



West Coventry Academy

## Keeping in Touch Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### A message from the Headteacher

It has been a long and busy first term and I have enjoyed being able to share with you all the students' successes since September. We are so proud of their many achievements. As a school we pride ourselves in the range of opportunities we offer students.

We were delighted with the response to our Recognition Week. Thank you to all those parents/carers who sent messages in. I know how much the staff appreciated it. Our students also spent the week being the best version of themselves by demonstrating the 4Rs. Well done too to all those students who have been awarded Headteacher Commendations!

From all of us here at West Coventry Academy, have a restful break and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

- Mrs Neofitou

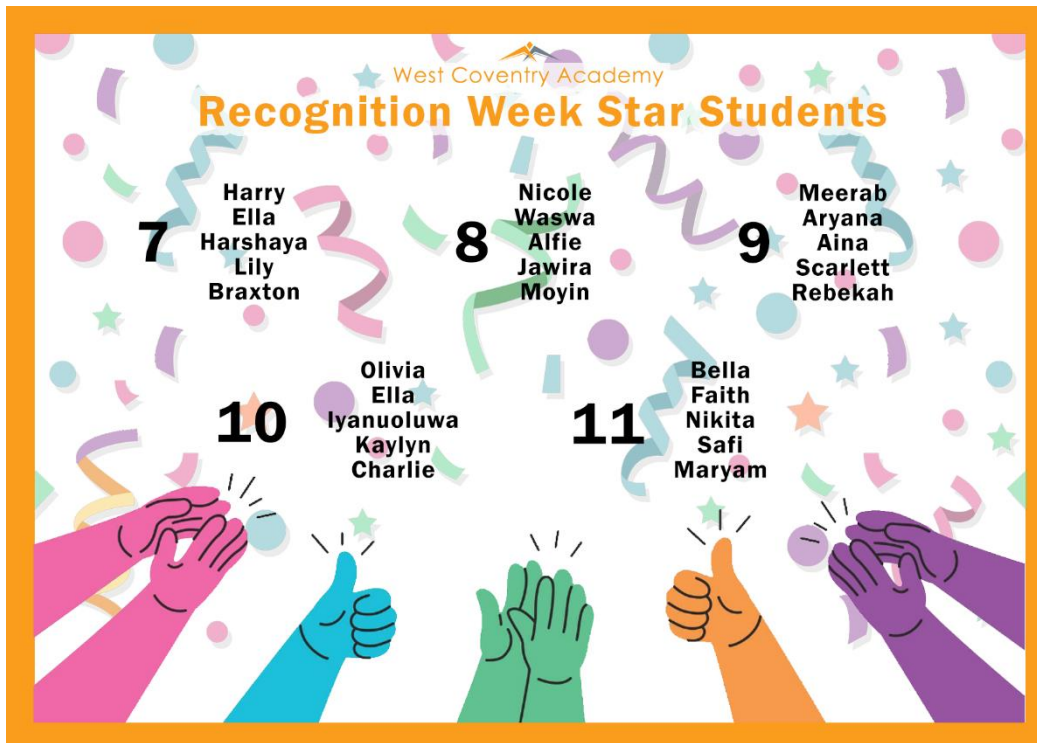






# Recognition Week

We held our first Recognition Week last week, with a focus on recognising student achievements, behaviour and hard work. Students received extra recognition on Class Charts, Senior Leadership cards and even from fellow students! We hope students had a great week and we look forward to holding another in the future!



We totted up the numbers and found our top students for Recognition week!

These students were lucky enough to be recognised with the most points across the week!

Well done to each of these students, and all students who were recognised as Star Students last week. Thank you for living our school values and 4Rs!

We also asked for feedback from our parents and carers to help recognise our staff. Over sixty staff got recognised by feedback with over a hundred and twenty comments received! These staff were lucky to receive five or more wonderful comments! Thank you to all our hard-working staff and thank you to everyone who sent kind words!







