



# Westbourne Sports College Newsletter

10 September 2010



## Key Dates

- 30th September—Open Evening
- 1st October—Review Day
- 14th & 15th October—PD Days (non-pupil days)
- 25th-29th October—Half Term

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for all students starts at 8:00am in the Youth Club. Students can get toast or cereal and both Student Managers are available for students to talk to.

## Exam Results 2010

### GCSE

Westbourne Sports College is for a second successive year celebrating its best ever GCSE results. In all 58% of students achieved 5+ A\*-C with 42% achieving those passes including English and Maths.

Mr Edwards said, "We have smashed the official government target of 35% and also achieved outstanding success for students of all abilities. I am particularly pleased with how well our most able students have done, 47 students achieved 10 or more high grade passes, and the top 10 achieved six or more passes at A\* or A." Outstanding results were achieved by students Nathan Smith, who achieved 10 A\*/A grades; Tristan Burridge and Hazel Gardiner both achieved 9 A\*/A grades. Results in Mathematics were particularly pleasing with 57% of students achieving A\*-C and 10 achieving A\*. Two of these students, Daniel Jackson and Dmitri Seymour-Howell were awarded maximum marks by the exam board, which is an extraordinary achievement.



### Post 16

The results were the best for the last four years and showed the continuing upward trend in the College's exam performance with a high proportion of students achieving top grades of A or B in their results. Three students achieved the new A\* grade awarded only for those students achieving over 90% in their exam scores.

Outstanding results were achieved in Business Studies where 100% of the results were at A grade, in Media Studies where two students achieved the prestigious A\* grade and Information Technology where 11 students achieved A grades. There were several outstanding individual performances. Leonie Sturman and Jamie Clarke both achieved 5 A level passes in one year including 3 A's and 2 B's. Leonie also achieved the prestigious new A\* grade in Media Studies. Lianne Abbott, Charlotte Banks and Leanne Sawyer achieved 4 A levels with A and B grades, Leanne's Media Studies result was also A\*; and Ksenia Storchilo achieved 3 A grades one of which was the new A\* grade.

Whilst we are all delighted with these results no-one at Westbourne is complacent. We have set very challenging targets for our new Year 11 because we are confident that they have the ability to achieve even greater results.

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## Summer School

Whilst the rest of us enjoyed the first two weeks of the summer holiday, Mrs Woodhouse, Mr Ismay and Mr Hinchcliffe stayed on to run the Gifted and Talented Summer School. The students experienced a murder mystery event, cooked a three course meal, performed for their parents and took part in many other challenging events.

Summer school aims to enhance the learning potential of our more able students. Previously this has been funded by our Local Authority but due to budget cuts there is concern this may longer be available. If any parents would like to be involved in providing resources for future Summer schools please contact Mr Ismay.

## Year 10 Work Experience 2011

Students in Year 10 will be doing 2 weeks of work experience at Easter in 2011. It is important that students start thinking about their work placements; deciding what type of work place they would like to go to and perhaps speaking to possible employers. It is anticipated that students will, where possible, arrange their own placements.

If you need any help or assistance please speak to Mr Ismay (Head of Year 10) or Miss Atkinson (Work Experience Coordinator).

## Parents' Questionnaire

Last term we sent out a questionnaire about the school to all parents in this years 8-11. We had a excellent response, a big thank you to those parents who returned the questionnaire. The results are shown in the chart below.

### What you told us was good

The results suggest you feel we are helping your child make good progress, keeping you informed of their progress and preparing them well for their future. They also suggest you feel your child is safe, the school is well led and your concerns are taken account of.

We are pleased that you feel your children are safe in school and overall nearly 9 out of 10 of you say you are happy with your child's experience in school.

