

WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th October 2024

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To Our Future Year 7s!

On Thursday 3rd October, Weston Favell Academy proudly opened its doors to prospective parents and pupils from Years 5 and 6. We were delighted to welcome over 600 families, making it our most successful Open Evening to date.

The feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive. Many praised the personal approach of our staff and their dedication throughout the event. Some even commented that this was the best Open Evening they had attended, truly showcasing the vibrant spirit of our Academy. The evening was packed with engaging activities, from exciting science experiments to creating maths 'mocktails', indulging in ratio sweets, trampolining, baking, and a stunning choir performance throughout the evening. Prospective families experienced a true reflection of life at Weston Favell Academy.

In addition to the evening events, we also invited prospective parents and pupils to visit during the school day, providing an opportunity to see the Academy in action.

During the Senior Executive Principal's presentation, Ollie (Year 7) and Jake (Year 13) shared their experiences at Weston Favell, giving visitors an authentic insight into life at the Academy.

If you would like to visit us or would like more information, please contact the school.



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For Your Information

As part of the ongoing support offered by the Science Faculty, we are putting on even more revision sessions for Year 11! These will be with Mr Abraham in E5 after school (please see him for details).

As we rapidly approach the Year 11 PPEs (after half term), we are delighted to report that the uptake for Science revision sessions is steadily improving, particularly for those offered before school.

Reminders

**Year 11 Steps to Success Evening
Thursday 17th October 2024**

We are now a nut free school

Please go to our Academy website for more information

Hear what Ollie had to say about our Academy!



“I can’t believe I have already been at Weston Favell Academy one month. It’s gone so fast!

I was worried before I started; worried about making friends, worried if the teachers were going to be nice, worried about the bigger older students, and getting lost!

I didn’t have many friends from primary school coming with me to Weston Favell and I was really sad about this, but from the first day my class have been so much fun and I now have a group of friends to talk to and play football with at lunch. We all get on really well which makes doing group work better. The teachers have been really kind. They have helped when we’re not sure on what to do. When I see them around the Academy, they have checked up on me, to make sure I am ok.

The lessons have been interesting and we have got to do so many new things that I hadn’t done at primary school, like using Bunsen burners in Science, studying Gothic Literature in English, and learning a new language, French! I was worried that the older students were going to be rough. They haven’t been. They have all been really nice and helped us out when we didn’t know where to go.

When we do good work, we get points to spend on prizes! This has turned into a class competition. We get points for good effort, being helpful, and doing good work. I am saving for a Lego set.....only 430 points to go!

I have been buying dinners which has made me feel really grown up as I can choose what to eat, and paying with my thumb print is pretty cool.

I’ve been here a month and I am really happy.

Thank you for listening !”

Changing Perspectives

By Year 13 Student, Jake



“Hello everyone, I'm Jake, and I want to be completely honest with you. When I first found out I got a place at Weston Favell back in 2018, I was gutted. The school's reputation at the time wasn't great, and I felt disappointed, but I came anyway.

Everything changed when Mr Johnson joined the school. He brought in a team of specialised teachers for each subject to help turn things around. You could really feel the difference, and it wasn't long before the school got back on the right track. We've since been rated as a 'Good' school, and if you ask any student here, they'll tell you how much things have improved. The standards at Weston Favell are so much higher now. If I were to find out today that I got a place here, I'd feel completely different – I'd be happy and proud.

But now, we need you. We need you to help take this school even further, and make it even better.
Thank you for listening!”

From Specimens in Science to Mocktails in Maths:

By Emily S



Last Thursday, 3rd of October, this remarkable school showcased its incredible qualities to many Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families at our annual Open Evening.

Each and every subject was displayed and helped by a handful of children, with a passion for that lesson. From exciting dream writing in English, to “mocktails” in maths, as well as amazing music from the choir, everyone who visited was in awe. Parents, carers and children were astonished by the stunning show we were able to put on and one was even heard commenting “we loved it” as they left.

This made the evening feel like a massive accomplishment and we hope to achieve the same success next year.