# Year 10 Stars



As part of recognition week, we heard some great stories of student success outside of school from our Year 10 team!

- Tyler has been selected for the England Men’s U15s Emerging Talent programme
- Congratulations to Freya and Ella who have been selected as part of the Warwickshire U16 Girls rugby squad.
- Brooke has qualified for the Irish Dancing World championships!

# A Busy End of Term for Year 11



Year 11 have had a busy end of term!

Thursday started with mock interviews, where the students had interviews from industry professionals, who were impressed with their focus and dedication!

Friday saw the students receive their mock results. There was a real buzz in the room as the students saw their hard work being recognised through their mock grades.

Yesterday was their achievement assembly, where the year 11 team celebrated students who always follow the 4 R's and make a great contribution to WCA.

Well done Year 11!





# Head Commendations

As an end of term treat, each year office selected students to receive a headteacher's commendation as well as a festive treat! Well done for these students for representing the 4Rs, their hard work and for being great students! Well done all!



### Heads Commendations

Y11 – Faith, Charlie, Lilly-Mae, Ruby, Dimeji, Umme, Connor, Isaac, Kenai and Olivia

Y10 – Courtney, Anitta, Darius, Megan, Lewis, Daisy, Sienna, Tyler, Seth and Ella

Y9 – Rebekah, Kara, Harry, Scarlett, Rhys, Imogen, Aryana, Phoebe, Favour, Charlotte and Meerab

Y8 – Jawira, Evie, Haleeyah, Teddy, Aurora, Evie, Tawananyasha, McAston, Jack and Milo

Y7 – Eleanor, Riley, Jessie-Leigh, Sienna, Luke, George, Mandeep, Paras, Lilah and Mia







# Young Responders

All of our Year 10 students successful completed their Young Responders First Aid session with St John Ambulance. This means over two hundred of our students now have critical skills such as CPR, the recovery position and catastrophic bleeding.

Well done Year 10!



## Certificate of Attendance

This certificate is awarded to:

# YEAR 10!

This is to certify attendance, engagement and participation at a **Young Responders Street First Aid session**

Congratulations on learning key skills to enable you to respond appropriately to a health incident in the future

*Martin HB*  
Martin Houghton-Brown  
Chief Executive  
St John Ambulance

*Paul Evans*  
Paul Evans  
Director of Youth & Education  
St John Ambulance

# Sport Roundup

What better time than Recognition week to recognise some of our sports stars? A massive well done to our year 10 netballers, we won our game against Meadow Park last night 17-1!

All girls demonstrated the school's 4R's and did WCA proud! Player of the match was Freya, so well done to her, and the entire team!



# Aspirin Synthesis

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December, year 12 and 13 Chemistry students took part in a successful visit to Warwick University. Whilst they were there, they synthesised aspirin and purified it by recrystallisation. These are important skills needed for our CPAC award and all pupils were impeccable throughout.







## Marley was dead to begin with...

A group of Year 10 and Year 11 students had chance to go to the Birmingham Rep theatre to see A Christmas Carol, adapted by Mark Gatiss as part of a trip organised by the English Department.

It was a wonderful festive experience and a great version of the classic Christmas tale. Students were great representatives of the school and got to experience the show based on a text they are studying at GCSE.

## Festive Baking Stars!

We had some excellent entries for our Student Leader bake off competition. Well done to all those who took part Prizes went to the following! What outstanding bakes!

1st Prize – Mima  
3rd Prize – Fatoumata

2nd Prize – Keeya



## Zero Heroes

Year 9 students with no negative points this year were treated to a lunch time party! With fun, snacks and games this was a great way to celebrate the end of term! Well done to all students!







# Happy Confident Kids Update

Happy Confident Kids are working with West Coventry Academy over a 6-month period to support the school well-being provisions. The project is funded by an Innovate UK Award they won.

