



# Westbourne Sports College Newsletter



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## Key Dates

- 17th May—GCSE Exams start
- 27th May—Litter Challenge
- 28th May—Year 11 stand-down
- 31st May—4th June—Half Term

## Reminder

**Mobile Phones, I-pods, MP3s & similar devices (including cameras)**

**These must not be used in the College buildings.**

They may be used during **Break and Lunch time in the canteen and outside the building.**

The above items will be confiscated if used outside of the agreed guidelines and **will need to be collected from the Headteacher at the end of the day.**

If students argue about having one of these items confiscated or if students have these items confiscated **on more than one occasion, a parent will need to come into school to collect it.**

We do not like taking these items off students and hope that parents will support us in encouraging students to adhere to the College rules.

## Does your Child have a Part Time Job?

If so they must have a Work Permit-, this includes Year 11's that have had their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Without a Work Permit a child is working illegally and therefore not covered by any employers liability insurance. A child working for a family member's business- including their parents requires a permit.

Application forms are available from the school office

The form needs to be completed by prospective employer, parents/ carers, child and school and then sent with 2 passport photos to address on form.

The hours school children may work are regulated by Suffolk County Council bye- laws.

**No child shall start work before 7am or work after 7pm on any day of the week.**

**School children can work a maximum of 12 hours a week in term time.**

On a school day a child may work a maximum of 2 hours- either 1-hour between 7am and 8.30am and 1 hour after school but before 7pm, or 2 hours after school.

On Saturdays 13 and 14 year old may work up to 5 hours and 2 on a Sunday

On Saturdays 15 year olds may work up to 8 hours and 2 on Sundays.

If a child has below average school attendance or poor punctuality then a Work Permit will not be issued. If a pupils attendance or punctuality falls a Work Permit may be with drawn.

For further information contact Suffolk County Councils Child Employment Officer on 01473 584772.

## Year 10 Work Experience

It is with a great sense of pride that I am able to report what a huge success this year's, two weeks, Work Experience was for Year 10.

Caroline Handley, helped by Marie Smith worked extremely hard and must be included in the congratulatory message with regards to the overall organisation of the venture however, it has been the students themselves who have proved themselves to be young people with the maturity to conduct themselves in a professional manner and be fantastic ambassadors for Westbourne Sports College.

As a Head of Year, it is one of the most gratifying experiences to hear of the year group's success; with employers contacting me to congratulate me on having such polite, respectful, hardworking, young people in my year group.

More students than ever have been offered Saturday jobs and Apprenticeships. We have also had more employers requesting that they remain on the list for Work Experience for the next cohort, with a further request that we send them extra students to the number they catered for this year.

The response we have had from employers and members of staff who went to visit them in their work placements is completely due to the way the year group have conducted themselves. Year 10 should be proud; They have set a very high standard for following year groups to achieve.

Well done year 10!

*Ms C Salter, Head of Year 10T*

### Employer Quotes:

'The students were a real asset to Westbourne'

'Daniel restored my faith in work experience, good lad.'

'Lewis and Jake were so helpful one department particularly asked for them'.

'Daniel's performance was brilliant and he was a pleasure to have here'.

'Sophie came across as mature & confident with a good sense of humour'.

## PE Department

### Football

Kyle Hammond in 9N played for Ipswich Town Football Club U15 squad against Manchester Utd U15 squad at Portman Road recently. As a result he received Sports Person of the Month for April Award on the basis of his elite performance at football. Congratulations and well done Kyle!

### Dance Competition

Congratulations to the our Hip Hop & Cheerleading dance troupe who earned second place at the '2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cheerleading & Hip Hop Festival' at Claydon High School on Tuesday 27 April. The ten girls from years 9, 10 and 12 have been practising their routine for the last few months under the watchful eye of Hip Hop Club coach Lauren Clarke. The girls competed against ten other high schools from within the Ipswich Westbourne pyramid and should be very proud of themselves. The event was sponsored by the Ipswich Cheerleading Academy and the girls involved included Samira Bennett, Ellen Boreham, Chels Dann, Maddi Mears, Emma Mayes, Lauren Moyes, Marley Small, Soorya Sunil, Katie Walden, Chels Wardley, Becki Youngs and Khaleda Begum.

Any pupils interested in taking part, please come along on Tuesday lunchtimes to the Hip Hop Dance Club.

### 'Holiday Activities'

A range of sporting activities will once again be on offer at WSC for years 7 and 8 for a fortnight during the Summer holidays. The cost per session will be £2.50 for a half day or £5 for a whole day, commencing weekdays from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. More details to follow after half term.

### Football

Good luck to the WSC Year 10 Boys football team who are due to compete in the Suffolk Cup Final at Brantham Athletics Club on Friday 14 May 2010; 7.15pm kick-off.

### Rounders

Over the last month a team of eleven year 11 Westbourne girls competed in an inter-schools Rounders Tournament. They earned 5<sup>th</sup> place in the tournament and by all accounts had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The girls are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour and for their sportsmanlike conduct throughout. The team comprised Chloe Jones, Karina Barzukova, Morenike Akintaju, Hazel Gardiner, Christy Long, Hollie Suttle, Elle Pentelow, Hannah Backhouse, Siana Leigh-Stoddart, Rebecca Chung and Lana Karim.

### Suffolk County Athletics Championship

Congratulations to two of our students who competed in the above county competition on 9 May at Northgate. James Powley 11D for achieving a Silver medal in the U17 3000 metre track race in 9 mins 39 secs. Andrew Davis 7D for collecting Gold medals in the U13 boys category for the 100 metres and the Long Jump as well as a Silver in the Shot Put. Well done boys!

### Head of Year Notices

It is important that students come ready to learn with equipment and adhere to the school's uniform code. Parents are reminded that leggings are not part of our uniform and skirts should be standard cut and knee length. With regards to boys, in particular the current fashion of wearing trousers at 'half-mast' and revealing ones underwear, is not appropriate. Please help us by ensuring your child comes appropriately prepared and dressed for school.

### Litter Challenge

We are organising a tidy up around college on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3:15-4:15. This will involve a competition between year groups 7, 8 and 9 and there will be a trophy for the winning year. Please encourage your son or daughter to take part.

### SHINE 2010

We have had some excellent pieces of work and achievements handed in for SHINE 2010 and some examples are shown below. Please continue to encourage your child to hand in anything they are proud of.

