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Parent Newsletter

A comment from....

Mr Tim Peacock,

Head of School



As the sun came out and it's looking like summer, spare a thought for our Year 11 and 13 who are spending hours in the Sports Hall, focusing on their examinations!

Last Friday was a really special day – the 13s in their fancy dress, enjoying the morning on a bouncy castle and saying farewell to all their teachers, while the 11s chose to spend their last day in uniform, despite it being a non-uniform day, so they could indulge in the traditional signing of shirts on their final day of normal timetable, before an enjoyable and nostalgic celebration assembly to finish.... with just a few tears!

Good luck everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 May - A Level Exams start!

23 May - Tate Museum Trip

24 May - Summer Half Term Holiday

25 May - Milan Football Trip

25 May - New York Trip

3 June - Back to school - Week 1

7 June - Y10 Progress Reports

7 June - Y7 Celebration Assembly

14 June - CLOSURE DAY—READY FOR TIMETABLE PROMOTION

EVERYONE'S GOING SOMEWHERE AND NO ONE'S GOING NOWHERE

The beginning of the end as Year 13 bid farewell to school life

Following last year's meteorological debacle, Sixth Form staff spent much nervous energy closely examining all sorts of weather apps ("The BBC Weather app is saying....."..."Ah but the forecast's not so good on my Apple Weather...") and, thankfully, Bouncy Castle-Gate was avoided.



The field was open, the ice cream van was here and the day could go ahead as planned. Hurrah! However, as is always the case on these days, there is always a little more reflection and melancholy than students expect. It is the combination of these things that make this such an important day for our students, as it marks one of the last times that they will all be together as a community. The students, as usual, showcased all the virtues that they have brought to the school over the past few years and emphasised how greatly they will be missed by the school community as a whole.

Particularly noteworthy this year, as usual, were the plethora of great costumes that students had hired or (if they were feeling more adventurous) made themselves. Whilst it's unfair to pick individuals out, Oli Latham's Transformer outfit (a Transformer when he was standing up, an articulated lorry when he laid down) was one of the very best I have seen in my five years at the school! [Click here for full article.](#)

GOODBYE TO OUR YEAR 11—MS MASTERSON

Friday 10th May was our very last 'official' day in school as Year 11. On the day of this eagerly anticipated rite of passage, we saw a range of emotions from both staff and pupils alike.

Registration period for Year 11 was a hive of activity, with farewell breakfasts and speeches taking place across the school. Year 11 then attended their final four lessons before our Celebration Assembly during Period 5. The atmosphere in school throughout the day was happy and relaxed, with a strong undercurrent of emotion. Year 11 pupils were in a reflective mood, ready to share stories and reminisce about their secondary school life. For the vast majority of the year group, this started on day one with Mrs Clarke and me welcoming them to West Bridgford School as brand new Year 7s.



The Celebration Assembly started with a blare of music and a wall of energy from the Year 11 audience. We had a rolling display of every pupils' name next to their Year 7 and Year 11 photos – this was very well received and will next be recreated in our Yearbook.

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COMING SOON

Y11 PROM

18th JUNE

COLWICK HALL



Y13 PROM

24TH JUNE

BLOTT'S



WEEK 2 -

w/c 20th May

THE WEST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL MENU 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Mushroom Potatoes & Peas Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Onions	Beef & Onion Potatoes & Peas Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Onions	Chicken & Mushroom Potatoes & Peas Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Onions	Beef & Onion Potatoes & Peas Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Onions	Chicken & Mushroom Potatoes & Peas Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Onions
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KEY FOR ALLERGENS:

Gluten Free Lactose Free Eggs Nuts Soybeans Peanuts Sesame Mustard Fish Shellfish

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Could you please not bring vehicles on site to drop off students, unless this has been agreed for medical reasons.

Many Thanks

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION BEE - WE'RE OFF TO THE FINALS

On Tuesday 14th May, 5 students from the MFL department travelled to the Queen Katharine Academy in Peterborough to make another appearance in the national Foreign Language Translation Bee competition. Safa Layth, Lingde Yang (both French), Ruby Atkinson (German) and Vidhi Gupta and Dania Ali (both Spanish) made up the final 50 of nearly 5000 original entrants of the competition in Central England.



