



# Westwood Academy

## Newsletter.

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Thank you!

Bend the Rules Day has so far raised £277, which will go via the PTFA into enrichment for the pupils at the school. Thank you all so much for joining in, it has been a brilliant day.

### Attendance – our school target is 97%

The school's target for attendance is 97% for each pupil each year. We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and cannot authorise term time absence except in exceptional circumstances. Each half term we analyse attendance data and contact all parents of pupils with attendance below 90%, which is the Government's threshold for "persistent absence". Everyday that pupils are in school is a day in which their life chances are, research shows, improved. So, thank you for keeping pupils in school as much as possible, it is appreciated.

### Sarah Thompson.

We were sad to learn this week of the passing of Sarah Thompson, who until recently was a midday assistant at the school and so was well known to many years' worth of pupils at Westwood. It is a credit to Sarah that, on hearing the sad news, everyone who knew was so full of stories of her kindness and humour, which is how she'll be remembered by us all.

## Please park considerably around the school.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to a safer environment at the front of the school, by parking



responsibly and being considerate of the needs of our pupils (who need to be able to cross roads safely) and our neighbours in Beresford Close and Beresford Gardens. Within Beresford Close in particular, there are several very vulnerable residents, so please can you make sure you are not blocking access to their properties and driveways, as for some of them mobility is an issue.

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, please call the non-emergency police number to report them on

**0300 333 4444**

Thank you.

### Attendance:

Target: **97%**  
This week: **94.95%** ↓  
Year to date: **96.47%** ↓

**We expect pupils to be in school everyday.** We can not authorise term time absence except in exceptional circumstances and where appropriate, Essex County Council will issue fines.

This week year 5 got **100%**, only them and year 3 were above 97%.

## Key Dates

Dates will be added to this list in the coming weeks and highlighted if they are new.

15/10/21 PTFA Halloween Discos tbc.  
18-29/10/21 Autumn Half Term.  
25/11/21 Exhibition Evening.  
20/12-3/1/22 School Break.  
14-18/2/22 Spring Half Term.  
17/3/22 Exhibition Evening.  
4-18/4/22 School break.  
30/5-6/6/22 Summer Half Term.  
22/6/22 Sports Day PM tbc.  
30/6/22 Exhibition Evening.  
4-8/7/22 Provisional Y6 Residential.  
20/7/22 Last day of school tbc.

### Parent Consultations (school closes at 13:30 on these days: -

12/10/21 (Zoom) and 29/3/22 (Zoom or face to face).

Reports out: 15/7/22.

### Random Acts of Kindness Weeks w/c 11/10/21, 7/2/22, 23/5/22.

Dates may be subject to change; we will try and give as much notice as possible.

## STOP PRESS!

**Children, parents or staff should not attend school if they show symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive. Instead, follow the government guidelines at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**

**Secondary School Admissions are open! See details later in the newsletter.**

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## Year 7 Secondary Applications are now open until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2022).

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2022 opened on 10 September 2021.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

**The national closing date for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021** – so please ensure that your applications are in by then.

### Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.

We are going to be taking part in the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon in school. The event will take place between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Watch this space for more information.

### Clubs for Autumn term.

Information about clubs has been sent out via Parentmail, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please complete the club permission slip and return as soon as possible. All those that have already asked have been allocated a place, and some spaces remain, so get involved! We use our Sports premium funding to make these clubs FREE and make physical activity and sport available to everyone. Clubs this term will be: -

Day	TIME	CLUB	YEAR	COST	LEADER
Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Aerobics	Year 1	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes
Thursday	11.50-12.30	Badminton	Year 4	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes
	3.15-4.15	Tennis	Year 3	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes
Friday	12.25-1.00	Athletics	Year 2	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes
	1.30-2.30	Kick Rounders	Year 5	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes
	1.30-2.30	Multi Skills/Football	Year 6	Funded by Sports Premium	Deanes

### Year 6 Multi Skills/Football Club.

Year 6 hasn't had much take up for Multi Skills/Football club on a Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel it this week. If we do not have enough pupils signed up for next week the club will be cancelled permanently. The clubs are run by sports coaches from Deanes and allow the children to try and develop new skills, whilst staying active and healthy. Please speak to the office to reserve a place.

