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# Westbourne News

## Headlines

Westbourne is an exceptionally busy place at the moment, with the combination of national issues, local initiatives and school based developments all demanding our attention and action.

The first is the industrial action planned by two teaching unions, the ATL and the NUT. A letter has been sent to all parents regarding this but the basic details is that the school will close on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of June for one day, as due to industrial action we are unable to maintain a safe environment for our pupils. The action is due to national issues regarding pay and pensions. If the strike is called off, then of course the school will remain open.

The second national issue that is having a direct impact on us is the decision as to whether to convert to Academy status. Again a letter has been sent out (and a copy is available via our website) that details this consultation and we would encourage all parents, carers and members of our community to contribute their opinion by completing the consultation document and returning it to school by the deadline of the 4th July 2011.

Later in this newsletter there are articles about two key focuses that have been driven in the school, namely our Big Tidy Up campaign and our SHINE project. Litter remains a huge social issue, and nationally numerous campaigns strive to make an impact on improving our treatment of our environment. Westbourne has chosen to work with the Big Tidy Up Campaign, as its policy and direction is more in line with our vision than some other groups and initiatives. The effect that a relatively small group of students had on the quality of the site was remarkable. We will continue to do our best to educate our young people on the anti social nature of dropping litter. We are currently installing a fence across the width of the playing field, thus limiting access to the playing surfaces at break and lunch. For too long PE lessons and sports activities have taken place surrounded by unsightly, and potentially dangerous litter.

On a more positive note the SHINE awards process has added a warm glow of achievement and positivity to the school. With so many outstanding examples of achievement presented to us we have struggled to log them all and make sure that students receive recognition. What a wonderful position to be in – so much great work that we have had to work longer hours to deal with it. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this.

Your son or daughter may have spoken about motorbikes whizzing around the field – this may seem extraordinary but it is true. We have worked with our local educational partners (SWISS) to run three seven week courses for young people interested in gaining a qualification in the safe use, maintenance and repair of motorbikes. Using a company called Right Trax we have put this programme together, adding an exciting new element to our curriculum. We remain committed to finding ways of inspiring young people and providing an appropriate curriculum for every child's needs.

## Aim Higher Archaeological Dig

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Fifteen Year 9 and 10 Aimhigher students took part in a “Higher Education Field Academy” in May – this involved two days “digging” in Coddendam under the supervision of professional archaeologists, and a day at Cambridge University. The Academy was led by Cambridge academic and “ Timeteam” presenter Carezza Lewis.

Wahida Mezabin and Sky Welham wrote this account of their adventures...

*Westbourne Aim Higher students took part in a three day trip. This involved a two day excavation in Coddendam. We enjoyed digging our test pits and meeting students from other schools round Ipswich.*

*On our third day we went by train and also took a taxi to the University of Cambridge. It took approximately one and a half hours to get there. We were shown round part of the university and taught about all the different courses you could take. They gave us information about the qualifications we would need to go there. They gave us a free meal because of all the hard work we did on the two days dig! Later on in the day, we learnt about the artefacts we had found, and teams were given awards e.g. for the best pit record.*

*All the students who took part were given packs to complete a written assignment, which we had to produce by the end of the month. This work will be marked by university teachers, and we will receive certificates for our reports. We really enjoyed our time and hope to go on more events like this.*

All the student’s reports have been entered for Shine Awards. On the school website there are photos of the dig and a link to one of the student’s reports.

## Year 13 Leaving Celebration evening

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Manor Ball Room, 7:30 till late was the place to be. The night was organised by Chenice Clarke with help from Khaleda Begum, Emily Strickland. The room was decorated with balloons, and party poppers.

The sixth formers and teachers dressed up in smart trousers, shirts, beautiful dresses and high heels for a night of eating and dancing. The majority of the sixth form students attended the celebration and Tom Mahoney even turned up, not wanting to miss out on the celebration, after being discharged from hospital just 12 hours previously after having keyhole surgery.

The night commenced with people arriving having photos taken with friends, chatting and having a drink, talking over the past two years trials and tribulations in sixth form. A three course meal was served and awards given out to various students and teachers including ‘Mr or Mrs Chatterbox’, ‘Most likely to become Prime Minister’, ‘Best Teacher’, etc.

The night then really started with lots of dancing (or I guess you might just pass some moves as dancing!) to varying music from today’s charts leading into the normal group dance routines such as Dirty Dancing, YMCA, Time Warp, etc

The evening finished with some tears and lots of hugs and goodbyes with lots of students moving on to various destinations around the town for more dancing and headaches the next day!

