



WESTFIELD
ACADEMY



February 2024

WESTFIELD NEWS

Upcoming events

Thursday, 7th March – Careers Day (Yrs 9-13) / Year 10 Parents' Evening, 3:30-6pm
Wednesday, 13th March – National Space Academy (Yrs 8 & 9) / Spanish Parent Trip meeting 4-5pm
Thursday 14th March – Year 9 Options Evening
Tuesday, 19th March – Year 11 Sixth Form interviews
Saturday, 23rd March – 6 into 7 Open Morning, 9-11am
Thursday, 28th March – End of term, students finish at 12:30pm



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Head's blog

February couldn't be a more busy time for us. We have finished Year 11 mocks, had parents' evening and it is now time for the big push to the summer exams. I couldn't have been more proud than on Saturday morning (2nd March) when we had 72 Year 11 students come in for revision in English, Maths and Science, despite it being the most horrid, wet, dark morning. Well done to them!

I hope everyone can see in this new edition, our initiative on personal development, trips, careers and events. Between our Business Enterprise event, Apprenticeship week, a Psychology trip and Matilda, we have tried to ensure we continued to provide our wide array of extra-curricular activities.

Tim Body

Year 7

This month's student of the month is Ankur Acharya. She has been excellent in her lessons and achieved many positives – well done.

Year 8

My star of the month is Franklyn A in 8D. I have never had to remind him about his uniform as it is worn correctly at all times. He has received no negatives this month and is always respectful and polite towards staff and other students.

Year 9

For Year 9, the nominated student is Daniel F from 9A. He has had the most positive points in the year group and has been working really hard. Well done!

Year 10

Congratulations to June C, our student star of the month. June has received this as she has been a role model to her peers in the February month. June has shown exceptional dedication to her academics, a positive attitude and received the most positives in this year with no negatives.

Year 11

Star of the month – Gracie C in 11I. Gracie is working diligently, conscientiously and incredibly hard towards her GCSE exams. Her attendance is outstanding and her conduct is impeccable. Gracie is an excellent example of a great Westfield student.

Year 12

Year 12 star of the month is Yaren in 12E. Yaren has continued to work hard in her studies and has been helpful around the Sixth Form Centre.

Year 13

My star of the month is Haidar. Haidar has gone above and beyond to support his year group with organising trips, yearbooks and content to make their Sixth Form experience as enjoyable as possible. Haidar remains a passionate and hardworking student who is exceptional at juggling his work and passion for media.

Science Faculty spotlight

A Day of Scientific Exploration – Year 10 students dive into Physics & Materials Science at Oxford



In a remarkable learning opportunity, seven enthusiastic Year 10 students embarked on a captivating journey to the University of Oxford, delving into the fascinating realms of physics & materials science. The occasion was a specially curated Physics & Materials Science Day, where students were invited to participate in hands-on investigations and scientific explorations.



The highlight of the day was a unique investigation on renewable materials aimed at crafting solar cells. The students (including Ksheeraja, Tobi, Shifa, Taimur, Hashim, Mehria & Jasmin), actively engaged in the process of creating dye-sensitised solar cells. Guided by experts, these budding scientists successfully gathered valuable data, contributing to their understanding of renewable energy technologies.

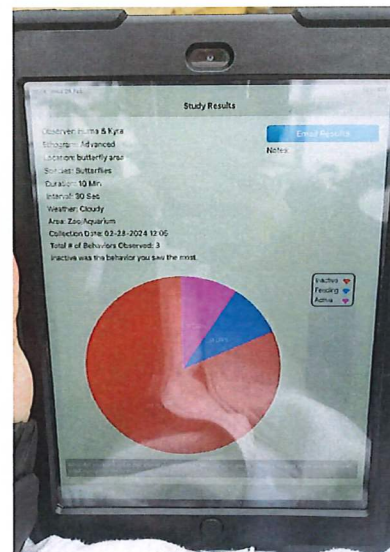
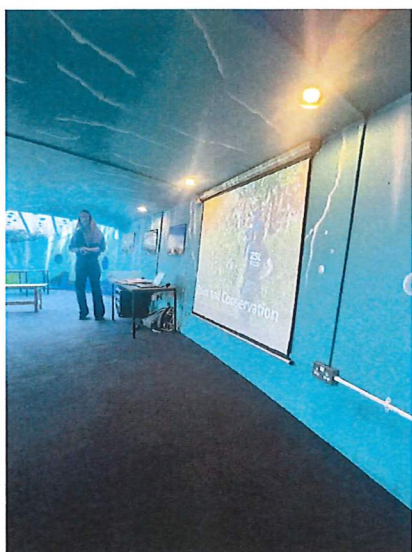
Amidst the historic and inspiring surroundings of Oxford's campuses, the students had the opportunity to walk through the prestigious university grounds, soaking in the rich academic atmosphere. The trip not only provided a glimpse into the world of higher education but also ignited a passion for the sciences.

