamini Shanthakumar, Emelia Fox, Hari Namachchivayam, Gergo Balazs, Kaisal Khan and Imran Mohammed.

In addition to these achievements, many Year 8 students took part in the Pantomime and did an amazing job. I was so impressed with the talent we have in this year group! Kofi Adom, Molly Toombs and Wali Chaudhary gave particularly outstanding performances and I look forward to seeing more from them in the coming years.

We also did the big end of term prize draw, which was very exciting! We drew raffle tickets from students who chose to bank their tickets from previous draws as well as all students who maintained 100% attendance throughout the term. The winner for the second prize of a £10 INTU voucher was Eloise Green and the winner of the grand prize of a £50 INTU voucher was Ziyad Adom Koko!

Last but certainly not least, we announced the student of the term. This is a student who always works hard and helps others; shows empathy to peers and supports staff; exemplifies the 'Westfield Way' and shows exceptional resilience and industriousness. This term the student selected was Lara Ward! Some well-deserved recognition for one of the hardest-working and nicest students in the year.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to the staff, students and parents for an excellent first term. I am very much looking forward to the New Year and beyond.

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# Year 10 information

First of all I hope everyone had a fantastic festive period and I would like to wish you all a happy new year. Year 10 started off the year in very good fashion, with some fantastic test results, individual achievements and I am looking forward to seeing the achievements that will be made this term.

In our final assembly of 2017, we spent the time celebrating success across the year, appreciating those with great attendance, positive records and also individual achievements. In the end of term assembly we had a raffle draw which included the students that had 100% attendance, those that have gone above and beyond, student council and those that banked their ticket from previous assemblies. The raffle prizes were a £50 Intu Watford voucher, a £10 Intu Watford voucher, an original signed RAK SU poster and chocolates.

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# Literacy Thought of the Week

## Who vs Whom vs Whose vs Who's

**Who** is used to identify a living pronoun. For example, if you asked, "Who ate all of the cookies?" the answer could be a person, like myself ("I did"), or another living being ("the dog did").

**Whom** is a little trickier. It's usually used to describe someone who's receiving something, like a letter. For example, "To whom will it be addressed?" But it can also be used to describe someone on the receiving end of an action. For example, "Whom did we hire to join the podcast team?"

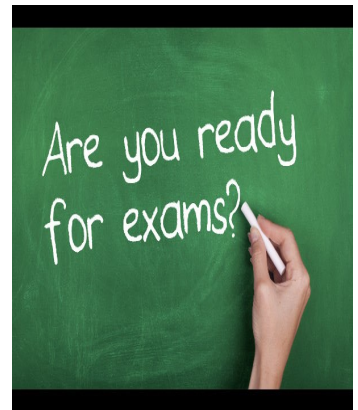
**Whose** is used to assign ownership to someone. For example, "Whose sweater is that?"

**Who's**, on the other hand, is used to identify a living being. It's a contraction for "who is". For example, "Who's playing in the football match tonight?"

# Year 11 Mocks

Mocks will be starting next week on Thursday. Students have all been issued their individual timetables and should be preparing for their exams. Revision sessions will be running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Detentions will be running as normal.

These mocks will be the basis of the predicted grades issued to any applications for Post 16 places so it is vital all students try their best. Any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [jcr@westfield.academy](mailto:jcr@westfield.academy). Good luck to all Year 11 students!



# Year 9 Information

Happy New Year to you all!

Last term was very long and very tiring for many of us but I have been increasingly impressed with how well Year 9 have settled into their GCSEs since returning in September.

We have seen some great achievements throughout the first term. At the end of last term we celebrated Jasmina Maroof as she was announced as "Student of the Half Term". Jasmina is a student that quietly succeeds at Westfield; her teachers describe her as being "a pleasure to teach" and "a credit to the Academy". Her attendance is high and she has no negative referrals. Well done Jasmina, thoroughly deserved!

Throughout the term we have been running a raffle ticket system whereby when a student does something good they get a ticket. Over the course of the term the students are picked out and have a choice of a small prize or the chance to be "bank" their ticket for a chance to win a £50 voucher along with our 100% attendees. We drew the prize at the end of last term with Lou-Ann Quentin as our winner receiving a £50 INTU voucher! Well done Lou-Ann.

We now look forward to a new term. I have spoken to all of the forms and emphasised the importance of making a good start. This is a short term and it is vital that every student makes the most of their time.

Please, if you are at all concerned about anything to do with school or if something has changed at home and you feel we need to know, by all means do not hesitate to contact me. It is extremely important that we work together to ensure your child receives the best education possible.

I look forward to sharing more Year 9 success stories with you over the coming term!

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# Year 7 Info

The winner of the £50 voucher for last term's raffle was Pascaline Anie. Pascaline has been consistent with exceptional behaviour and attitude throughout her time so far at Westfield, not to mention that she has 100% attendance! Well Done Pascaline.

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# Girls Netball

Netball returns next week for year 7, 9 and 10 girls @ 3-4PM Thursdays. With fixtures coming up, it is important to see lots of you at training!

Netball is seeing a large boom across England at the moment. There has been a 44% increase in participation at grass roots level in the last year, with nearly 30,000 players pounding the courts across England. The England Roses have also seen success this year after becoming fast5 World champions beating New Zealand and Australia who are ranked 1st and 2nd in the world. England are now ranked 3rd in the world.

This weekend, 3 of England's top teams will be competing in a tri-tournament on BBC sport starting at 13:55PM.



# Girls Football

Girl's football training will continue from Tuesday 9th Jan 3-4pm - all year groups. This is the busiest time of the season with fixtures coming up quickly.

23/1/17 - Tues	Senior	Royal Masonic	Home	4:30pm
29/1/17 - Mon	Junior	Clement Danes	Home	4:15pm
29/1/17 - Mon	Senior	Clement Danes	Home	4:15pm
5/2/17 - Mon	Senior	Watford Girls Grammar	Home	4:00pm
22/2/17 - Thurs	Junior	Watford Girls Grammar	Home	4:00pm
26/2/17 - Mon	Junior	SMB	Away	4:30pm
26/2/17 - Mon	Senior	SMB	Away	4:30pm
1/3/17	Senior	Royal Masonic	Away	4:15pm



# Brain Teaser

## Solution to last week's problem:

See diagram

## This week's brain teaser:

The Merchant

A Merchant can place eight large boxes or ten small boxes into a carton for shipping. In one shipment, he sent a total of 96 boxes. If there are more large boxes than small boxes, how many cartons did he ship?