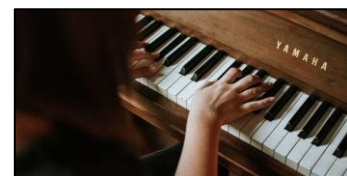
### Nursery News.

A warm welcome to our new starters who are continuing to have their respective first days in nursery! Children continue to settle well, and we will update you of what is going on in the nursery over the coming weeks through this newsletter.

The nursery key workers are able to be contacted via Tapestry or if you have a more specific question, the Nursery email is checked regularly: [nursery@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:nursery@westwoodacademy.org)

### Piano Lessons.

We have some spaces at the start of the school year for piano lessons. If you are interested in these for your child, please contact the office for more details about timings and cost. Our own Mrs Hills provides these, so the pupils will be working with someone with whom they are already very familiar.



### Karate Club.

We have been asked by the Karate Club that uses the school facilities to make aware parents aware of the club and the lessons that happen in the school hall on Thursdays after school from 15:30-16:30. The cost of the sessions is £5, and if you require any further information, you can contact D Phillips (7<sup>th</sup> Dan) on 07901 827725.

## PTFA news.

The Halloween discos are back, and will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

KS1 2.30pm-4.00pm

KS2 4.30pm-6.00pm

Wristbands are £5.00 and will be available to buy from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.



Regular Information – click on the links below for more help.

### Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

#### Opening Hours.

Mon-Thu 08:00-08:45, 15:10-17:00

Fri 08:00-08:45, 15:10-16:00

Bridging Club Fri 1:30 – 15:10

(Woodys is closed during lockdown).

### Home Learning.

When available, can be found on our website by clicking this icon:



This week, school dinners will be from the Summer Menu, Week 2 – click below. Click icon below to see menus.



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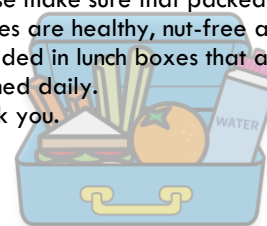
## Woody's Care Provision Booking Info

For support with home learning, email:

[nursery@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:nursery@westwoodacademy.org)  
[reception@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:reception@westwoodacademy.org)  
[year1@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:year1@westwoodacademy.org)  
[year2@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:year2@westwoodacademy.org)  
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[year5@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:year5@westwoodacademy.org)  
[year6@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:year6@westwoodacademy.org)

### Packed Lunches.

Please make sure that packed lunches are healthy, nut-free and provided in lunch boxes that are cleaned daily. Thank you.



Please remember **snacks** and **water bottles** each day, as well as appropriate **coats** for cold weather and **sun cream** when it's warm.

We **DO NOT** keep spare PE kits. Please ensure pupils are provided with PE kit throughout the school year. Please speak to the school office to make us aware of any difficulty with this. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).



### Online Safety.

#### MINIMUM AGES.

**Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook**

**13**

**Whatsapp, Tik Tok**

**16** to register

**13** to use

**YouTube**

**18** to register

**13** with parental permission.

**Games** – check PEGI rating.

Click [here](#) for more on online safety.



If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at:

[office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org)

We are nut free. Help us safeguard those with allergies and please do not send any products containing nuts into school.



For the latest, detailed information on COVID-19 about accessing testing and advice about coronavirus, go to:



If you need to contact us outside of office hours regarding a positive COVID test that will need us to take action, please use the email:

[covid@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:covid@westwoodacademy.org)



Click [here](#) for details of our school uniform.

Contact us



T: 01702 559467.

