



KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Senior Leadership Team

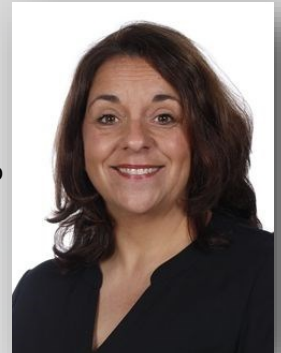
Welcome to the first Keeping in Touch newsletter this academic year.

A warm welcome to our new Year 7s and their families as they join our school community. As Headteacher I am delighted to share with you the successes of our students at GCSE and A Level in the summer. They did themselves proud.

As you will read, we are already busy with activities this term. Post-pandemic, we are thrilled to be able to go back to offering students the opportunity to go on trips, take part in sporting events, Duke of Edinburgh and much more. School is all about those experiences that take place not only in the classroom but, also outside of the classroom.

The new school build is rapidly taking shape and progressing ahead of schedule. There is a palpable excitement around the school as we watch the progress from our classroom windows!

Ana Neofitou
Headteacher



Mr Paton
Deputy Headteacher

I have been a Deputy Headteacher at the school for 15 years. I have a passion for educating young people and I am motivated to provide the best opportunities for all students in my care.

I aspire to be the best I can be each and every day and do my best to support staff and students in achieving their potential as well.

My main responsibilities this year are behaviour for learning, safeguarding and attendance. I am also the SLT link to the wonderful Year 8.

I am proud to be part of a school which values each child for their unique skills and abilities, putting them at the heart of all we do.



Mr Gardner
Deputy Headteacher

I've worked at the West Coventry Academy site since January 2008. Initially, as an Assistant Headteacher and now as a Deputy Headteacher.

I'm currently responsible for the Curriculum, Timetable and the staffing elements of the school. I have taught Maths and Computer Science and I am also linked to Year 7.

I strongly believe that although academic success is important, the role of a secondary school is to help prepare students for life after education.

Experiences outside of the classroom are very important which is why I am involved in promoting the importance of trips and schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh award.



Mrs Tasker
Assistant Headteacher

I joined West Coventry Academy in 2003 and have been Assistant Head here for 9 years. My main responsibilities include Data and Exams, Year 11 and Sixth Form. I teach Business Studies and Social Sciences, both of which are popular GCSE and A Level choices. I love working in a school with a culture and ethos that puts children at the heart of everything. Our new school will be transformational for the whole school community and I am so proud to be part of this exciting journey.



Miss Bell
Assistant Headteacher

I am proud to be Assistant Headteacher here at WCA. My main responsibilities include Teaching and Learning, Year 10 and staff development. I teach Science to GCSE level with a specialism of A level Biology.

I started my teaching career at WCA and after a couple of years teaching internationally in places like Seychelles and Qatar, I am happy to be back within the strong WCA community. I look forward to the year ahead working with our students to help them be Respectful, Responsible, Resilient individuals who are Ready to Learn.



Our 4 Rs...

Respectful Responsible Resilient Ready to Learn



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Mrs Hussain
Assistant Headteacher

I am an Assistant Headteacher here at West Coventry Academy. I oversee various departments including RE, the SEND/Intervention department and Pupil Premium. I am passionate about ensuring all students here at WCA receive the same opportunities regardless of background or need. I am also the Deputy Safeguarding Lead and support in ensuring our students are safe and looked after. I am linked to Year 9 and look forward to them beginning the options process this year. I also teach Social Sciences, in particular Sociology. I teach mainly GCSE and A Level and have built and developed the course during my years here. It is now a popular choice, especially at A Level.

We have exciting times ahead here at WCA, one being the new build. I am excited about working alongside my colleagues in state of the art facilities to help students become Respectful, Responsible and Resilient young individuals.



Mrs Fazilleau
Associate Assistant Headteacher

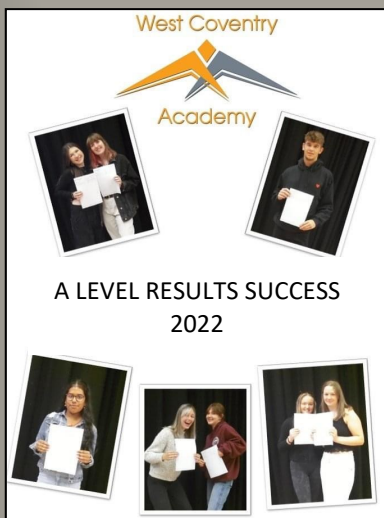
I am delighted to be joining the SLT as an Associate Assistant Headteacher alongside my role as Curriculum Leader for Languages.

WCA has been my second home for 15 years and I have seen some amazing changes over the years. I love teaching languages to our students and introducing them to other cultures. My responsibilities include working with our EAL learners as well as our more able students.

I look forward to working within the WCA team to ensure that all students enjoy their school experience and leave with all the tools needed for a successful future.

Summer 2022 - Results Success

Joyous Students Celebrate A level Success



Students are celebrating huge successes after receiving their A-Level results.

Their hard work and commitment has resulted in a fantastic set of A level results, enabling them to access their first choice of University, Higher Apprenticeship or Employment, with some securing places at prestigious Russell Group Universities.