The students were required to translate as many sentences as possible from English into their specialist language in one minute. The students were outstanding and was the highest standard I have seen in the competition with lots of other students coming from private schools. Well done to all students who were a credit to their subject teachers, the MFL department and the school as a whole.



Also a big thank you to Mrs Youdale for her help on the day.

Dania Ali produced an amazing display in Spanish to qualify for the National Finals at The University of Cambridge in July. This is the first time the school has qualified and Dania will now compete against the best in the country and fully deserves to be in the mix. Well done Dania!

COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP TO "THE CENTRE FOR COMPUTING HISTORY"

BY ADAM NICHOLSON AND DEVAN GOVIND

On Tuesday the 23rd of April, we (a group of 10 computer science students in year 12) and our 2 teachers went on a trip to the centre for computing history in Cambridge. Upon arrival, after a 2 hour journey in the minibus kindly driven by Mr Brown, we began our fascinating tour around the museum. It started with an interesting talk about early calculators and early programmable machines. Next, we got to see an old computer in action. A program had been written on punch card which the computer read and used to play noughts and crosses. After the tour of the main hall, we went through to a separate room where we got to program a physics simulation in BASIC on some old BBC computers followed by a short lunch break. Next was the part that the museum is most well known for. We went to look at the world's biggest processor. It spanned the wall of the room and was covered in red LEDs to show what's going on inside it. It was quite the sight.

We were given a talk about how it works and what it's doing before we finally got to the best part of the day. Games time! We were given free reign of the museum to do pretty much anything. Want to play old arcade games? Do it! Want to try virtual reality? Do it! Want to play The Hitchhikers guide to the galaxy the text-based adventure game? Do it!



Unfortunately, this part of the day didn't last forever like we had hoped it would. After another 2 hour drive, we arrived home at 5:30 in good spirit, happy with the events of the day.

WELL BEING GARDEN - VIV TAYLOR

Thank you so much to those of you that came along to the wellbeing garden meeting last week. We had a great discussion about what we can do to create a wellbeing area in the quad by the dome. We have already made a start with the Gardening Club raised beds but there is still more we would like to do.

With that in mind, please can I send out a plea....

If anyone has plants that they might not want or extra cuttings or outdoor plant pots, any donations would be gratefully received. Please email me if you have any items that you might be able to donate. vtaylor@wbs.school

Exciting news ! I have just received a cheque from the Asda Foundation for £200 which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone that took part in the green token scheme, it will really make a difference towards more seating, some feature plants and pots !

Thank you again for all your support



U13 REGIONAL HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

West Bridgford U13 Handball team finished 2nd in the regional round at Derby Arena last Thursday. Losing 2-1 to Priory Belvoir in the final. It was tough competition, however the girls played really well and were an excellent representation of the school. Hoping for National qualification next year!



CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS

In January several year 13 students participated in the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual Chemistry Olympiad competition. This is the leading chemistry competition for post-16 students in UK secondary education; designed to stretch and challenge students and is set by a team of teachers and university chemists. The gruelling 2 hour exam paper takes students significantly beyond the A level syllabus and encourages them to think about science in the way they would at university as well as

helping them to develop problem solving skills and apply familiar knowledge in new and interesting contexts. Four of our students achieved success with their results. Charlie Lilley, Emily Baldwin (not pictured) and Tymoteusz Pacamaj all achieved bronze awards. Emily Townsend achieved a silver award (top 33%) but most impressive of all was Amr Houda who achieved a gold award. This placed him in the top 8% of pupils who were entered and is the first time West Bridgford School has had a Gold Award student. Congratulations to them all.



YEAR 10 CVL NETBALL FINALS

A huge well done to the Year 10 Netball squad (A and B team) who both made it through to the CVL Netball finals on Wednesday 27th March.

Both the A and B team managed to reach the final stage of this tournament there was a total of 12 Schools who entered.

Well done to both teams for reaching this stage and well done especially to the A team for winning the whole tournament.

The A team won all of their games beating Nottingham Girls High School, NUSA and Carlton Le Willows and only letting the other teams score 7 goals in total!

Great achievement to both the A and B team. Congratulations!