Congratulations to Ksheeraja, Tobi, Shifa, Taimur, Hashim, Mehria & Jasmin for their exceptional engagement and successful participation in the Physics & Materials Science Day at Oxford.

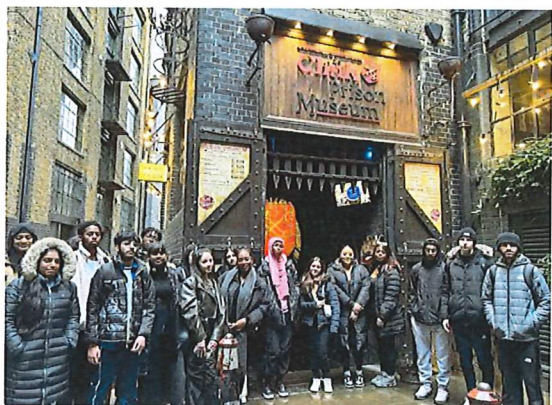


Sixth Form London Zoo trip

Students took part in an A-Level study day at London Zoo. This consisted of a conservation workshop, linking directly to A-Level Biology & Chemistry topics, and an animal behaviour study, recording & analysing specific animal behaviours and how this can be used in wildlife conservation. Of course, plenty of time to explore the zoo as well! The group were so enthusiastic and got involved in all activities and the trip was a great success!



Psychology Faculty spotlight



A wonderful trip for the A-Level Psychology students to Freud's Museum and The Clink Prison Museum in London.

The day was insightful, where the students were able to see first hand the work of Freud and some of his artefacts, read about additional cases that Freud delved into, and even attempt doing a bit of therapy themselves on the replica of Freud's sofa.

Albeit a little gruesome, exploring the Clink Prison Museum and historic methods of torture was something that the students won't forget so quickly!

Business Faculty spotlight

Enterprise 2024



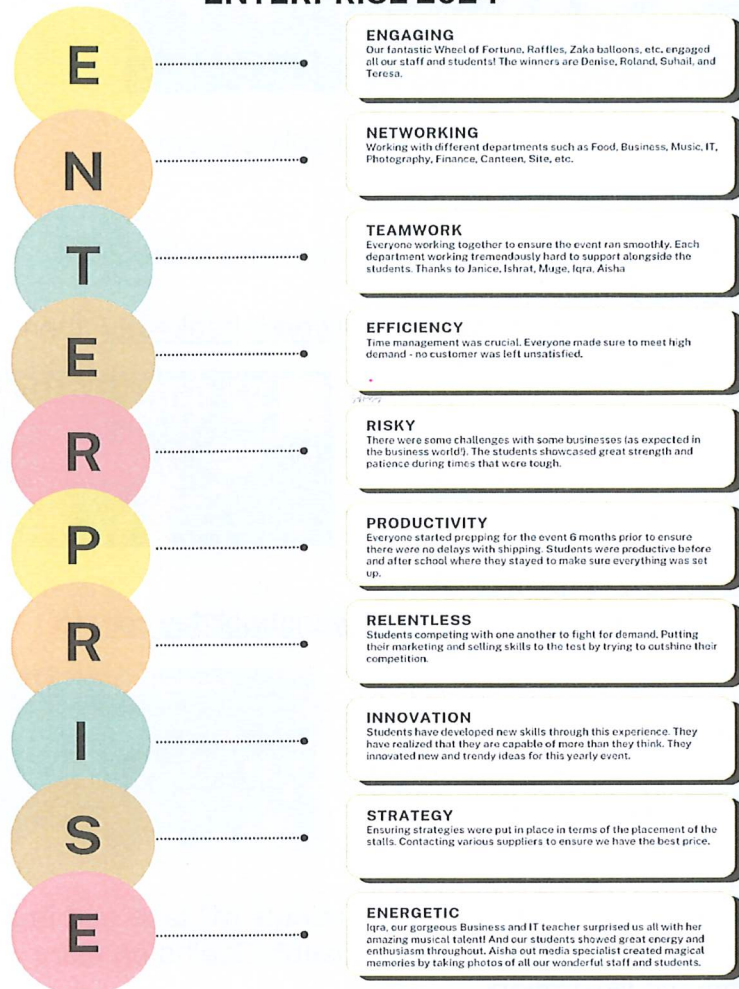
We are thrilled to announce the resounding success of our recent business event which took place on the 16th February. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to its triumph.



