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## High School Musical

A big congratulations should go to the cast and crew of High School Musical who performed so brilliantly in our show on 9th & 10th March. The hours of rehearsal were so worth it and everyone really pulled together to sing and dance their hearts out. Mrs Pollecoff made a fantastic set and Miss Cattini and the Art department helped us with costumes. Miss Savva and Mr Bilsby did a great job on sound and lighting. A big thank you to all the staff, Sixth Form, parents and pupils who helped us out on those nights - we couldn't have done it without you. We were really proud of the whole cast and crew, and the energy of the performances was amazing!

Mrs Gentle  
Miss Green  
Miss Adesiyan



# WESTFIELD GOES TO ANTARTICA

The UK Polar Network has sent us this fantastic photo showing that the flag we sent in November has arrived in Antarctica. It's at the Rothera Research Station (the biggest English research station in the Antarctic). The winner of the flag competition was David in 7D.



## ANTARCTICA DAY 2022

This certificate is awarded to Westfield Academy for designing inspirational flags "in the interests of all mankind."

YOUR FLAG WAS CELEBRATED IN ANTARCTICA!

Location Name: Rothera Research Station  
Latitude: 67°34'0"S  
Longitude: 68°08'0"W  
Flag Bearer: Damaris Trandafir  
Date: 07/03/2023  
Signed: UKPN Antarctic Flags Team



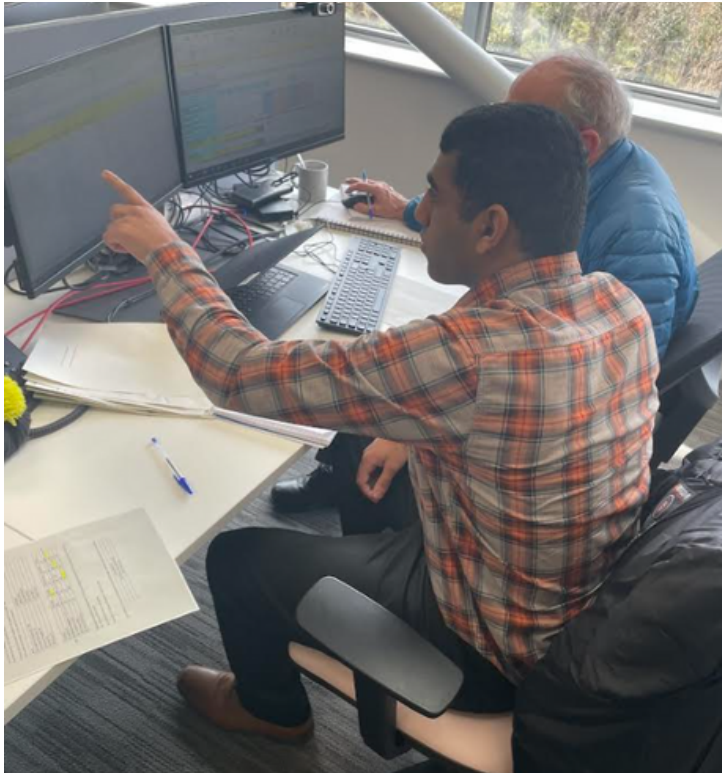
# MAAHAM Y13 LEADS REVISION

Last week in Psychology, Maaham a Year 13 student, led a revision session to the Year 12 class. Maaham used her knowledge from the course so far to give an engaging, informative and insightful take on cultural variations in attachments. Well done, Maaham.





# MAPLE HOUSE



Year 13 Business & IT students on their NHS work experience at Maple House.

Team manager at NHS Maple House quoted, "The students have done Westfield proud and we are happy to work with you in the near future."

Well done to all our Sixth Formers who have taken part in the work experience. This is part of their unit 27 coursework, and will earn them 60 points which will go towards their final grade.

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## MFL YEAR 7 MFL

Year 7 pupils have been getting creative in MFL and decorated the window with French and Spanish vocabulary.

We held a raffle for star pupils in MFL and the winners will be given a Spanish pencil to support their language learning further.

Well done to all pupils who took part.



# DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Health & Social Care students are learning about supporting individuals with additional needs.

This week they celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness where students and staff wore odd socks.

For further information, please visit their website:

[www.downs-syndrome.org.uk](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk)

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## NETBALL MATCH

The Year 7 girls had their first netball tournament on 21st March. Unfortunately, they did not win the tournament, however they had a great, well-deserved win against Futures Academy, 3-1!

Led by captain Freya Yelland, the girls fought hard throughout the tournament.





# GIRLS FOOTBALL

## Years 7 & 8 Girls Football

Westfield narrowly won in an exciting game against The Grange Academy. The girls played well throughout the game and dealt with pressure of the last few minutes. The score was 3-3 going into the final minutes of the game. Westfield gained a corner in the final minute and Freya managed to finish a half-volley strike to score! The girls went wild and managed to see out the final bit of the game, winning 4-3.

They have played well all season and trained hard, every week, no matter what the weather has thrown at us.

Stand-out players have been Becca H and Leira C.



## Netball

This year proved to be a challenge for our new Year 7 netball team. Remembering new rules and strategies isn't easy but the girls took it in their stride and always tried their best. They were led in every game by their great captain Freya Yelland, who kept them together!

