



Keeping in Touch Newsletter

11th October 2024

A message from the Headteacher

I am pleased to share with you some wonderful pictures following our Cultural Day last Friday. The atmosphere in school was so uplifting. Students and staff were so very proud to share what is important to them and their heritage, celebrated through music, dance and a range of activities. Diversity really is our biggest strength at WCA.

In other news the Sixth Formers have been busy raising money for worthwhile charities, demonstrating their community spirit. Our sports teams are representing the school and having some real successes. In Year 7 all our students have enjoyed experiencing an hour 'In the Wild' in our school woodland area. Look out for photographs in next week's edition. Our assemblies this week have been delivered by Howard from Coventry Boys & Girls Club and Deklin from West Midlands Police about anti-racism. The students demonstrated such a mature approach, and our presenters commented on their knowledge and engagement.

- Mrs Neofitou



Culture Day



Our diversity is our biggest strength

To celebrate the multicultural and diverse nature of West Coventry Academy, we hosted our first ever culture day last week. During the day a variety of activities were on offer to selected students which included Japanese Calligraphy and a student dance and fashion show. In celebrating the range of different cultures within our school community, we had the opportunity to show pride in our own backgrounds and learn more about other cultures.

The day itself included students wearing cultural clothing or colours and flags that celebrated their heritage and learning about culture and traditions of friends and peers around the school. Students also had the opportunity to immerse themselves in new cultures with a variety of foods from the canteen. Thank you to all our staff and students who made West Coventry Academy's first ever Culture Day a truly memorable event.



Just some of the great cultural outfits we saw on Friday!



Some flag crafts and rangoli inspired art as well as a taste of writing in Japanese for some of our students!



Our 4 Rs...

Respectful Responsible Resilient Ready to Learn



Some of the outfits as part of the fashion show from our Year 7 students, and Sixth Formers bump into Guz Khan!



A MIND-ful Walk

On Thursday over 50 Sixth form students took part in a sponsored walk for the charity MIND. The event which was organised by the Senior Student Leadership team involved students doing three laps of the Memorial Park. We are incredibly proud that the current total for the 6th Form Sponsored Walk is £670, final count is on Monday. We look forward to handing over an amazing sum of money for a fantastic cause

Push-Up Power

Mr. Dale is raising money for Cancer Research this month by doing a staggering 100 Push Ups a day! We will be cheering him on but if you wish to donate to support him, you can by following the link below!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/seaforths-giving-page-1>



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Sports Roundup

Cross Country This week thirty-three students took part in the Coventry Schools X-Country Championship at Finham Park. We had a successful championship with Finlay and James who came 1st and 2nd in the Y7/8 race and Harriet and Ria who came 6th & 7th in the Year 9 to 11 race on a gruelling course!

The Year 9 & 10 girls team came 2nd overall and the Year 7 boys came 3rd overall. A big thank you to the whole PE staff team for attending.

Year 7 vs Year 8s Football Game - On Tuesday 1st October, in what turned out to be incredibly rainy conditions, a friendly fixture took place between the Y7 and Y8 football teams. It was an excellent end-to-end game with the Y8 team just edging the result with a 4-3 win. The Y7s dominated much of the possession with some fantastically fluid passing plays out from the back, showing their class, remarkable for a team that has never played together before. This led to three well-worked wonderful goals across the duration of the contest, for the Y7 side. However, Y8 came out on top thanks to their individual quality during key moments. They capitalised on the larger 11 a-side goals in the form of three superb outside of the box strikes over the head of the goalkeeper which combined with another goal from a corner was enough to tip the tie in their favour. Mr Mulcahy said, "Mr Beard and I are incredibly proud of the effort and quality shown by all students who played in the game making the fixture the excellent spectacle of football that it was."

Year 7 Goal Scorers: Jack, Finlay, Alfie **Year 8 Goal Scorers:** Jack Howarth, Devon Baker

Year 10 Football Game - On Friday 4th October the year 10 football team breezed through their first-round matchup against Alderbrook School with a final score of 8-0! They played some excellent football culminating with many different players getting on the scoresheet, including a hat trick from Harrison Carrigan.

Goal Scorers: Harrison x 3, Rhys, Harvey, Dontay, Kabineh, Filip

Sign of Great Things to Come



Year 12 have started studying BSL this week, starting with learning their alphabet allowing them to sign their names. This means we have nearly 100 students learning the language. We can't wait to see them develop this skill!



GoIT for Year 9 and 10

Year 9 & 10 students enjoyed a day with JLR parent company, 'Tata Consultancy Services' on their 'GoIT' programme. This is a Digital Innovation & Career Readiness Programme that introduces students to STEM, Computer Science, Design Thinking and Innovation. They had an amazing time and produced some fabulous designs and presentations.

Quick Headlines



COVENTRY Music child friendly COV

HALF TERM HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

ALBANY THEATRE

Tuesday 29th October

Sparks! fun session 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
IF YOU PLAY 3 OR 4 NOTES ON ANY INSTRUMENT, COME AND JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN MUSIC MAKING

Have a Go workshop 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
COME AND TRY SOME MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IF YOU ALREADY PLAY SOMETHING. WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT LIKE BASS CLARINET, TUBA OR OBOE. EVERYONE WELCOME

REGISTER NOW

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contact us at music@coventry.gov.uk for more information

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- Coventry Music are holding some free activities across half term! Try out some musical instruments at the Albany Theatre. See the flyer for more information.
- West Coventry Academy wore yellow this Thursday to show support for Mental Health matters. A campaign by Young Minds sees people across the country wear yellow to raise awareness. Need support on mental health or wish to support the charity? Check out their website: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- Our 'In The Wild' workshops have started this week for our year 7 students, a chance to explore the natural parts of our site. These will continue for the next five weeks. We'll be sharing some great pictures from these sessions next week!

This Week's Attendance

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
92.9%	91.6%	88.5%	87.7%	91.7%



What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 14th Oct, Week A

Events and Trips

Mon 14th and Tues 15th – Year 7 'Into The Wild'

Tues 15th – Y11 Geography Field Trip

Thurs 17th – Y11 Geography Field Trip

Thurs 17th – KPMG Trip - Careers

Assemblies

This week's topic is Extra Curricular and School Shows Launch (Y7 to 10) and Sixth Form Launch (Y11)

Monday – Y11

Tuesday – Y10

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>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL	
Extra-Curricular Clubs	MONDAY KS3 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mrs. Rooney Year 7 Study - Library	MONDAY No clubs – Staff meetings	
	TUESDAY 8-8.30am 6 th Form Swim – Mrs O'Reilly Debate Club - Library	TUESDAY Year 7 Boys Football – Astro - Mr Beard All Years Rugby –Field – Mr Hall & Mr Clarke All Years Badminton – Sports hall - Mrs MacNeill	
	WEDNESDAY All Years Basketball – Sports hall – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy KS4 Study - Library	WEDNESDAY Year 8 Boys Football – Astro – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy Year 7 & 8 Girls Football – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston KS4 Health and social care intervention – Mrs Gormley & Mrs Daniel-Brown	
	THURSDAY Yr 9 Indoor Football Week A only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston KS4 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mr. Gardner KS3 Study - Library	THURSDAY All Years Netball – MUGA - Mrs Gormley, Miss Kimberlin, Mrs Weston DofE – 6th Form Common Room – Mr Hall	
	FRIDAY Yr 7 Indoor football Week B only – Sports hall – Mr Beard Yr 8 Indoor Football Week A only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston Chess and Board Games - Library	FRIDAY	

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