A special thanks to the dedicated teams in Business, IT, Food, Finance, Photography, Music, Mrs Patel, Leon, Joel and Ben for all your hard work helping make this day happen.

We would also like to send a special thanks to Antionette for letting us use your kitchen and resources. Thank you to Deborah, Mrs Lewis, Ms O'Conner, Mr Creber, Janice and everyone else who donated lovely gifts for the Wheel of Fortune, Zaka balloons and a raffle master stall.

ENTERPRISE 2024



Thank you to Watford FC for donating tickets and prizes, as well as Euan McGrogan who donated the screwdriver sets; Haidar for the amazing bowling tickets; Year 11 students who made cakes (tiramisu); Mrs Riaz for the donated samosas and Ms Akhtar for running this stall. We loved our very own Ms Amjad (our singer) and Ms Otung for ensuring students got their refunds from unused tokens. Thank you, Ms Shaban, for your photoshoot success.

We are immensely grateful for the generosity of each person who donated and supported us on the day. This event marks the culmination of our annual business enterprise series and, while it's our last of this scale, rest assured, we are already brainstorming ideas for an even more spectacular event next year to captivate our eager and passionate students. Moving forward, we are excited to announce that we will be looking into participating in the National Enterprise Week, where our students will showcase and sell their products at the Atria in Watford.

My final words:

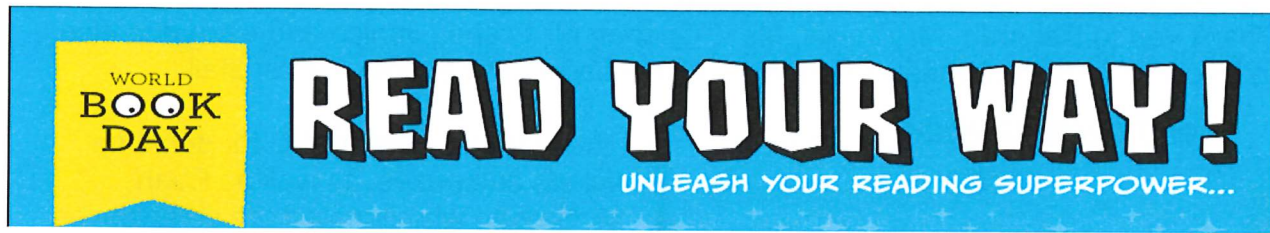
We have successfully put this event on for the last 3 years; we have had all sorts of stalls and ideas, and we have so many different characters shine to show how creative they are. When we began this process, some students didn't believe in their abilities. However, over time, they began to believe in themselves; we allowed them to take risks and we gave them the time they needed to gain their confidence and overcome their fears.

These are some of the things that allowed us to stay after school on countless occasions, as well as give time and energy on weekends to ensure that this event was brilliant for our students. We have had students proudly use this event as their focal point on their CV's and discussion points in interviews – this is always something I hear and I am always proud of their achievements.

I hold this event dear to my heart. I truly believe that students can achieve so much when given the opportunity to and when given our trust, even at the hardest times.

Thank you to everyone who has always supported our students during the last 3 years.

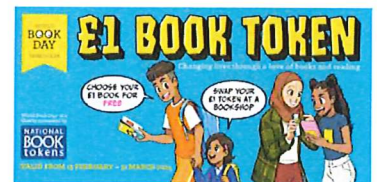




We will be celebrating www.worldbookday.com this year from 7th March with online events, competitions and new books for the library!

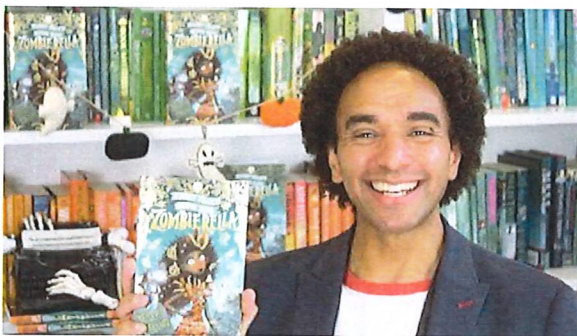
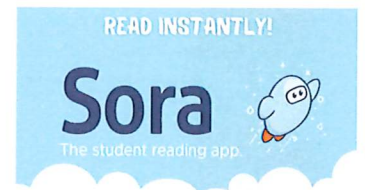


Students can choose a book of their own from one of the 2024 World Book Day titles from www.waterstones.com/books/search/term/world+book+day, then visit the shop to purchase their title using the voucher.