We wish them all the very best for the future as this year they have worked especially hard to live up to the high standards, high expectations and aspirations that we have for them.

Congratulations to you all!

GCSE Results Celebrations!



We are celebrating a strong set of GCSE results this year. Congratulations to students for making it through an incredibly tough two years. You should all be very proud of your achievements. Your results are a testament to all your hard work, resilience and commitment.



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Join us for our Open Mornings

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Open Mornings

for Parents, Carers and students of Year 6

Wednesday 28th September
Thursday 29th September
Friday 30th September
09:15 to 10:30

Please email openmornings@westcoventryacademy.org
to book your place



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Year 11 Parent/Carer Workshop

On Thursday 15th September we welcomed a large number of Year 11 parents/carers to an hour-long workshop. The first half focussed upon an overview of the package of support we have put in place so far to help Year 11. The second half focussed upon providing practical advice and resources to help parents/carers support their child.

We appreciate that this is an intensive time and with mocks only 3 school weeks away we wanted to share as much advice and resources as we could. All resources (including the presentation) were sent out electronically, with a link to register for a free fortnightly webinar run for parents/carers as a follow up to the study skills session Elevate that was delivered to Year 11. If you did not get these please let us know.

Year 12 Parent/Carer Event

Year 12 parents and carers were invited into school to welcome them into Sixth Form. It was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers in the common room along with many of our Year 12 students.

We hope this is the first of many positive interactions as the students progress through their A Levels.

Ethan Loops the Loop!

Ethan in Year 8 attends the 163 (Coventry-Phoenix) Squadron Air Cadets and was invited to attend a day at RAF Cosford for an Air Experience Flight and Gliding activity.

He had a great day, doing loop the loops as well as other aerobatics. He was also allowed to take control of the plane.

A fabulous experience!



Coventry Does Strictly

For Strictly Come Dancing fans, our very own Mr Brightside, who works in our Admin Office, is putting on his dancing shoes in aid of charity.

He is taking part in "Coventry Does Strictly" learning how to Jive and Waltz in just eight weeks!

If you would like to support him raising money for Mind, the mental health charity, you can donate here:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gary-Brightside>

 Mind Coventry and Warwickshire



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Come up with an idea to save the planet.



Sienna in Year 8 submitted her design for a poster to help save the planet.

Eon loved her design and are turning it into a poster that will be shown in Birmingham City Centre so thousands of people will get to see her design!

Well done Sienna!



Sienna from West Coventry Academy is taking action for climate



Careers News....

Site visit to Charterhouse Restoration

Two groups of Year 10 Construction students were taken on a site visit to see the restoration of The Charterhouse in Coventry.

The work is being carried out by Splitlath Building Conservation on behalf of Historic Coventry and the visits provided a unique opportunity for our students to see some of the skills required and career possibilities in the work of preserving and re-purposing a building that is an important part of Coventry's heritage.

The itinerary for the morning included a tour of the interior of the building focusing on craft skills used to repair and renovate the existing structure. A look at how the working site is made secure with regard to health and safety of the general public, including authorised visitors and construction personnel followed by an informal session when students were able to talk to some of the tradespeople on site about their individual specialisms.



We would like to congratulate Phoebe for her charitable work. She donated her hair to "The Little Princess Trust" and raised a fantastic amount of money for "Rosie's Rainbow Pantry", £340. Well done Phoebe!



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The next West Coventry Academy musical production was launched to all year groups last week and this year's performance will be....

Grease!

The Performing Arts department cannot contain their excitement as they undertake their first production since 2019. This year we are looking for talented actors, singers, dancers, musicians, stage crew and front of house crew to truly bring Rydell High to life.

Auditions are on the 4th October for KS3 and 5th October for KS4 and KS5 with rehearsals every Wednesday evening.

Go Grease Lightning!

Year 7 Music Immersion Day

This week our Year 7 students took part in an Orchestral Instrument Immersion day, hosted by instrumental tutors from Coventry Music Service.

Students across the year group had a fantastic opportunity to play instruments from the woodwind, brass, and string families. It was great to see the excitement and curiosity as they stepped out of their comfort zones, trying something new.

Coventry Music Service supply all of our instrument lessons, including voice, piano, guitar, drums, brass, woodwind and strings.

Please contact Mrs Cambridge or Mr Goodier if you are interested in your child having instrumental lessons.



Students Wow Crowds at Crownfest Festival 2022

Crownfest is a rock festival which gives local bands, musicians, performers, dancers and arts and crafts creatives a platform to showcase their talent, all for a good cause.

A number of former students have progressed professionally onto the public stage with the group 'Mugshot' gracing the stage this year. The band is made up almost entirely of former students from WCA, James Brookes, Nina McLean-Ellman, Katie Mayne and Jude Nichols already having performed at Coventry venues such as The Tin and The Empire and they also appeared on the 'Next Stage' at Godiva Festival this year. Their performance at Crownfest was a particularly proud moment for the music staff at WCA, seeing their former students playing alongside the area's most established acts and starting their musical journey so successfully in the world beyond school. Have a listen to Mugshot's latest single 'Serendipity' by searching for them on Spotify.



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