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14th June 2023

A message from the Headteacher, Mrs Neofitou:

Our students have made it to their final day on this school site! I am sure you will enjoy reading our final edition of the Keeping in Touch newsletter for this academic year — what a set of achievements!

We look forward to our return in September and the amazing new building that awaits. A letter regarding the details for the start of term has been sent out and is also available on the website.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break!



Radio Stars in Our Eyes!

Have you been listening to BBC CWR? Starting on Monday 10th July we Monday we were featured on the Breakfast Show as Star School! saw us go live with Mrs. Neofitou and Mrs. Knowles, and Rebecca, Emily and Ethan from Y7 and Y8. We had live from the playground on Tuesday and Thursday, a tour of our school on Wednesday with Mia, Umme, Ava and Charlotte and rounded off the week this morning with School News with Lottie, Ellie and Haamad featuring their special guest – Mrs. Tasker! If you missed out, you can still listen on BBC Sounds.

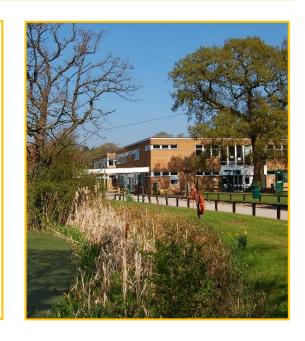
Thank you to all students who took part. Maybe the radio stars of the future?

Saying Goodbye to Our Site

As you know, we will soon be saying goodbye to our school buildings at the end of this term. From its days as Tile Hill Wood School to the current West Coventry Academy, we are sure that many people have memories of the site!

On Saturday 15th July, from 10:00 to 11:30 we opened our gates to allow a look around our current site before we move out! We had a great turnout and lots of memories as well as a few reunions! Thank you for all those who attended.

We hope to welcome you into the new school in the future!



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Winners at the ATLP Student Awards

Tuesday saw the ATLP Student Awards, held this year at Drayton Manor. This is one way of recognising success, achievements, and resilience of our students. These are our winners. Well done!

Special Endeavour – Jesse S Extra Curricular – Lottie I Charity Fundraiser – Milly H Community – Cathal L
Contribution to School Life – Jess O
Creativity – Niamh H









Sky Blues Say Well Done Cathal!

Unfortunately despite winning an ATLP student award, Cathal could not attend, and so he was surprised by a video featuring some of Coventry City Football Club's stars including Gusatvo Hamer, Ben Wilson and the assistant manager Adi Viveash!

Music to Our Ears

Last week, a group Year 7 students who have been learning an instrument joined up with students from other schools across the City as part of a 100+ strong orchestra lead by Coventry Music Hub at Methodist Central Hall.

It was fantastic to see young people from WCA working together with other students and staff, displaying our 4Rs across the day. Well done Y7!



End of Year Reports

Reports will be issued this week for Y7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. As previously these reports will be issued on Go4Schools. Don't have access? Check out this page for Go4Schools guides in getting access: https://westcoventry.atlp.org.uk/parents/download-our-apps/monitoring-progress/



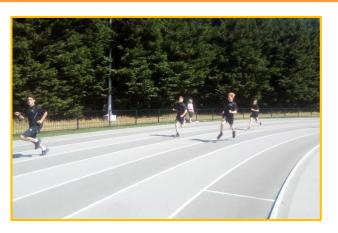
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What a Sports Day!

It was an absolute blast on Friday 7th July, to get our first Sports Day since 2019! Students and staff got in to the spirit of the occasional trying out field events such as Javelin and Long Jump, an endball tournament and of course track events!

Students even organised a staff race to finish the day, with students making a lot of noise cheering on the teachers and staff!











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Because Reading is Fun-damental!

This summer we are challenging you to read as many books as you can! For every book you read, you can earn 2hours towards your Children's university award. Just create your own book review and bring it to school in September. All book reviews will also be entered into a prize draw!





Shine Bright!

Our wonderful students spent some wellbeing time decorating these beautiful light bottles in S.I.D. Ms Horn and Mrs Wood wanted the students to take a lamp home to remind them that in every situation they should remember that they are able to shine bright.

We believe in all our students and want to remind them that they will always keep shining. Even if we are not there over the summer to tell them in person. The lamp with be a good reminder #youbelong #growthmindset #yougotthis

Ice Cream of the Crop for Charity!