This year's focus is to enable students to read for pleasure by supporting their development as independent readers. To facilitate this, there are a number of resources available for students on www.worldbookday.com to choose from.

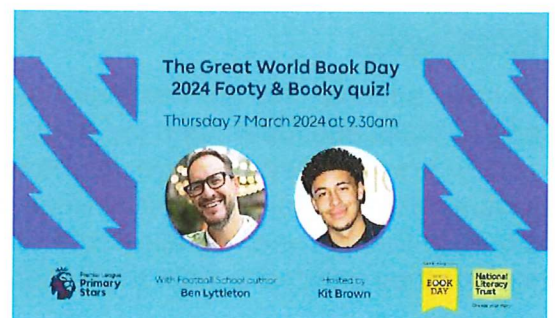
We also have over 5,000 titles available on our free-to-use SORA reading app. Students can access fiction and nonfiction titles, choosing from ebooks and audio titles, as well as over 500 recently added magazine titles – everything from Minecraft to New Scientist.



To celebrate World Book Day, students will take part in a live session from the amazing Joseph Coelho on story writing and illustration.

We will also be taking part in a Premier League Takeover Quiz, hosted by Kit Brown, with

football- and book-themed questions pitched by footballing **heroes!** Students are already preparing their own football and book quizzes in library lessons to hone their skills.



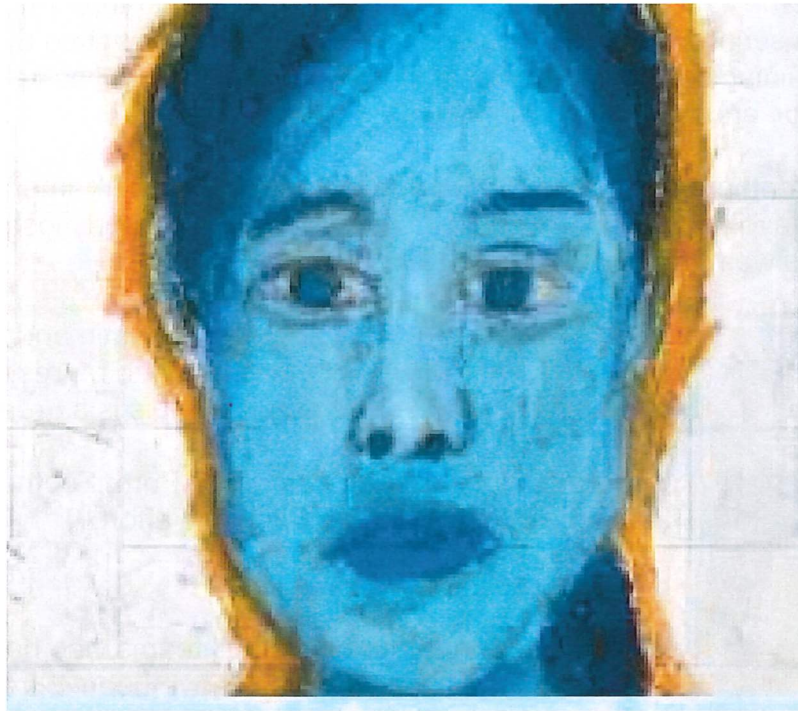
Here's my picture question:



What happens next?

Artwork

Student of the month featured artwork is Leila, 8S. This is an oil pastel mood portrait inspired by Picasso's blue period focusing on using tints and shades to create tone.



Sixth Form

This month we have hosted UCAS and Apprenticeship weeks. Both events have involved having guest speakers in to talk to students about their university and career journeys. It has been particularly interesting listening to our staff talking about their pathways into teaching.

Our Year 13 students have now submitted their UCAS applications and have received some really good offers from a range of universities, including red brick universities. We also have a number of students who have applied for apprenticeships.