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PSHE @ WFA

The themes for PSHE this term are:

Year	Theme
7	Life beyond school
8	Health & Wellbeing
9	Life beyond school
10	Health & Wellbeing
11	Health & Wellbeing

During our next PSHE lesson, we will be learning about:

Year	Theme
7	Financial Education
8	Types of Bullying
9	Labour Market Information
10	Mental Health
11	Parenthood



Sixth Form Spotlight

The Grand Reveal



Grab your knives and forks because our Sixth Form Kitchen is now open!

On Thursday, Mr Beeby cut the ribbon, officially launching the area for our students to enjoy. There has been a buzz around the kitchen since the start of term, with the facilities providing students with the chance to make hot drinks, store meals in the refrigerator or even heat food. All of this helps to create a sense of independence and freedom for our Sixth Formers.

Sharing a kitchen is an invaluable life skill, especially for our Sixth Form students, many of whom will be heading to university accommodation within the next two years. It can teach respect and responsibility, whether by following the health and safety guidelines that have been implemented or simply ensuring the area is clean and well maintained.

Most importantly, though, having this facility helps to support student wellbeing, something which is vital for our Sixth Formers, especially with PPEs fast approaching.

Let's get cooking!

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It's your year:

Year 11 Steps to Success Evening

As you know, Year 11 is an extremely important year for your child. I am writing to invite you to our first Year 11 Support and Success Evening, on Thursday 17th October from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a vital event where you will receive detailed information about how to support your child with their studies throughout the year. We expect all Year 11 parents to attend this event, but to ensure we can best prepare, please use the following link to register your interest in attending the evening: <https://forms.office.com/e/Zi5Ct6EXsf>

The evening will start in the Conference Room where I will present my vision of success for the year ahead, along with key dates, an overview of the academic support we offer plus handy hints and tips to support your child's revision.

Presentations will take place at 5:15pm and 6:00pm.

Following the presentation, you will have an opportunity to talk with our Assistant Principals and Lead Teachers, who will provide subject specific information, share valuable resources and revision advice.

This evening will also provide an opportunity to collect your child's personalised revision pack which will contain, amongst other things, a handy guide to revision and a parent pack to help you support your child through Year 11. All parents that attend this event will also be entered into a prize draw to win a brand-new iPad for their child.

We are determined to ensure that this year group achieve record breaking exam results and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 17th October. If you have any questions regarding the event, then please do feel free to contact me via email:

slast@westonfavellacademy.org



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It's Your Future

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

I remember that that was the proverbial question from many relatives, who visited my home when I was a child. I would recite the expected answers of a nurse or a vet, until I realised that I was squeamish at the sight of blood and was allergic to pet hair.

Oh well, back to the drawing board!

My advice to all Year 11 pupils, or any pupil for that matter, is that it is equally as important to know what career they do not want to do as what they do want to do.

The best way to explore this is to look at careers, roles and job adverts, either investigating them further or looking at the other careers associated with them.

I am very keen to support all Year 11 with the next steps on their pathway, even if they are not sure what that might be. Asking friends and family about your strengths and skills is a very good place to start. This might give a clue as where to go next. Many people try to grow a career out of their passions and interests. This is great and acts as springboard for success moving forward. Investigating A Level courses and future University courses provides another source of useful information: there are a huge range of courses available in 2024.

One strong piece of advice is not to pick a course or subject because your friends are doing it. It takes great personal strength to know what you want and make the right decision for yourself. Use the support and advice that is available to you. Do your own research and make your own choices.

I want all Year 11 students to take ownership of their destiny!

Mrs Fleming, Head of Year 11

Hot Chocolate and Cake with the Head of School!

Every fortnight, nominated pupils are invited to enjoy hot chocolate and cake with our Head of School, Mr Beeby. These pupils are selected by their pastoral teams for their remarkable qualities, including perseverance, pride in their work, helping others, showing resilience, and being outstanding role models.

During this special time, pupils also have the chance to share what they love about WFA and suggest improvements they'd like to see.