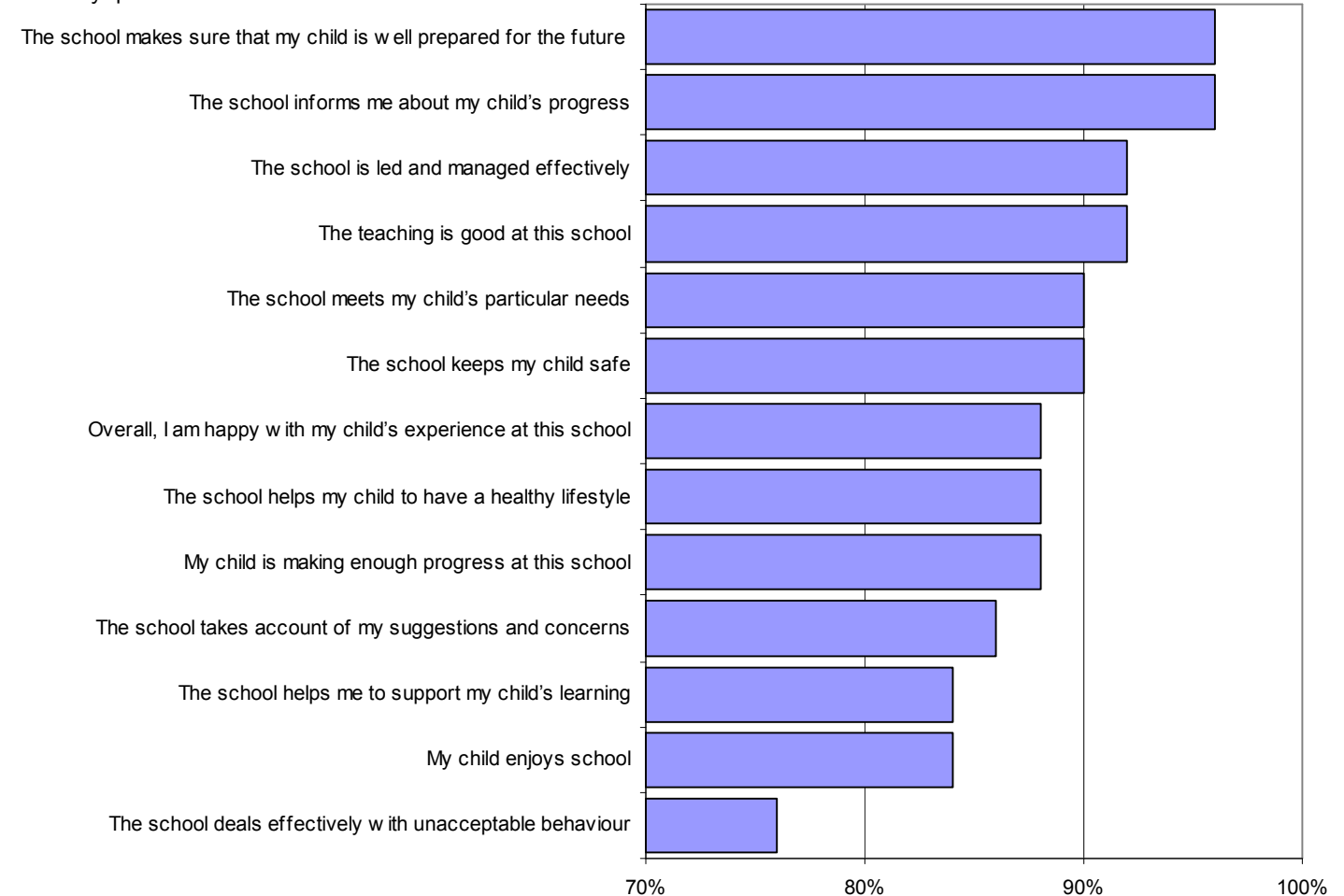
### What you told us you were most concerned about

The lowest rating was for how we deal with unacceptable behaviour. Although 3 out of 4 of you felt we did well in this area, nearly a quarter did not. The biggest concern was from Year 9 parents.

We have listened to what you have said and changed our behaviour systems in the college.

I explained to all students on the first day the new system which will lead to a tougher life for the minority who spoil the lessons for others. The students have responded well to this, and I am sure parents will support the firmly line we are taking over many issues.

In the next newsletter we will outline the new systems in detail, but in the meantime do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



# SPORTING NEWS

## healthy, Active Lifestyle Clubs

A host of exciting activities are on offer this term, at lunch time and after school, for all year groups. For further details please see Miss Annandale.

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| Mondays   | Y9 to Y11 Girls : Fitness Suite<br>Y7 : Sports Hall  | Y7 & Y8 : Netball<br>All Years : Rugby<br>Y9 Boys : Football   |
| Tuesdays  | Y9 to Y11 Boys Fitness Suite<br>Y8 : Sports Hall     | Y7 & Y8 : Boys Football<br>All Years : Trampolining<br>All Years : Girls Football<br>All Years : Keep Fit Club |
| Wednesday | Y9 to Y11 Boys Fitness Suite<br>Y9 : Sports Hall     | All Years : Power Kit Club<br>All Years : Judo Club (Boys Gym)   |
| Thursday  | Y9 to Y11 Girls : Fitness Suite<br>Y10 : Sports Hall | Y8 : Boys Rugby<br>All Years : Netball<br>All Years : Gymnastics   |
| Fridays   | Y9 to Y11 Boys Fitness Suite<br>Y11 : Sports Hall    | All Years : Skate Park Club<br>(Undercover Area)   |

### Suffolk Schools Area Cross Country Championship:

The first of the new season championships takes place on Thursday 14 October at the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook. Any students who currently enjoy cross country running outside of school and who would be interested in taking part this year should speak to Mr Payne, Head of PE. Last year's participants enjoyed a fantastic day in glorious sunshine, competing with hundreds of runners from across south Suffolk in spectacular surroundings.