## Years 9 & 10 Girls Football

Over the course of the year, this team has developed well through the year and grown to forge a good team, we are walking away from a season with a 50% success rate in games - we won 2 and lost 2.

Miss Talbot's player of the season was Nana having worked with her since Year 8, she is showing potential to be a great goalkeeper, as her goalkeeping ability and confidence between the posts has improved and has pulled off some amazing saves through the year. Many of the other teachers from other schools were commenting on this to me, post match.

I would also like to give Luana Santos a shout out as she has proven to be an excellent captain through the good and the bad and has proven to be a fundamental part of the team and will be missed as she moves into Year 11 next year!

# GIRLS NETBALL

An excellent win against Futures Academy has been the highlight of the season.

Whilst the Year 9 netball team had more success, they also faced greater challenges due to adjusting to losing members and adding new ones, alongside the great competition provided by schools such as Reach Free and Futures Academy. The girls are looking to bounce back next year and have a great senior team!

# FOOTBALL NEWS

## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football team have had a great season, we have lost just one game and have shown great fight and passion in all of the games. I'm looking forward to next season, I believe the Year 7s have the ability to go on and win the league next year! Stand-out game for me would be 5-0 against Parmiter's B team! Lewis scored 3 goals in this game and has been our top goal scorer!



## Year 8 Football

A tough season for the Year 8 team this year with injuries to key players having an adverse effect on the team. On the positive side, we were able to introduce a few new players to the squad allowing us to have better squad depth next season.

The boys worked hard in training, in the extra sessions with John Aluma, and in matches, so I was very pleased with that. To kick on next season all boys need to be playing at club level to push on and make a season of it next year.

Mr Cook

## Year 9 Football Team

This year saw lots of new players training with the team and it began with some challenging fixtures. As the weeks went on, the team grew in confidence and improved performances. Players worked hard at training sessions put on by Mr. Grace and Mr. McGinty



After some heavy defeats at the start of the season the team showed great resilience to put in excellent performances against Parmiters in November, narrowly losing out 3-2 to a last minute goal. The highlight of the year for the players was their 4-1 win away to Grange (pictured), registering their first ever win in a Westfield shirt. Standouts over the year were Sonny Jones, Saikou Sanyang, Elvis Allen and Loui Picton all displaying excellent technical ability and bravery in games. They should be immensely proud of their progress this year!

Mr Grace



# FOOTBALL NEWS

## Year 10 Football

The Year 10 boys football team have won the district league!!!

After finishing 2nd in the league they had a play off match against an unbeaten Bushey Meads team who beat us the first game of the season. In horrendous conditions, the boys battled back from one-nil down to equalise on the second half thanks to a calm penalty from Ilyas to force the game into extra time. Ilyas had asked me before the game who was on penalty duty like he knew it would happen and was glad he stepped up confidently.

The defence stood strong after a strong start from Meads with Daniel Allkins showing his class and composure throughout and Aiden marking their strikers tightly with strength and discipline.

We used a full compliment of subs due to the weather taking its toll on all the players with Malachi standing out. Oliver said to me "This game needs a Malachi", I had no idea what he meant at the time. Once he come on and made a last ditch tackle to prevent their striker winning the game in normal time I now know what Oliver meant - determination and passion from Malachi.

Extra time started to come to an end and people were pulling up with cramp and both teams looked exhausted. Up steps our captain who didn't stop running all game and went on another brilliant Maizy run beating 3 players before smashing the ball low past their goalkeeper to win it with 1 minute to go!!

What a game, what a season, what a turn around to what these boys are used to! They are the perfect example of overcoming adversity in previous years, to changing their mentally, working very hard, and attending every training session, and lastly putting their interests aside for the good of the team!!

So proud of the boys this season well done and thank you for your efforts this season. Time to celebrate with your medals, trophy and pizza party!!

Mr Cook



# BASKETBALL NEWS

This year the Year 8 basketball team showed how hard they have been training since last season by finishing the year with 3 wins and one loss only to a tough Queens School team! A strong bond throughout the team meant we had familiar faces from last year like Benjy & Michael playing alongside some new ballers joining the team like Clayton and Hajid. The boys all put in so much effort in training and it clearly paid off! Stand-out performers from this season include Kieran Bumagat who has scored more points on his own than we've had scored against us all season! Also a great first season from our new centre, Hajid, who with Georgi, dominated under the basket! I look forward to seeing the whole team back for Year 9 and that they all train over the summer to support the team as best they can!

## **Year 10 Basketball Result: Westfield 39-18 The Grange Academy**

Well done to all the squad for last night's game. The team played very well. After a close first half the boys started to get their game together in the 3rd quarter. We hit 5 defensive and 5 offensive rebounds in a row, and followed these up with baskets. This allowed us to make an 18-point lead in the 3rd quarter. After this the boys cruised to the win.

MVP – Kayan





# FITNESS SUITE

Westfield Fitness Suite is now fully open! It is great to see students using the new Fitness Suite in lessons and after school.

It would be great to see more students using this after school from 2:40-4pm. We have open sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.

The staff will be on hand to help guide you through exercises which can help students improve their general fitness or help them produce a programme to improve their fitness levels for Sporting performance.

