

WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 6th December 2024



Message from the Head of School

This week saw the Christmas lights turn on and the festivities begin; pupils who showed kindness and respect were awarded a goodie bag from our giant advent calendar. The Sixth Form have been busy preparing for the OAP Party on Sunday and pupils are starting to create hampers for local charities. We have also congratulated our first tutor group winners as part of our attendance drive (more info on page 16) and continued to award individual pupils for 100% attendance; 729 pupils still have 100% attendance for this term and therefore will be in our final day attendance draw. We were treated to an evening of dance from our Prowess group on Wednesday (see page 3) and thank all those who attended. Looking ahead, we have 2 more busy weeks before the Christmas break; carol services, our Sixth Form Open Evening, Christmas jumper day and a Parents' Evening. Finally, I would like to thank all pupils, parents/carers and staff who managed an emergency closure on Tuesday - we appreciate the inconveniences caused but safety for all was the priority.

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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 child.**

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

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Dance Show



On Thursday, we watched a performance by our fantastic Prowess Dance team. There was a range of dance types and music genres on show and our talented team demonstrated their amazing skills like the expert performers they are. Thank you to all in the audience who attended and supported this event!



Christmas Grotto

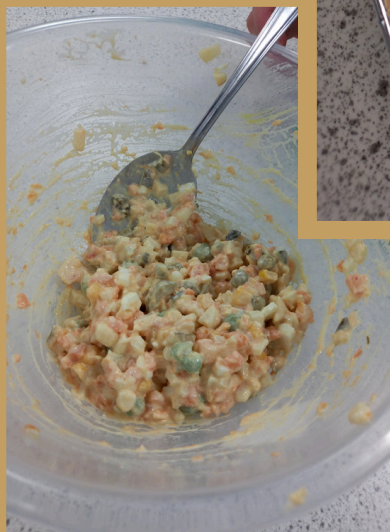


December is finally here! The Admin office has now been transformed into Santa's Grotto in time for Christmas. We've got plans for lots of festive fun around site on the run up to the holidays, keep your eyes out for more Christmas cheer at WFA!



Curriculum Highlight

This week's highlight is all to do with leafy greens, nutrition and healthy eating. Miss Dula's class had a lesson on making authentic Russian salads, using a range of ingredients to create the ultimate health kick! Pupils learned skills in chopping safely, preparing food, avoiding cross contamination and presenting food with a flourish!





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 6. 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.

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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

Upcoming Events

Sixth Form Open Evening - 12th December 2024



It's time to start exploring Post-16 Options...

We are proud of what our Sixth Form has to offer, particularly with our outstanding A-Level results and expertise in progressing our students to a range of universities and apprenticeships after their time here.

If you don't believe us, please visit our Open Evening and find out for yourself! We've got former and current students who will give you an impression of what it means to be a Sixth Former at WFA, curriculum overviews of the fascinating topics we cover, and we'll be on hand to answer any questions you might have about why we're the best option for you!

We look forward to meeting you!

Christmas Jumper Day - 13th December 2024



Deck the Hallways...

Christmas Jumper Day is just around the corner; let's get excited for Christmas together! While the rest of the uniform is as normal, you can show off your festive fashion next Friday!

Upcoming Events

Christmas Carol Services - 17th & 18th December



O Come, All Ye Faithful!

We are conducting carolling services at St. Gregory's Church and St. Peter's on the 17th and 18th of December respectively. Pupils and students of all ages are welcome to join us spreading Christmas cheer in our local community. To sign up, please speak to Mrs Lyttle or Mrs Furniss.

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 19th December



How's it going?

This Parents' Evening will be held on site on the last Thursday before term ends. Please book your appointments as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on time slots. We look forward to seeing you and updating you on your child's educational journey.

Enrichment at WFA

Key Stage 3 Enrichment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME
What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames
Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library
Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes
What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball
Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall
Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
What: Music (Choir)	What: Art club	What: Dungeons & Dragons	What: Voicework	What: Creative Writing
Where: PA2	Where: D1	Where: Library	Where: PA1	Where: A5
Who: Miss Little	Who: Miss Rowlands	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Ms Ashcroft	Who: Mrs Richards
What: Boy's football (Yr 9)	What: Debating		What: Spanish (Yr 9)	What: Homework catch-up
Where: Astro	Where: A7		Where: A14	Where: B10
Who: Mr Lucas	Who: Mr Perez		Who: Miss Clark	Who: Mrs Patience
What: Drama	What: Boy's football (Yr 7)		What: EAL	
Where: Drama studio	Where: Astro		Where: A2	
Who: Miss Williams	Who: Mr Upex		Who: Mrs Cusack	
What: Prowess	What: Basketball		What: Reading (Yr 9)	
Where: PAS	Where: Sports Hall		Where: A6	
Who: Mrs Ripley	Who: Mrs Ryder-Wolf		Who: Miss Fullwood	
What: Dance	What: STEM		What: Reading (Yr 7)	
Where: Gym	Where: E4		Where: A4	
Who: Miss Wiles	Who: Mr Abraham		Who: Mrs Rogers	
What: Dance	What: Maths homework		What: Boy's football (Yr 8)	
Where: Gym	Where: B11		Where: Astro	
Who: Miss Wiles	Who: Mrs White		Who: Mr Benill	
What: Swimming	What: Girl's football		What: Murder Mystery (Yr 8)	
Where: Pool	Where: Astro		Where: B18	
Who: Ms Payne	Who: Miss Hazel		Who: Miss Redfern	
			What: Trampolineing	
			Where: Gym	
			Who: Mrs Lemm	
			What: Swimming	
			Where: Pool	
			Who: Ms Payne	
			What: Journalism	
			Where: A9	
			Who: Dr Annab	
			What: ECO Club	
			Where: A12	
			Who: Team Geography	