As part of this project they have taken Year 7 on their award winning In the Wild Programme. For five weeks they have been out in the school woods teaching the learners well-being skills and helping them to connect with nature. It's been great to see the learners confidence develop through the sessions and see how much they have enjoyed being in nature. From initial feedback a favourite activity they all enjoyed, was making lavender bags, so we thought we would share how we made them and they make great Christmas presents too:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/hhSt4W8BXzk>

You can follow their updates on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/happyconfidentkid>



## Quick Headlines

- As a reminder, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January are teacher training days so will be closed to students. Students will be back in school from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- We are recruiting invigilators! Want a flexible role that helps support our students securing their qualifications? Apply here before the 6<sup>th</sup> January: <https://atlp.face-ed.co.uk/Vacancies/Detail?campaignRef=SCH-TATLP-0538>
- Students used their reward points this week to take part in a Cinema afternoon! They watched the Christmas classic, Home Alone. This was a lovely way to recognise student's great efforts and behaviour.
- A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at West Coventry Academy!

### This Week's Attendance

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
93.4%	90.7%	86.1%	87.7%	92.5%



# What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 6th January, Week B

## Events and Trips

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Teacher Training Day, school closed to students

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Extended tutor time

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 11 Parents Evening, 16:00 to 19:00

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Spoken Language Endorsement Year 11 English



## Assemblies

This week's topic is **The West Coventry Way**

- 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	<b>MONDAY</b> KS3 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mrs. Rooney Year 7 Study - Library
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Debate Club – Library
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> All Years Basketball – Sports hall – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy KS4 Study - Library
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Girls Football – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston KS4 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mr Gardner KS3 Study - Library
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Yr 7 Indoor football Week B only – Sports Hall – Mr Beard Yr 8 Indoor Football Week A only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston Yr 9 Indoor Football Week B only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston Chess and Board Games - Library
BEFORE SCHOOL	<b>MONDAY</b> Staff Swim – 7AM to 8AM
	<b>TUESDAY</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Swim – 8AM to 8.30AM
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Staff Swim – 7AM to 8AM
AFTER SCHOOL	<b>No after school clubs on Monday – Staff Meetings</b>
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Year 7 Boys Football – Astro - Mr Beard All Years Rugby –Field – Mr Hall & Mr Clarke All Years Badminton – Sports hall – Mrs MacNeill Year 10 Netball – Sports hall – Mrs Gormley
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Year 8 Boys Football – Astro – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy KS4 Health and social care intervention – Mrs Gormley & Mrs Daniel-Brown
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Netball – MUGA - Mrs Gormley, Miss Kimberlin, Mrs Weston DofE – 6th Form Common Room – Mr Hall
	<b>No after school clubs on Friday</b>

Are you following us on social media? We can't always fit it all in our newsletter, make sure you get all updates from WCA!



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# Community Flyers



**MCC FOUNDATION**  
INVITES YOU TO  
**JOIN A HUB**

<b>HUB:</b> <b>Coventry Boys Hub</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b>
<b>VENUE:</b> Bablake School Coundon Road, Coventry, CV1 4AU	• Aged 13-16
<b>DATES:</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> January 12:30pm – 2:00pm (U14's) 2:00pm-3:30pm (U16's)	• Does not attend a fee-paying school • Not already part of a County side

**Ready to play?**  
Sign up via the link below or scan the QR code  
[Attendee sign-up -](#)



Warwickshire Cricket Foundation logo: 

@\_mccfoundation    www.lords.org/mccfoundation    info@mccfoundation.org.uk

## ACE ACADEMY TRIALS

### Birmingham

Time:  
Juniors (9–15 years) **5:00pm – 6:30pm**  
Seniors (15–21 years) **6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
Edgbaston Indoor School, Warwickshire CCC, B5 7QX

**7th December 2024**

Are you...

- Aged 9 – 21 years
- Of Caribbean and/or African heritage
- Able to play hard ball cricket?
- An aspiring professional cricketer?



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