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# Westbourne News

## Headlines

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We ended last term with an excellent whole school assembly that celebrated the achievements of the term, including three musical performances; Liam Stewart Kasham Abdul and Aiden Welham performed a rap, Ben Powley, James Finbow and Jack Curl delivered a tight rock number and Tasha Abbott sang a solo. The quality of these assemblies and the performances of the students showed the confidence and skill that exists right across the college.

Early this term we celebrated students who had been nominated by staff for their exceptional efforts on their IMPRESS projects. Much of the work that was handed in was truly exceptional, and we wanted to make sure that the following students were recognised for their extraordinary achievements;

*Tabitha Biggs, George Fields-Talbot, Kalib Muller, Lucy Watson, Daniel Blake, Jessica Blake, Kaitlyn Rose, Sian Williams, Harry Barber, Megan Brett, Sophie Derrett, Sophie Rumbold, Kimberly Miles, Chloe Northcott, Ian Aldous, Hannah Baker, Reece Johnson, Teagan Stone, James Dyes, Ellie Horton, Joshua Gibbons, Leah Mark, Olivia Bacon, Marley Curtis, Abdullah Karim, Abigail Rudge, Elle Scott, Megan Minns, Lucy Brighty, Tyler Holland, Harry Wilson, Anna Williams, Ewan Milne, Jamie Robertson, Charlie Lewis-Pyke, Shanon McSheen, Chloe Zagni*



## Important request

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Just before Christmas we sent out a letter to all parents asking you to complete a small form which confirms your current email and phone details ... if you have not yet returned this can you please send it in to us as soon as possible. We have a new system in place which will enable us to email information to parents (such as newsletters, letters and reminders) and to text you any urgent information (such as school closures or your child's absence), but without your details you will miss out on this important information. You can download the letter at [www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/docs/Letter\\_final.pdf](http://www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/docs/Letter_final.pdf) or let us know (call attendance on 01473 466145 or email [wsc@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:wsc@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk)), and we will happily send you a new form.

### **Results Assembly and Parents Evening**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> January pupils received their mock results during an assembly based around motivation and achievement. The general opinion from pupils was that it made them realise how close they are to the end and how important the work they put in between now and their exams is. The main aim was for pupils to see that, just because they are *predicted* a grade, it doesn't mean they will get it without doing any work. It also allowed pupils who have worked incredibly hard to see the benefits of this.

This assembly was followed immediately by the parents evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. On the evening parents were given a lot of information regarding their child's current performance to enable valuable discussions between teacher, parents and pupils. The event was very well attended and Mr Ismay would like to thank those who came. Those who were unable to attend will receive a letter in the post containing all the information we have on current performance and from this if you would like a meeting to discuss the results then please get in contact with Mr Ismay.

### **Mentoring**

80 pupils from within the year group are going to be involved in two types of mentoring. One type is going to be fairly intensive one to one mentoring; this is where a student will have a designated tutor who they will meet with at least once a week. The mentor will be able to discuss current progress in all subjects and generally offer help, advice and guidance on a very pro-active basis. The second type will be group mentoring. Pupils will be split into small groups of 3 or 4 and have a member of the Senior Leadership Team as their mentor who will meet with the group every couple of weeks to check on progress and make sure they are achieving as they should. The whole aim of the mentoring programme is to make sure pupils achieve the results they are capable of. The teachers of all of the mentored pupils will be able to add any information regarding coursework, exams or behaviour to a page on our VLE where each pupil has their own folder. This information will then be shared with the parents of the mentored pupils at a special parents evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. All pupils being mentored will have been told at parent's evening or it will be in the letters sent home for the parents who could not attend.

### **Exam and Revision Training**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January all year 11 pupils undertook half a day of revision and exam training. They were taught various ways of revising for exams as well as ways of tackling exam questions. From being in the hall with the pupils it seemed a valuable experience and I am positive most of them took away a revision technique they could use.