Congratulations to our latest winners:

Year 7: Martha T and Sana S

Year 8: Noah P and Samaya M

Year 9: Beatrice C and Krishan P

Year 10: Debbie A and Nizam N

Year 11: Ben-Harley T and Grace I

Keep up the excellent work!

Will it be you next fortnight?



A Wicked Night followed by a Christmas Fright!



The English Department are holding two screenings, one on Monday 14th of October and one on Monday 21st of October, of Macbeth and A Christmas Carol, in preparation for the November PPEs.



Both are being held in the conference suite from 3:15pm and food will be provided.

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Wake Up Wednesday!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is ok.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Please follow the link below if you would like more information on the subject of online bullying:

Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @natonlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

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WIN WIN WIN!

1 lucky winner will win a

£40 JUST EAT

VOUCHER

for them and their family

next Friday

All you need to do is be in school

all week



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Get support!



Scan the QR Code.

Young Carers Support

We are delighted to announce that we will be relaunching the support programme for young carers within Weston Favell Academy.

We will be working closely with Northampton Young Carers Service (NYCS) in assuring that our pupils are supported both at the Academy and at home.

If you believe that your child or a child within your family who is a pupil at the Academy is a young carer, please scan the QR code for more information.

Job of the Week

Estate Agent

Each week, the Careers Team will be providing an A-Z of 'Jobs of the Week'.

Watch this space for next week's job!

Leading the way!



Scan the QR Code.

Enrichment Opportunities

KS3 ENRICHMENT

KS4 ENRICHMENT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME
Boardgames	Boardgames	Boardgames	Boardgames	Boardgames
Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Music (Choir)	Art club		Voiceworx	Creative Writing
Boy's football (Yr 9)	Debating		Spanish (Yr 9)	Homework catch-up
Drama	Boy's football (Yr 7)		EAL	
Prowess	Basketball		Reading (Yr 9)	
Dance	STEM		Reading (Yr 7)	
	Maths homework		Boy's football (Yr 8)	
	Girl's football		Murder Mystery (Yr 8)	
			Trampolining	
			Journalism	
			Movie club	

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AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Music (Choir)	Art club		Voiceworx	Creative Writing
Business (Yr 10)	Debating		EAL	Homework catch-up
Drama	IT (Yr 10)		Journalism	
Prowess	Boys football (Yr 11)		Boy's football (Yr 10)	
Dance	Girl's football		Trampolining	
	Maths homework			
	STEM			

Year 11 Intervention 3.15pm – 4pm

If you would like to learn more about any of our enrichment opportunities, please visit our website or scan this QR Code!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Catering	Maths Higher	Sports Science	Art	Maths Higher 7+
English Literature	English Language	Music	Geography	
English Literature	English Language		French	
Maths Aiming for a 5	IT		Triple Science	
Maths Foundation	Triple Science		Combined Sciences	
Child Development	French		History	
DT	Maths Aiming For a 4		Combined Physics	
	Drama			



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Stars of the week

Year 7- David G
Year 8- Gavrila I
Year 9- Gesica C
Year 10- Keisha T
Year 11- Crystal S
Sixth Form- Abdulahi H

Congratulations!

For your diary

Year 11 Steps to Success Evening

Thursday 17th October 2024

October Half Term

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st
November 2024

Community Engagement Event

(More details to follow)

Thursday 28th November 2024

Parent Forums

4pm, 5pm and 6pm on
Thursday 13th February 2025
Thursday 1st May 2025
Thursday 3rd July 2025

Year 13 Parents Evening

Parents' evening



Thank you for those who attended our Year 13 Parents Evening yesterday evening- there was a massive 81% attendance!

Key Contacts

Safeguarding Team

Use the QR Code to meet the Safeguarding Team.



Contacting the Academy

Academy reception is open from 8:00am - 4:00pm

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Working together

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Sixth Form Team

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[Mrs B Whelan](#)

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Council

Is your child
currently in
Year 6?



Apply for Year 7 at Secondary school



Application Deadline:
31 October 2024



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions