

WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 29th November 2024



Message from the Head of School

December is almost here and we have lots happening in the remaining 3 weeks of term. Starting on Monday 2nd December, our Christmas tree will go up and the lights will be switched on at break. In addition, we have our giant advent calendar in our rewards shop; one pupil who demonstrates an act of kindness or good manners will be selected each day and will receive whatever items are in the goodie bag. Next week, our annual Christmas Hamper competition is launched to pupils (see pages 3 and 4) and we thank you in advance for your donations. We will also be supporting the National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December, having a staff Christmas sing-a-long (beside the piano); on Monday 16th December, as well as our Christmas lunch and 2 Carol Concerts all before the end of term! And if that isn't enough we will hold our second, highly anticipated **ATTENDANCE REWARDS DRAW** on the last day of term (see page 19) for more information.

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P	Perseverance
R	Respect
I	Inclusivity
D	Determination
E	Excellence

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Term Dates

Monday 4th November 2024 -
Friday 20th December 2024

The academy will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 7th January.

Lessons start @ 8.40am.

Reminder!

We are a nut free school

Please go to our Academy website for more information.

Parent Forums

Our new forums will provide opportunities for Academy staff, parents/carers and the community to come together to share what we do, and support your son/daughter.

We welcomed you on...

- 24th September 2024 - KS3 Curriculum
- 28th November 2024 - Community Engagement

Future dates for the diary...

- 13th February 2025 - Homework
- 1st May 2025 - topic TBC
- 3rd July 2025 - topic TBC



Christmas Hampers



Spread joy this Christmas with Weston Favell Academy!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to announce that Weston Favell Academy will once again be supporting The Northampton Hope Centre and Eve Domestic Abuse Charity with our Christmas Hamper Appeal 2024.

Last year's incredible success highlighted the generosity and kindness of our community, and we are confident that, together, we can make an even bigger impact this festive season.

How Can You Help?

We invite all pupils, parents, and carers to contribute to our Christmas hampers by providing one or more of the items listed on page 4. Each tutor group aims to create a fully stocked Christmas hamper... and there's even a prize for the best hamper in each year group!

Please send your donations with your child to their tutor group **by Friday 13th December 2024**. Every item counts, and your support will make a meaningful difference to families in need.



Christmas Hampers



WISHLIST ESSENTIALS.

Together, let's spread hope, warmth, and joy to those who need it most this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

- Tinned food
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Bread sauce (packet)
- Tinned vegetables
- Biscuits
- Dried fruit
- Chocolates
- Crisps
- Fizzy drinks
- Cans of drinks
- Tinned meat
- Soft drinks
- Crackers/breadsticks
- Christmas cake
- Finishing touches
- Cardboard box
- Wrapping paper
- Christmas crackers
- Towels
- Slippers
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Wipes
- Shaving foam
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush
- Hair ties
- Body wash
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Socks
- Hats, scarves & gloves
- Festive food and treats
- Mince pies
- Chocolate log
- Custard
- Pasta
- Rice
- Roll On deodorant
- Shower caps
- Face cloths



Camp America

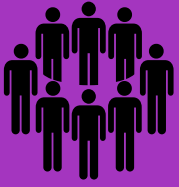


Our Sixth Form recently had a visit from Camp America. They informed our students of the opportunity to go and work at camps across America over the summer. Starting at just £459, you can spend the summer as a paid camp volunteer, catered for and conducting a wide range of activities with the camp attendees. You'll have the chance to make new friends, develop skills and even travel around America after your time at camp is up. They also offer flexible return flights from most major US cities to London to make it easier for you to travel.

They work with camps across the country and will be very helpful in finding you the right placement for your summer. They also offer a wide range of packages which makes them flexible for all budgets and needs. You will earn enough money to enjoy yourself in your own time during your placement, so you'll have time for personal adventures outside the camp. For more information and to look at the different packages they offer, go to www.campamerica.co.uk



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Community Engagement Evening



On Thursday, we held the Community Engagement Evening in the main hall. The goal of this event was to connect families with Northampton's fantastic support services and we were thrilled to see the huge turnout. We would like to extend a massive thank you to all of the organisations who attended to showcase their amazing services, ranging from counselling and advice services to football and boxing academies.



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RAC Visit



The RAC came and delivered an informative session on general car maintenance to our Sixth Formers. Many of our students are already drivers or are soon to be drivers so it is important that they understand this aspect of driving to keep them safe and, if nothing else, save them some money!



The session included information such as cleaning, oil changes and tyre checking. Mrs Souster also delivered a seminar on general safety and information about driving, such as driving in different weather conditions and potential hazards that you may not think about as a driver.



PSHE @ WFA

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

Year	Theme
7	Learning Disabilities
8	Dealing with Conflict
9	Dealing with Grief and Loss
10	Consumer Rights
11	Revisiting STIs

The themes for PSHE
this term are:

Year	Theme
7	Celebrating Diversity
8	Relationship & Sex Education
9	Health & Wellbeing
10	Life Beyond School
11	Relationship & Sex Education



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WAKE-UP WEDNESDAY!

The focus this week is managing money.

Managing money can be a difficult skill to master, even for adults! As such, it's incredibly important for children and young people to learn all they can before they reach an age at which they'll be responsible for their own finances. Teaching strategies for saving and responsible spending early on can be a huge help to youngsters, in a way that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

It can be tricky to know the best approach for teaching money management to children, especially in terms of giving them practical experience with this important life skill. The poster on page 10, made in collaboration with financial education app GoHenry – provides expert advice on how to educate children and young people on both spending and saving their cash.

WAKE-UP WEDNESDAY!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop designs (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that if doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

goHenry

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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Get support!



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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

Joiner

This week, we're taking a look at the role of Joiners!

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.



Stars of the week

Year 7- Darius R

Year 8- Sophia O

Year 9- Charlotte W

Year 10- Dominik K

Year 11- Matilda M

Sixth Form- Fionn R-U

Congratulations!

All 'Stars of the Week' are entered into our termly prize draw – the winner will receive a £25 voucher.

For your diary

Prowess Dance Show

Wednesday 4th December

Year 9 Parents' Evening (Online)

Thursday 5th December

Sixth Form OAP Party

Sunday 9th December

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 12th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening (In person)

Thursday 19th December

Carol Services

Tuesday 17th December – St Peter's Church

Wednesday 18th December – St Gregory's Church

Christmas Holiday

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025



Don't forget to spend your
ClassCharts points!

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Attendance Matters!

Evidence tells us that high attendance correlates to strong academic performance.

Simply put - pupils that are in the Academy every day will achieve better than those who are not.

Those who miss less than 1% of their learning time in Y10/11 make 3.5 times more progress by the end of KS4.

High attendance also:

- Increases engagement
- Improves social and emotional wellbeing
- Reduces gaps for disadvantaged groups
- Increases chances of future career success.

Weekly Prize Draw.

Every week, pupils who achieve 100% attendance can win a £25 voucher.



One pupil from each year group will be selected at random from now until the end of July.

This week's winners were...

Year 7 - Ella R

Year 8 - Stacey D

Year 9 - Lacey H

Year 10 - Autumn M

Year 11 - Naima A

Sixth Form - Erica R

Congratulations!

Key Contacts

Safeguarding Team

Use the QR Code to meet the Safeguarding Team.



Contacting the Academy

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Year 11 Team

[Mrs C Fleming](#)
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Sixth Form Team

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[Mrs P Souster](#)
[Mrs B Whelan](#)

We are here to help

Upcoming Events

Dance Show - 4th December



Our Prowess Dance team will be performing a dance show filled with different dances and music genres on Thursday 4th December at 6pm.

Tickets are available via ParentPay - £2 each.

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Upcoming Events

Year 9 Parents' Evening - 5th December 2024



WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY

Year 9 Parents' Evening **ONLINE**

Thursday

5th

December

4pm - 7pm

Book your
appointments
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Upcoming Events

Sixth Form Open Evening - 12th December 2024



Are you a Year 11 exploring your post-16 education options?

Visit our Sixth Form Open evening on 12th December to discover your new path to academic success.

You'll have the opportunity to find out about our curriculum, speak to current and former students about their experience and have a look around our newly converted Sixth Form Centre.

At WFA Sixth Form, we are proud of the success of our former students who have moved onto higher education at a range of amazing Universities and Apprenticeships. Our expert team specialises in helping you find your own way and we will equip you with all the necessary skills to navigate life beyond school walls.

We're excited to see you and introduce you to our way of life at Sixth Form, see you there!

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Attendance Draw - Term 2



Friday 20th December 2024



Are you still on 100% attendance for this term?

Every pupil who attends every day this term will be in our second attendance prize draw.

We have a BMX bike, Nintendo Switch with Super Mario game included, a Premier League football, NBA basketball, Karaoke machine, JBL Bluetooth speaker, driving lessons, lego, vouchers and much more.

Remember...you have to be **IN to WIN!**

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