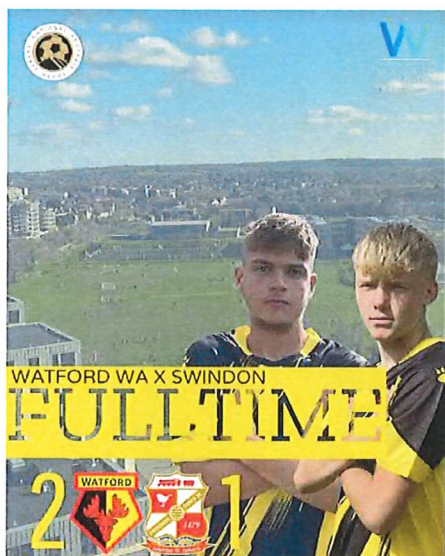


PE fixtures / events

Football

Congratulations to both our Years 8 & 9 football teams who have made it to their league finals. The way teams can get into the final is by finishing in the top two positions (throughout the season), then the final is first place vs second place. Both teams have been fully committed throughout the year so far, attending weekly training sessions, additional fitness sessions as well as turning up to fixtures with incredible dedication and a winning mentality.

In addition, our Year 8 football team came runners-up in the League Tournament – they went five games unbeaten and played some exciting football, however, unfortunately lost in the final vs BMS. Stand out performances were from Cosmin and Kairo.



Also, a huge well done to Bandzy, Cosmin and Josh from Year 8 and Jack from Year 9, who got the call up to represent the district football team on Tuesday, 13th February – this is a great achievement.

Congratulations to the Watford 6th Form Football Team who came in 2-1 win against Swindon. Fantastic effort.

Basketball

Huge well done to our basketball teams who have made a great start to the season – all year groups have been extremely dedicated to weekly training with our external coaches and have approached the matches with maximum effort, and are all extremely motivated to succeed at every opportunity. Also, well done to some of our older students, who have helped with the score board / score sheet with some of our Years 7 & 8 fixtures.

Fitness clubs after school

Our after-school fitness clubs on Mondays & Wednesdays have been growing in popularity over the course of the academic year. It has been fantastic seeing so many students making the most of our incredible facilities. Students have enjoyed exploring the different types of technology that we have in the gym, and they have found themselves getting into a healthy routine, within the gym, creating a healthy lifestyle.

Badminton club

The badminton club is thriving, with all four badminton courts in full use every single week. We have a welcoming community, with a mixture of beginners to more experienced players. We are looking forward to working with other schools to organise some friendly competitions, as well as internal competitions.

Athletics season – upcoming

Over the half term will see our preparation for the athletics season commence and this is something the PE department are certainly looking forward to. Athletics is extremely popular at Westfield, with several of our students winning district events in the last academic year. We are looking forward to finding an event for everyone to try to master and to see who will make our teams for athletics meetings!

Parent information

- Please register for this parent / carer webinar if you are interested in finding out more about Autism in Schools.
- Policy updates: Please visit our website to see our most up-to-date policies. Our most recently updated policy is the Privacy Notice for Parents / Carers, which can be found at [Westfield Academy - Policies](#).
- Watford Football Club Community Sports & Education Trust – information about Box Fit Class for 10-18 year olds in partnership with Herts Haven Café.



Find out about the 'Autism in Schools' (AIS) project

Click here to register

HPCI AIS Parent Carer Webinar

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 10.00am-12.30pm

Hear what our guest speakers can offer you!



BOOK NOW

EVERYONE DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH

BOX FIT CLASS

FOR PEOPLE AGED 10-18 YEARS OLD

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HERTS HAVEN CAFE

Boxing fitness session to encourage young people to get active

Watford Palace Theatre

Monday 5th February 2024

4.30pm - 5.30pm

To book on please email hannerodriguez@everyoneactive.com

Refreshments provided after!

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- Parents supporting students' posters with Roblox and dating & relationships:



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

ONLINE DATING

PUBLIC SERVERS

IN-APP PURCHASES

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

PRIVATE SERVERS

MONITOR SPENDING

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE DATING

WEBCAM BLACKMAIL

DAMAGE TO SELF

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

TAKE A SAFETY FIRST STANDPOINT

MEET OUR EXPERT

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT CONTACT DETAILS

HIGHLIGHT COMMON DANGER SIGNS

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- For the latest information for events for families from our local services support for parents, and carers. Their new website is up and running and it can be accessed through this link here: [DSPL 9 – Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey & Radlett » Home Page \(dsplarea9.org.uk\)](https://dsplarea9.org.uk).