## Big Tidy Up

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On Monday 13th June staff and students at Westbourne Sports College held a Tidy Up Challenge Event. The event, run after school saw year groups challenged to collect as much litter from the site as possible. A unique golden litter trophy was created by the art staff and was eventually won by the Year Seven Team, led by Head of Year Alan Dyer. In all over 30 sacks of rubbish were collected, with students from years seven to nine working alongside staff to improve the environment.

Premises manager Ian Lipman, who organised the event, said 'We have a large site, and despite all the work we do targeting litter as an issue with the students, we do find that it is a constant challenge. Specific activities like this are great because it shows that whilst some students drop litter, there are many more who want to contribute in a much more positive way.'



## Uniform Reminder

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A number of students have been wearing non-uniform trousers and their parents have been asked to bring in a change of clothing for them. We do not want to inconvenience parents by asking them to do this and would prefer to work together to ensure students come into college appropriately dressed.

## Laser Pens

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Several students have been bringing laser pens into school. Whilst these may seem fun they can be dangerous if shone directly into eyes or indirectly off mirrors and shiny surfaces. Most laser pens are low intensity but some high intensity lasers are being sold over the internet. These are very dangerous and can cause damage to your eyes. Please do not bring laser pens into school. If they are seen they will be confiscated and detentions issued. Parents will also be contacted to come and collect them.

## Term time Absence Requests

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If you wish to take your child out of school during term time please complete a Request for Term Time Absence form. These forms are available on the website and from Student Services reception and should be completed at least 10 school days before the planned absence. Please be aware that if your son or daughter has an exam during the time you are requesting absence the request will not be authorised. Please contact the Exams Officer if you are unsure of exam dates. Please note some students in years 9 and 10 take exams and some exams are outside the summer exam period. In most cases, requests for term time absence are denied, as the expectation is that students benefit from the highest possible attendance rates.

Miss Tinkler who will be starting with us on Monday 4th July 2011 to teach music while Mrs Robinson is on maternity leave, and to our new LEA Governor, Sue Cowans. Ms Cowans was previously a headteacher at a very successful school in Essex and so we are very fortunate to secure her services. We currently have vacancies for Parent Governors. If this is a role that would interest you please contact Jo Powley, Head's PA on 01473 466136 or email [jpowley@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:jpowley@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Calling all budding performers! Could you be Westbourne's next star?!

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The auditions for next year's school show, which is 'Oliver!' will take place on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> for students in years 9 and 10, and on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> for students in years 7 and 8.

'Oliver!' is the musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of an orphan who runs away and hooks up with a group of boys trained to be pickpockets by an elderly mentor.

The auditions will take place in the Drama Studio (S9) after school until 4.45pm. If you would like to be in the show, all you need to do is come along and take part in the acting and singing workshops that will be happening – you do not need to worry about preparing anything in advance – just bring yourself and plenty of enthusiasm!

Obviously we will be looking to find Westbourne's very own Oliver, Dodger, Fagin and Nancy among other lead roles, but **everyone** who auditions and wants to be in the show will be given a role to play.

If you would like to be involved with the show in a backstage capacity, please look out for the notices coming soon in registers, or find Mr Smith to let him know.

Rehearsals will start in September and the performances will take place between December 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2011, so put it in your diaries now – it promises to be a great show and we look forward to seeing you all there, as either a member of the cast or the audience!



### Sports Person of the Month for May 2011

Congratulations to Reece Cattermole 9R who was awarded the above for his brilliance at Dance and for his commitment, dedication and winning performances at extra-curricular athletics events. Well done Reece!

### T20 Cricket League

On Monday 20th June, Westbourne year 8, 9 and 10 combined cricket team played Acle HS at home. Acle were 57 for 7 (20 Overs) and WSC were 58 for 6 (18.2 Overs). Westbourne won by 4 Wickets. Full match report can be found on the college's website news pages.

Man of the Match: Connor Betts (Top run scorer and most wickets). Most Wickets - Connor Betts (4 Wickets). Hat Trick Hero - Connor Betts (3 Wickets in a row). Longest Innings - Bonie Joy. Most Economical Bowler: Jubayer Hasan (Least runs given away).

### Cricket Leadership Academy

Congratulations and well done to Nathan Gunner 9L, Bonie Joy 9K, James Sherman 9W, Jordan Singh 10K, Shudeep Deb 10L and DJ Driver 10W on achieving their Sports Leadership Accreditation for Cricket on Tuesday 14th June. As part of the Step into Sport programme, the students' individual ability to coach and officiate young people playing cricket was assessed and in the afternoon they helped out at the Partnership Cricket Final. Ali Furlong, Schools Competition Manager, said "The Westbourne students were all very good. Brilliant in fact."

Twenty-one young leaders attended the academy from across the county and thirteen of these have been invited to act as umpires and scorers at the County Cricket Final to be held at Woolpit Cricket Club on Monday 27th June. Ali Furlong said that the standard was very high across the board and in the end, it came down to students' general confidence as well as accuracy of scoring and recording of results. Six of the thirteen to be invited to umpire at the County Final are Westbourne students - a huge compliment. They should be very proud of themselves!



## Sporting News (cont/d..)

### Athletics

A triple celebration for Westbourne at the Y7, Y8 and Y9 Pool C Athletics Competitions held after school at Northgate HS earlier this month. Both the boys and the girls' teams won the Pool C rounds; the Y7/Y8 Combined Final is being held after school at Northgate on Wednesday 6th July starting at 4.15pm. Congratulations and well done to each and every one for their sportsmanship and commitment to extra-curricular athletics at Westbourne!

Following their victory at the Pool C event at the end of last term, our Year 9 boys won through to the Y9 Final at Northgate HS on Thursday 9th June. They competed against winning teams from Pools A and B which included St Josephs, East Bergholt, Copleston, Holbrook, Farlingaye, Hadleigh and the Royal Hospital School. Each of our team members are to be applauded for their commitment, effort and willingness to participate outside of their preferred events; especially Reece Cattermole who volunteered to stand in for the Discus/A stream event and ended up winning it with a throw of 31.52m!



### SportsArvo

Sports Day will take on a new look this year with the introduction of a series of 'SportsArvos' for each year group to be staged each afternoon during the penultimate week of term. The rationale behind the event is to reinvigorate the pupils' passion and enthusiasm for participating in Sports Day, reducing the number of non-participants, thereby reducing the potential for disengagement and misbehaviour. By adapting the traditional events, adopting the fundamental techniques and principles we can ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to enjoy competition and have fun doing so. A video presentation of the events can be found via the college's website under Westbourne News pages.

Looking ahead to week commencing 27th June, students will be engaged in National School Sports Week activities during their PE lessons all week. Activities will be related to the fundamental techniques involved in traditional track and field events but with a fun twist in preparation for the SportsArvo days.

### Y11 Sports Leaders

As part of their Level 2 Sports Leader Accreditation, our Year 11 Sports Leaders need to achieve 10 hours voluntary service in the community in a sporting capacity. Therefore, where exams and revision permit, they have been invited to assist the PE staff and the School Sports Partnership at a range of sporting events over the next 4 weeks. These events will include the four SportsArvo days at WSC, the year 6 induction day Sports Hall activities, a Mini-Olympics event for primaries at Northgate and a primary Quadkids event at Copleston.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June (a day earlier than first published in our School Calendar) Westbourne Sports College will be holding its annual Awards Evening. The event recognises and celebrates the achievements and efforts of students throughout the school community, both in terms of examination success and personal achievement. We are all looking forward to what will be a fantastic evening celebration Westbourne's success.

## Summer Holiday Activity Programme

Westbourne Sports College in association with Premier Sport are running holiday courses for 7 to 13 year olds that have been designed to give children of all abilities the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities.

Only £3.50 per session or £7 per day. Commencing weekdays Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 9am until 12 noon and from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Activities each day may include Multi-Sports, Cheerleading, Football, Mini-Olympics, Street Dance, Arts & Crafts. A packed lunch is required if staying all day, plenty of non-fizzy drink, shin pads (for football/hockey only), suitable footwear and clothing for the weather conditions.

To book, please visit the Westbourne Sports College website and follow the link to Premier Sports under the News pages or telephone Premier Sport locally on 01473-427010.

<https://spreadsheets2.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFRpTFZZTUx6YXR5S2JPRkxQaU9zeVE6MA#gid=0>

### New School Day (from September 2011)

8:40-8:50am	Registration
8:50-10:30am	Lesson 1
10:30-10:50am	Break
10:50-12:30pm	Lesson 2
12:30-1:10pm	Lunch
1:10-2:50pm	Lesson 3
School starts at 8:40am and ends at 2:50pm	

### Key Dates

29th June	Awards Evening
6th & 7th July	Year 6 Induction
11th-14th July	Sports Arvo

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