E: [admin@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:admin@westwoodacademy.org)

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Supporting your child's mental health

Parent Workshop with

Kerry Williams MNCS Accred. Counsellor/Supervisor/Family Liaison Officer

Jacky Wragg MA, SEND, Essex Partnership SENCO

Workshops will take place via Zoom

on the following dates

30<sup>th</sup> September – How we react makes a difference

7<sup>th</sup> October – Praise and encouragement

14<sup>th</sup> October – Boundaries and consistency

21<sup>st</sup> October – Responding and supporting

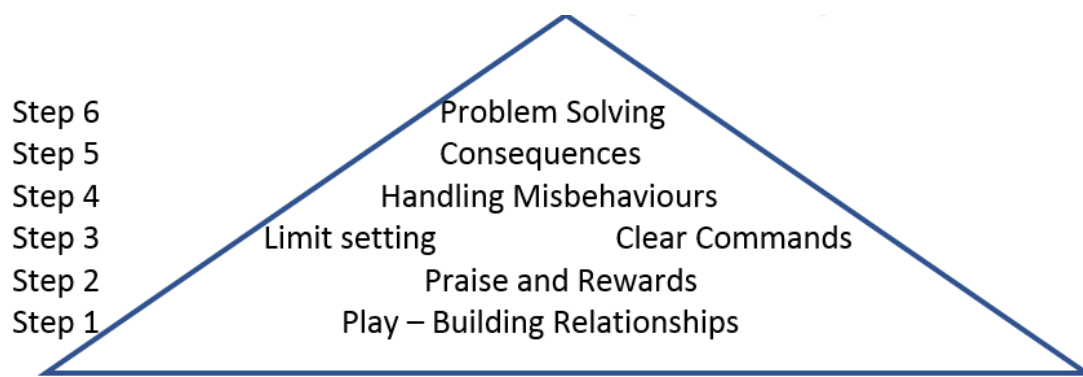
All sessions will run from 7pm to 8:15pm

Please attend all 4 sessions

To book and receive Zoom invite register here

**LINK OPENS FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10am**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-mental-health-tickets-171393872687>





BENFLEET TEAM  
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## **Train to be an outstanding Primary or Secondary teacher with Benfleet TSA.**

Are you thinking about training to be a teacher?

If you are a graduate and want to get into teaching join our recruitment event to answer all of your questions about Teacher Training for September 2022

### Our subjects:

Mathematics	English
Science – Physics, Chemistry , Biology	Geography
History	Modern Foreign Languages
Computer Science	Business Studies
Physical Education	Physical Education with EBACC
Design and Technology	Drama
Music	Religious Education
Art & Design	Primary

This event will be held at The Appleton School, Croft Road, Benfleet, SS7 5RN

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm**

To book your space email [mhoward@theappletonschool.org](mailto:mhoward@theappletonschool.org) or call 01268 794215 extn 210



# Westcliff High School for Boys

## UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

# GO FOR GRAMMAR!

## 11+ FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME 2021/22

Westcliff High School for Boys' Centre for Gifted Children (WCGC), established in 2010, is a programme of 11+ familiarisation events throughout the School Year aimed at encouraging local children to consider the possibility of a state Grammar School education. Since the Centre's inception nine years ago almost 5,000 local children have participated. Working closely with local primary schools to offer opportunities for bright children, primarily from disadvantaged backgrounds, the WCGC Go for Grammar! 11+ familiarisation programme for **Year 5 boys and girls living within the School's local priority catchment area (postcodes SS0 to SS9)** provides a taste of what a grammar school education is like. In addition, parents are provided with practical information about the 11+ examination and how best to help their children prepare to sit the exam.

The Go for Grammar! Programme consists of a series of themed 'workshop' events which take place on Saturdays throughout the year. Each workshop has an overall theme and includes Mathematics and English tutorial sessions, run by members of Westcliff High School for Boys' teaching staff, covering material that is relevant to 11+ examination questions; each session also includes an introduction to a foreign language. Workshop themes for 2021/22 are:

### **Leadership and Adventure - 9 October 2021**

A series of exciting outdoor tasks run by cadets from our Combined Cadet Force

### **Creative - 13 November 2021**

Sessions in Art, Music, Technology and Design to learn new creative skills

### **Humanities - 15 January 2022**

Activities in Philosophy, Volcanoes and World War II to engage and challenge


### **Science - 5 March 2022**


Looking at the science of living things, chemical reactions and forces or electricity, with sessions in Biology, Chemistry and Physics


### **Multi-Sports - 7 May 2022**

Action packed summer sporting opportunities that are fun for all

Kenilworth Gardens | Westcliff-on-Sea | Essex | SS0 0BP | 01702 475443

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