



# Westbourne Sports College Newsletter



March 2010

## Key Dates for the coming term.

- Friday 19th March—Year 9 Options deadline
- Monday 19th April—PD Day
- Monday 19th April—Year 10 Work Experience (2 weeks)
- Thursday 29th April—Year 8 Parents Evening
- Thursday 13th May—Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 17th May—GCSE Exams start

## The Westbourne Dollar

This term saw the launch of our new rewards system the 'Westbourne Dollar'. Dollars are issued for consistent, positive effort and achievement or for promoting or improving college life. The dollars can be exchanged for various rewards later on in the term. We will continue to recognise our students achievements with postcards, certificates and letters home. In addition there are rewards for good attendance and a termly draw for those students whose positive behaviour contributes to the College. Please ask your child how many dollars they have!

## Year 9 Options Evening

Westbourne Sports College hosted an extremely successful Year 9 Options Evening this term. Students and their parents had the opportunity to discuss and look at the wide variety of subjects available for them to study in years 10 and 11 including GCSE and Diploma options. If you have any queries regarding options in Year 9 please see Mr Ismay. The deadline for options is Friday 19th March.

## Mr Edwards

I am pleased to be able to update you on Mr Edwards following his heart attack on 8th March. Mr Edwards had an operation this Wednesday to correct the issues with his heart. He phoned us on Thursday to let us know that the surgery had gone as expected.

He has thanked everyone for their good wishes and messages of support.

It is expected that he will be returning home in the next few days.

## Dance Dynamic

15 students from Years 8-10 worked tirelessly for weeks on their own choreographed piece of dance which culminated in a brilliant performance at the Royal Opera House in London at the beginning of February. Following on from this hugely successful event the students had the opportunity to perform their piece to family and friends at Dance East's new venue, Jerwood House, at the beginning of March. The students involved in this project have many other pieces that are currently being created for performances in the future ...watch this space! Our thanks go to Mrs McKane who supported and worked with the students throughout this project.

## Fundraising in College

Our annual school disco, organised by the School Council, was held in February this year with a Valentines theme. It was a brilliant evening that all who came enjoyed. The evening was the culmination of a day of fundraising for the Haiti appeal and Unicef Day for Change. This fundraising was the result of a collaboration of three groups within the school—Young Chamber, School Council and Mr Emmanuel's Study Plus group and big thanks must go to all the students involved. The college raised £1,000 which was split equally between the two charities. Well done!



## Uniform

### Keeping up standards

We introduced our new uniform 16 months ago and I am pleased that the vast majority of our students wear it correctly. However with a small number of students we have a persistent problem with wearing sweatshirts, jumpers, pullovers and other tops which are not permitted.

The rules are simple and have been designed to make it easy and economical to stick to them. Over their school polo shirt students can wear either the **official Westbourne black zipped sweatshirt or the old navy sweatshirt** (for those who joined the school before September 2008) or a **plain black v neck jumper or cardigan**.

Waterproof coats may be worn to and from school and between lessons, **but sweatshirts, hoodie, jumpers, pullovers etc that are not coats, will be confiscated.**

We have not enjoyed confiscating these tops in the Winter months, but students have known the rule for 16 months and there have been several reminders in previous Newsletters, two of which have been sent directly to home by post.

We believe strongly in the contribution uniform makes to Westbourne Sports College being Suffolk's most improved school, and will continue to apply this rule firmly.



## Parent Pay

From 1st April you will have a more convenient way to pay for school trips, school plays and more. The college will be using a new service call ParentPay which will enable you to pay for these online using a debit or credit card, or at any Co-op store using the PayPoint system.

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments at any time, safe in the knowledge that the technology used is the highest internet security available. Your family will have a secure online account, which can be accessed with a unique user ID and password, which enables you to view all items available to each of your children along with relevant costs and details. ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at any time and no card details are stored in any part of the system.

For those of you who prefer to continue using cash you can pay via PayPoint at local Co-op stores. PayPoint payments are also recorded by ParentPay and can be seen by logging onto your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history.

Full details will be sent to parents shortly, but if you want to know more now, more information is available at [www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/parentpay](http://www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/parentpay)



## Attendance

Form Groups with the best attendance this academic year are:-

Year 7:	1st: 7T	2nd: 7D
Year 8:	1st 8D	2nd: 8K & 8T
Year 9:	1st 9N	2nd: 9D
Year 10:	1st 10T	2nd: 10D
Year 11:	1st 11T	2nd: 11K

Congratulations and well done!