Key Stage 4 Enrichment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME
What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames	What: Boardgames
Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library	Where: Library
Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Miss Howes
What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball	What: Basketball
Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall	Where: Sports Hall
Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff	Who: PE staff
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
What: Music (Choir)	What: Art club	What: Dungeons & Dragons	What: Voicework	What: Creative Writing
Where: PA2	Where: D1	Where: Library	Where: PA1	Where: A5
Who: Miss Little	Who: Miss Rowlands	Who: Miss Howes	Who: Ms Ashcroft	Who: Mrs Richards
What: Business (Yr 10)	What: Debating		What: EAL	What: Homework catch-up
Where: IT3	Where: A7		Where: A2	Where: B10
Who: Mr Phipp	Who: Mr Perez		Who: Mrs Cusack	Who: Mrs Patience
What: Drama	What: IT (Yr 10)		What: Journalism	
Where: Drama studio	Where: IT4		Where: A9	
Who: Miss Williams	Who: Mrs Francis		Who: Dr Annab	
What: Prowess	What: Boys football (Yr 11)		What: Boy's football (Yr 10)	
Where: PAS	Where: Astro		Where: Astro	
Who: Mrs Ripley	Who: Mr Last		Who: Mr Harrison	
What: Dance	What: Girl's football		What: Trampolineing	
Where: Gym	Where: Astro		Where: Gym	
Who: Miss Wiles	Who: Miss Hazel		Who: Mrs Lemm	
What: Swimming	What: Maths homework		What: Swimming	
Where: Pool	Where: B11		Where: Pool	
Who: Ms Payne	Who: Mrs White		Who: Ms Payne	
	What: STEM		What: Chess	
	Where: E4		Where: Library	
	Who: Mr Abraham		Who: Ms Howes	

Year 11 Enrichment: 3.15pm-4.15pm

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT THE
'Academy Clubs and Enrichment'
SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
What: Catering	What: Maths Higher	What: Sports Science	What: Art	What: Maths Higher 7+
Where: C1	Where: B2 and B19	Where: SFP	Where: D2 & D3	Where: B10
What: English Literature	What: English Language	What: Music	What: Geography	
Where: A8	Where: A10	Where: PA2	Where: A12 & A13	
What: English Literature	What: English Language		What: French	
Where: A20	Where: A20		Where: A16	
What: Maths aiming for a 5	What: IT (Cwk/Exs)		What: Triple Science	
Where: B20	Where: IT4		Where: E5 and E8	
What: Maths Foundation	What: Triple Science		What: Combined Sciences	
Where: B2	Where: E5		Where: E1	
What: Child development	What: French		What: History	
Where: IT2	Where: A17		Where: B14 & B17	
What: DT	What: Maths Aiming for a 4		What: Combined Physics	
Where: C6	Where: B4 and B6		Where: E4	
	What: Drama			
	Where: PA1			

RAISING STANDARDS – TRANSFORMING LIVES

WAKE-UP WEDNESDAY!

THIS WEEK: SNAPCHAT

As one of the most popular messaging apps available, Snapchat sees an enormous amount of usage across the globe – with a significant number of those utilising the platform being under 18. For that reason, it's important to understand the potential risks to younger users when spending time on this app. Of course, it can be difficult to identify every hazard associated with the platform, let alone what can be done to mitigate these concerns. The guide on the next page outlines the key online safety risks of Snapchat, as well as how to safeguard young people while they use the app.

WAKE-UP WEDNESDAY!

ZOOM IN TO LOOK THROUGH

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK
97
DAYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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Get support!



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.



Scan the QR Code.

Job of the Week Kitchen Fitter



Scan the QR Code.

PSHE TOPICS

Year	Theme
7	Prejudice & Discrimination
8	Periods and the Menstrual Cycle
9	Media and Airbrushing
10	Employment Rights
11	Revisiting Contraception



Stars of the week

Year 7- Yusef K

Year 8 - Gavril I

Year 9 - Niggin K

Year 10 - Leland S

Year 11 - Summer W

Sixth Form - Mateusz T

Congratulations!

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

For your diary

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 12th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening (In person)

Thursday 19th December

Carol Services

Tuesday 17th December – St Gregory's Church

Wednesday 18th December – St Peter's Church

Christmas Holiday

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025



Don't forget to spend your ClassCharts points!

RAISING STANDARDS – TRANSFORMING LIVES

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

Key Contacts

Year 7 Team

Mrs A Carpenter
Miss C Novakovic

Year 8 Team

Mr C Harrison
Miss H Coyne

Year 9 Team

Mrs S Edwards
Ms A Moran

Year 10 Team

Miss S Kyle
Mrs M Parrett
Mrs N High

Year 11 Team

Mrs C Fleming
Mrs K McNee

Sixth Form Team

Mrs L Mann
Mrs P Souster
Mrs B Whelan

We are here to help



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 - Clara M

Year 8 - Arthur P

Year 9 - Maisie L

Year 10 - Emily F

Year 11 - Lexi M

Sixth Form - Lauraine D

Congratulations!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!



Week Beginning 25th November

Attendance Progress Winners!

This prize is for the tutor group that has made the most progress in their weekly attendance.



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Highest Attendance Winners!

This prize is for the tutor group that has achieved the highest weekly attendance.



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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!**

The draw will take place on the final day of term - Period 3.

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