We raised nearly £250 for Cancer Research UK/Macmillan Cancer Support this week with an Ice Cream sale organised by our students!

Well done to KJara, Irede, Ashmita and Phoebe, as well as Mr. Gerrard who helped to run this!

Many thanks to all who supported these two fantastic charities.



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Goodbye to Year 11!

And of course, the prom – what a night!!! From the moment the gates opened at 645pm, a procession of American trucks, Bentleys, Rolls Royce's, Jaguars, and several noisy fast sports cars ferried our superstar students to the school door and the red carpet!

You would not have believed you were in the main school theatre when you walked into a glitzy showcase of a venue! Students were amazed as they walked in the doors to see formal tables, a mocktail bar, photo booths, buffet and a DJ!

The dancing started almost immediately and did not stop until well after the published finish time! Students were emotional and delighted at just how well their final evening together had gone. Year team staff said, "We can't believe it – the 5 years has flown by but we were so proud of how great they all looked tonight and how well behaved they were."

It was a really fitting end for the school building to have such a special night that like the school, will not be forgotten quickly!





We held a final leavers assembly for Yr11 students after the Prom and it was amazing to see nearly the whole Year group return one last time. In a packed common room student howled with laughter at their Yr7 photographs and wowed as we went through their time in school recalling key memories and people. Each tutor paid homage to their tutor group and subjects recognised outstanding achievements, effort and the odd funny award! Outgoing Head Boy and girl presented staff with gifts and Head Girl Kacey delivered an eloquent and moving speech on behalf of the year group.

We wish them well for their GCSE results this August and look forward to what life brings. We hope to see them continuing the adventure as part of the first ever Sixth Form group in the New Build. Good luck class of 2023!

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Goodbye to Year 13!

Yr13 students all made their way back into the common room for one last time to complete Leavers Assembly – a fun look back over 7 years of their time here at WCA. Amidst much hilarity looking back at photos from Yr7 and through their schooling, we handed out several Subject Achievement trophies to a wide-ranging group of students. The two main trophies went to Beth H who won the Anneka Brown Memorial trophy for outstanding contribution, whilst Tom H was the proud recipient of the equivalent Award for School Service.

They were deserving winners, and both have committed thoroughly to student leadership throughout their time at WCA. We wish all the students the best for results this summer and hope they move on to positive destinations and are safe, well and happy in their future lives.

They are always welcome back at WCA and we look forward to seeing and hearing what life holds next for them. Good luck and goodbye class of 2023!









It was also fantastic to see the Yr13 students celebrate the very end of their seven-year school career at West Coventry Academy with a truly memorable evening at The Village Hotel Coventry after a fond look back the day before at Leavers Assembly.

The room looked glorious and everyone 'scrubbed up' and looked fantastic in suits, dresses, and tuxedos!

Virtually the whole year group, along with nearly 20 staff sat down for a two-course meal before speeches from Beth and Tom. The rest of the night was spent on the dance floor and ended at 1am with everyone in the room up and on their feet for the last half hour!

The students had never had a Yr11 Prom due to COVID-19, so said they were especially grateful, and it was a truly fantastic way to enjoy their last few hours together as year group!

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Don't Rain on the Duke of Edinburgh's Parade

The ultimate test of resilience in this weekend's weather as our Duke of Edinburgh participants headed out on their expedition, wrapped up to keep dry across the weekend!

We hope all students had a great time despite the weather! Check out @WCAGeography on Twitter for further updates and pictures from the weekend! Staff, including Miss. Lewis and Mr. Hall were also embracing the weather







Afternoon Tea is Served!

A delightful afternoon tea with some of our wonderful Year 8 and Year 9s. In recognition of all their hard work and for being excellent ambassadors for our school and their contribution to the 4 R's.

Well done from the year 8 and 9 teams!





What's happening soon?

Last day of term for students is today, Wednesday 19th July

Exam Results
Days

A Level – 17th August GCSE – 24th August

Only **54** days until we move to our new build!

A letter has been sent regarding the start of next term. If you have not read it, it can be found on our website.



Remember, from September, our Main Entrance will be on Tile Hill Lane! Nutbrook will still be available for pedestrian access.

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