

### A message from the Headteacher, Mrs Neofitou:

It's a busy time of year here at West Coventry Academy. Good luck to our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their upcoming exams as we enter the formal exam season. We know they will be working hard revising and know they will do themselves proud in reaching their potential.

It has been great to see the events students have taken part in this week, showing themselves to be great ambassadors of the school.

As a reminder, Monday is a bank holiday so the school will be closed to staff and students. We hope you enjoy this day together and will welcome everyone back on Tuesday.

### Quick Headlines – What's Gone On This Week

- Y11 and Sixth Form this week held a non-uniform day to raise money towards their respective proms! This was organised by the student leaders.
- Y11 PE GCSE students have completed their coursework moderation. Well done to all students!
- Y10 students enjoyed a great trip to the Hippodrome in Birmingham to see Blood Brothers. The students were great representatives of WCA!

### Safeguarding Assemblies

Students this week had an assembly reminding them of some key safeguarding messages.

- The importance of attendance for safety, personal and academic reasons
- IT Monitoring for inappropriate content.
- Reminding all students: "If you are worried about something, SPEAK OUT!"



### Sports Round Up!

We've been having a great turn out to extra-curricular clubs so far this term. Students have enjoyed Basketball with Mr Sarwar and Athletics with Mrs Gormley. Thank you to everyone for participating!

Just a reminder Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May is the Y8 qualifiers competition so no training this day. Any Y8s who are interested please come to the PE office during lunch time. Rounders will be on Thursday after school as normal please come along and have a go!

On 17<sup>th</sup> April a few students from Y8 and Y9 taken part in the Inter and Junior championship athletics competition at the Warwick University Track. All students did well and WCA are very proud!



Attendance Last Week	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
	91.0%	88.3%	87.3%	87.7%	86.2%	94.6%	85.0%



### RISE Presentation Day

This week our RYTC/RISE group presented to parents and staff, and we were blown away. Their confident, self-assured voices told us with clarity how they as young people viewed mental health, highlighting what they viewed were significant contributing factors to poor mental health for young people and positively suggesting strategies to help support young people to move forward with support to build and nurture positive mental health and wellbeing. Our young people shone, and their message was clear.

We are very much looking forward to further work with this group of young people as they continue their journey representing WCA and themselves as RISE ambassadors, ensuring young people have a voice.

Many thanks to Vicky for her hard work and insightful guidance of our young people throughout the project, they have learnt so much from the experience both about themselves and also what they have the potential to achieve and are capable of.



### Un-Bee-lievable Language Spelling

Many congratulations to Heidi, Zaynah and Moyin in year 7! They represented WCA and competed in the regional final of the Routes into Languages Spelling Bee which was held at Warwick University on the 1st May. Unfortunately they did not qualify for the national final but we are very proud of their huge achievement in learning 300 words in French and Spanish over the last few months with Mr Cortinas & Mrs Bahra and for performing in front of a big audience at the university. There was some tough competition and they did amazingly well. Well done all!

### Read All About It with The Day!

All students now have unlimited access to The Day which is a rich and engaging online resource that turns the news into student friendly reading. It brings big global issues to students through daily news articles, videos and posters. By making connections between current affairs and learning, we are encouraging students to become more inquisitive and enabling them to develop the skills needed to be successful in the modern world.

Students have direct access to the website using the shortcut on their iPads. We would encourage you to use with your child to discuss global issues and promote reading at home. There are different reading levels available for most articles so is appropriate for all the family.



### What's happening next week at West Coventry Academy?

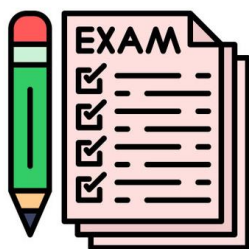
Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May, Week B

#### Events and Trips

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday, School Closed

#### Exams

A reminder that the formal exam series for GCSE and A Levels have now started! Students and parents have now been sent timetables.



#### Assemblies

This week's topic is **How to Revise**

Tuesday – Y10

This week's topic is **Positive Role Models**

Wednesday – Y9

Thursday – Y8

Friday – Y7

#### Key Dates Calendar

Check out our key dates on the link below or on the homepage!

<https://westcoventry.atlp.org.uk/calendar>

#### LUNCHTIME

##### MONDAY

**KS3 Choir** – G.20 – Mrs Cambridge & Mr Goodier  
**KS3 Science Club** – 2.03 – Miss Kelly

##### TUESDAY

**KS3 Band Day** – Music Practice Rooms – Mr Goodier and Mrs Cambridge  
**Y7 Languages Spelling Bee** – 1.14 – Mrs Bahra and Mr Cortinas

##### WEDNESDAY

**KS4 Band Day** Music Practice rooms – Mr Goodier  
**Drama Club** – G.15 – Mr Simms

##### THURSDAY

**WCA BU Group for LGBTQ+ Allies** 1.01 - Mrs Daniel-Brown - Last Thursday of the month  
**Music Tech Club** – G.19 – Mr Goodier

##### FRIDAY

**Week A – Volleyball** – Sports Hall – Mr Hall  
**KS3 Poetry Workshop** – 2.24 – Mr Jefferies  
**Movie Club** – Library – Mrs Wilkins

#### AFTER SCHOOL

##### MONDAY

No clubs after school

##### TUESDAY

**Badminton** – Sports Hall – Mr Dale and Mrs MacNeill  
**KS4 Basketball** - Sports Hall – Mr Sarwar  
**Cricket** – Astro – Mr Hall and Mr Guest

##### THURSDAY

**DofE** – 6th Form Common Room – Mr Hall  
**Rounders** – Mrs Weston, Miss Kimberlin and Mrs Gormley

##### WEDNESDAY

**Athletics** – Mrs Gormley, Mrs Weston and Mr Beard

##### FRIDAY

No clubs after school

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