### **Prom – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Pupils need to bring in a £5 deposit, either in cash or dollars, to secure their ticket to the prom. Remember pupils can earn money towards their prom ticket through achieving 95% attendance and no more than 3 lates in a term. We are still looking for a few extra services to make the prom out of this world, in no particular order – a make up artist for the girls during the night and a harpist for the entrance and beginning of the evening. If anyone would like to offer their services or knows someone who can help then please let Mr Ismay know.

### **Important Dates Reminder**

31<sup>st</sup> January – Suffolk ONE application deadline  
9<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening for mentored pupils  
2<sup>nd</sup> March – Maths Exam  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Revision Skills Evening  
20<sup>th</sup> July - Prom

**Head of Year 11 - Mr Ismay - 01473 466116**  
**Student Manager Year 11 - Mrs Clarke—01473 466145**



## Student Achievement

### Artists of the Autumn Term

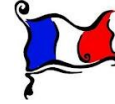


Helen Su 7K  
Charlotte Fairchild 8H  
Brandon Moyes 9N  
Wahida Mehzabin 10W  
Paige Miller 11D



### Linguists of the Month December 2011

Anthony Cook 7W  
Zoe Ablitt 8L  
Tom Winder 9R



### Sports Person of the Month December 2011 & Autumn Term



Mikolaj Witkowski 7K was awarded Sports Person for the Autumn Term 2011 for being the most valued player on the WSC Y7 Basketball squad and for scoring 63 out of 95 points in just 3 league games. Well done Mikolaj!  
Congratulations to Samm Turner 11H who won Sports Person for the month of December for her positive contribution to curricular sports and for her involvement in the Young Games Maker Scheme for London 2012.

### Pupils of the Month - December 2011



### Resistant Materials



The following students have produced exceptionally impressive IMPRESS work and have received a Diamond Award. Well done!

Theo Broom	7L	Humanities
Samantha Spencer	8H	Geography
Dray Cann	8H	RE
Lanya Sarawan	8R	History
Aiden Clarke	9W	RE
Georgia Bode	9N	Geography
Teliah Turner	9N	History
Diane Thomson	10N	RE
Sullivan Ford	10H	Geography
Bethany Seager	10H	History
Paige Miller	11D	RE
Samantha Turner	11H	History
Enes Ozbek	11R	Geography

Ataylia Clarke  
Reece Jones  
Helen Su  
Caitlin Miller  
Nathan Widmark  
Lucy Brighty  
Emma Cook  
Alisha Hixson  
Amrita Kaur Singh  
Amy Vincent  
Diana Ramalho

### Design Technology

Cara Hunt in 7K produced an outstanding DT IMPRESS Project on the theme of confectionery packaging.

I think we may have a budding graphic designer on our hands!



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### Young Games Maker - London 2012

Success! Mr Moore and Mr Ismay are delighted to announce that the Westbourne Team have been successfully recruited on to the Suffolk Young Games Maker Scheme for London 2012. In February, the team will attend training sessions in Orientation Training and Role-Specific Training. Venue Training will start in April 2012. There will be a Test Event in May to make sure everything is in full working order and ready for the Games. Participation of this kind in this event will be an invaluable opportunity for volunteers to gain experience and understanding of how a large sporting event is staged.

Well done to the team! They should all be extremely proud of themselves and of this achievement. Kieran Mullan 11T, Samm Turner 11H, Danielle Ryder 11K, Simon Vale 11K, Katie Walden 11W, Chennell Clarke 11L, Chelsea Dann 11L, Jenna Parnell 11L, Ella Flack 11L and Veronique Hack 11N.



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### Westbourne Football Academy

Training continues after school on Mondays with Mr Hibbert for the year 7, 8 and 9 boys who have been selected to participate. The first game in the ITFC Ipswich High Schools Y7/Y8 League takes place after school on Wednesday 25th January at the ITFC Training Dome (3G surface). Westbourne will play Farlingaye HS. Other fixtures as follows:

Weds 8 February : WSC v Northgate HS

Fri 16 March : WSC v Kesgrave HS

Fri 27 April : WSC v Copleston HS

Fri 11 May : Final

### Easter Reward Trips

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The Easter Reward trips will be on Monday 2nd April 2012. These trips are now a regular part of college life and reward students who have exemplary attendance and behaviour records. This time students will have a choice of either paintballing (age limit 12 years or older) at a very good cost of £15 which gives them a full day paintballing, 300 paint balls and lunch; or a trip to London to see Mamma Mia (evening performance) at a cost of £20. Further details will be sent home to parents shortly.