### Study Plus

Suffolk County Council have been so impressed with our Study Plus course that they asked Mr Emmanuel to run a series of presentations to colleagues from across the county on the first day of the summer holiday. Mr Emmanuel, Mr Jordan and Mrs Botwright took Hannah Smith, Peter Loveridge, Sally Garwood, Megan Phillipson, Holly Lewis and Daniel Burton to Trinity Park. Their series of presentations went down really well and they were a credit to the school.

### Year 11 Students Exam Busters

There will be an "Exambusters" session for all Year 11 students during periods 1 and 2 on Thursday 7th October - This is a key session for GCSE students - you may be surprised how much you can learn in two hours !

### Jewellery/Uniform Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all students of our rules regarding jewellery. Students are allowed:-

- One ring per hand
- One bracelet per arm
- One nose stud (no other body piercings)
- One pair of stud earrings or small sleepers
- A wristwatch
- No necklaces or chains to be worn outside a students polo top, jumper or zip up top.

Plastic retainers can be worn to allow new piercings to heal, after this time students will be expected to remove the piercing.

A number of students have been wearing leggings to school. Leggings are not part of the school uniform. Students should wear black trousers (traditional style, full length—no cords, jeans style, tracksuit, leggings or fashion trousers) or black skirts (no slits or extremes in length).



## Form Tutors

Form Tutors for this academic year are listed below. If you need to contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year please telephone the main school switchboard and ask the Receptionist to leave a message for them. They will then return your call as soon as they are available. You can also contact our Student Managers, Mrs Anderson for years 7, 8 and 9 and Mrs Banks for years 10 and 11. Their direct telephone line is 01473 466131.

| Year 7 Head of Year – Mr A Dyer |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7T                              | Miss L Thorpe   |
| 7H                              | Mr A Hailstone  |
| 7N                              | Miss K Blaymire |
| 7K                              | Ms S Clarke     |
| 7W                              | Miss L Cichy    |
| 7R                              | Miss P Joseph   |
| 7L                              | Ms M Graziani   |

| Year 8 Head of Year – Mr R Hawkes |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8T                                | Mr T Wilmot                |
| 8H                                | Mrs R Robinson/Mrs M Bacik |
| 8N                                | Ms S Pangasa/Mr P Cannon   |
| 8K                                | Miss M Abbott              |
| 8W                                | Ms P Hoar                  |
| 8R                                | Mr S Melton                |
| 8L                                | Miss P Wilkinson           |
| 8D                                | Miss A Leggett             |

| Year 9 Head of Year – Mr K Roche |                            |
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| 9T                               | Mr M Emmanuel              |
| 9H                               | Miss C Moore               |
| 9N                               | Mrs A Brown                |
| 9K                               | Mrs V Wild                 |
| 9W                               | Mr J Breedt                |
| 9R                               | Mrs Z McKane               |
| 9L                               | Mrs C Allen / Ms K Hurrell |
| 9D                               | Mr S Talmadge/C Breeze     |

| Year 10 Head of Year – Mr M Ismay |                  |
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| 10T                               | Mrs A Hutchinson |
| 10H                               | Mrs Z Potter     |
| 10N                               | Mr T Abbott      |
| 10K                               | Mrs T Marrable   |
| 10W                               | Ms J Browne      |
| 10R                               | Ms S Rodway      |
| 10L                               | Mrs C Hussey     |
| 10D                               | Miss C Stringer  |

| Year 11 Head of Year – Ms C Salter |                                |
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| 11T                                | Mr M Foreman                   |
| 11H                                | Mr J Burrows                   |
| 11N                                | Mrs P McManus & Mrs L Tildsley |
| 11K                                | Ms V Askham                    |
| 11W                                | Ms S Irons                     |
| 11R                                | Mr S Hibbert                   |
| 11L                                | Miss L Annandale               |
| 11D                                | Mr D Payne/Mr D Wright         |

| Sixth Form – Ms S Everett |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 13T                       | Mr N Allan  |
| 13H                       | Mr S Abbott |
| 13N                       | Mr A Mapp   |
| 13K                       | Ms P Walter |

## Parent Pay

Don't forget you now have a more convenient way to pay for school trips, school plays and more. The college is using a service call ParentPay which enables 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 has 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 are available at [www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/parentpay](http://www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/parentpay)

## School Photographs

Proofs for school photos will be sent home with students this week and orders will need to be returned by 23rd September 2010.