### Apprenticeship Event

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There will be an evening apprenticeship event at Kesgrave High School on Thursday 9th February from 5 to 8 pm for students in Years 10 and 11 who are interested in apprenticeships.

A number of companies offering apprenticeships will be present. Please contact Anne Murray on 466164 if you have any queries about the event.

There will be an information session at Westbourne on 27th February for students in Year 11 who are interested.

The following is an article written by Alice Startup (11K) after a recent Science trip.

*On the 10th January 2012, three year 11 triple science students went on an exciting trip to the University of East Anglia in Norwich on a new 'hands on' experience called 'blood, sweat and tears' in the university's amazing teaching labs.*

*The day began early at Westbourne before going in the minibus to Norwich. We spent the morning in the teaching lab, extracting caffeine from tea bags for testing later that day. We then had to purify our caffeine which was rather tricky!*

*After lunch we went to the spectroscopy lab to test our caffeine with infrared radiation to test it against pure caffeine and when we got the results back we could see that ours was pretty close to the proper caffeine so we had done quite well. Then we went to see some super conducting magnets that can show us what components were in the caffeine and how it is composed.*

*The whole day was really exciting and gave us a valuable insight into science study at university. We all found it very interesting and would definitely recommend it to future students.*

*Thank you to Mrs Hutchinson for taking us on the trip.*

## A once in a lifetime opportunity! London 2012

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We have 7 places remaining on our 2-day Thomas Cook short break to the Olympic Park on Monday 30th July and Tuesday 31st July 2012.



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On the Day 1 we will travel by coach from the college to arrive in time to watch the women's basketball preliminaries at the Basketball Arena on the Olympic Park.

On Day 2, after a full buffet breakfast, we travel to Earls Court to watch the men's volleyball preliminaries which start at 9.30am. We will then depart London around 3pm and should be back at the college around 7pm depending upon traffic conditions.

The total cost of the trip, which at £205 per person represents excellent value, is payable in full by 1st April 2012. Overnight accommodation on Day 1 will be at London university campus. Please telephone Mr Moore on 01473-466141 if your son or daughter is interested in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

## Uniform - Keeping up standards

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With the cold weather approaching we are taking this opportunity to remind students and their parents of our uniform standards. There are a small number of students we have a persistent problem with wearing sweatshirts, jumpers, pullovers and other tops which are not permitted and students wearing leggings, 'jean' style trousers and other inappropriate trousers.

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 a **plain black v neck jumper or cardigan**.

Trousers should be black and standard cut (no wide flares or slits, cords, jeans, leggings or tracksuit bottoms).

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

We will confiscate non-uniform tops and students can collect them at the end of the day from student services. If we feel students' trousers are inappropriate and not in line with our uniform rules we will contact parents and ask them to either bring in appropriate uniform or the student will be sent home to change. If neither of these options is available students will work in the REACH centre until they wear appropriate uniform.

We do not enjoy confiscating tops in the Winter months, or sending students home to change and inconveniencing parents, but our uniform rules are very clear and therefore it is imperative that parents ensure their child wears correct uniform to school every day.

We believe strongly in the contribution uniform makes to Westbourne Sports College and will continue to apply this rule firmly.

## Art Trip

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The Art department took 48 year 10/11 pupils to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London for an educational visit during the last week in December 2011. It was an excellent day where the pupils had the chance to draw from the art collections and enjoy the experience of visiting a museum.

## Key Dates

- 2nd February—Year 9 Parents Evening
- 13th—17th February—Half Term
- 8th March—Year 9 Options Evening
- 9th March—PD Day—No students in school

## Contact Westbourne News

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