

### Dates for your Diary

- ◆ Last day of term 25th July
- ◆ Inset day Monday 1st September
- ◆ Inset day Tuesday 2nd September
- ◆ First day back Wednesday 3rd September

# Westbury Termly Times

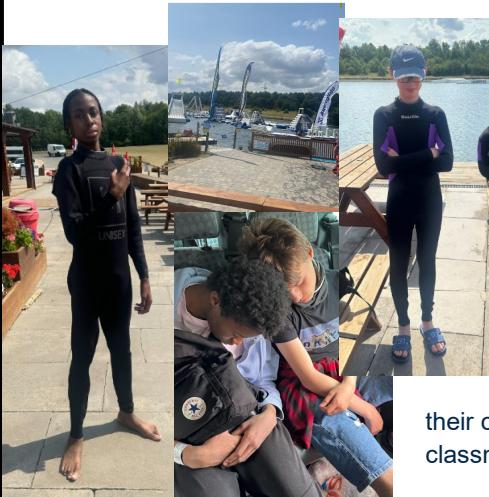
## Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. It's been an incredibly purposeful and productive summer term which has featured many events and activities and I would like to thank all of the parents/carers for their support during this term.

The academy recently held its annual celebration of work in which our pupils shared the work they had completed throughout the year with parents/carers as well as holding its transition evening for the families of pupils who are joining the academy in September. We also said goodbye to our year 11 pupils who recently worked diligently in their examinations. On behalf of all the staff, I wish them all the very best for the future.

For now though, I hope you have a lovely summer and the sun continues to shine. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back for the start of the 25/26 academic year. The first day back for all pupils will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Warm regards, Lee Morgan (Academy Principal)



### Sheffield Water Park

Pupils embarked on a trip to the Aqua park it boasts a massive, floating obstacle course with slides, climbing walls, balance beams, and even a giant trampoline — all set on a sparkling lake. For many pupils, this was more than just a fun day out. It was a chance to try something new, step outside their comfort zone, and bond with classmates in a whole new way.

### Celebrating Memories: Year 11 Leavers Meal

As the school year comes to a close, Year 11 students often find themselves reflecting on their journey. This year's leavers meal, held at TGI Fridays, was a heart-warming way to say goodbye to classmates and staff alike.



The atmosphere was lively and filled with excitement as pupils gathered for their final farewell meal. The staff from Westbury joined in the festivities, making the night even more special. Laughter echoed through the restaurant as stories were shared and memories of high school adventures resurfaced.



### Duke of Edinburgh

The Year 11 students recently embarked on an exciting two-day trip to the stunning Peak District as part of their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) program. This experience was not only a delightful escape into nature but also a fantastic opportunity for pupils to put their survival skills to the

test.

Throughout the adventure, participants honed their map-reading abilities, navigating through breathtaking landscapes and learning valuable outdoor skills that will serve them well beyond this trip.

The thrill of discovering hidden paths and the joy of teamwork fostered a sense of camaraderie among the students. By the end of the journey, each pupil emerged with newfound confidence, a



deeper appreciation for the outdoors, and unforgettable memories. The Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh trip was indeed a remarkable blend of education, adventure, and personal growth, highlighting the importance of experiences that prepare young people for the challenges ahead.



# News and events from around our school

## Freedom Factory

What a joy it's been to watch the boys grow in confidence and creativity. From early hesitation to full-hearted performances, they embraced every rehearsal with enthusiasm — singing, dancing, and selecting their own soundtrack. Their final show was a true celebration of all they'd achieved.



## Faith Day

Pupils in year 7 visited Derby Open Centre and embarked on a journey of religious discovery.



The Hindu Temple opened its doors and immersed the boys in a world of fragrance, sound and colourful diety statues. Next, the year 7s explored the largest Mosque in



Derby to get an insight into the Islamic way of life. Finally, the Gurdwara treated the boys' tastebuds with dhal and rice after a thorough discussion about the Sikh faith.

## Theatre Trip

In English this term Year 8 have been studying Our Day Out by Willie Russell. As part of this the pupils were invited to Derby Theatre for a backstage tour as a great introduction to the theatre. We went from the



dressing rooms to the fly floor and spent time looking into the backstage world of theatre to see how it works on a day to day basis.



## Allotment Education

This year, our Allotment Education sessions have flourished, offering both whole-class delivery and a targeted intervention model designed to support children in a more personalised, nurturing environment. Throughout the year, children have rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in—building paths, spreading wood chip, and creating pollinator-friendly spaces, all while learning to grow both edible and ornamental plants.



## Walesby Camp

Year 6 pupils attended Walesby camp. Pupils took part in different activities including Archery, Raft Building and Lazer tag. They made a campfire and toasted marshmallows. They have worked exceptionally hard this year completing their SATS and this was a great reward for them to enjoy some time in the great outdoors.



## Nottingham College Highfields Campus

In June 2025 the year 7 & 8 pupils were invited to Nottingham College Highfields Campus. They then took part in a welding workshop where all pupils were given the opportunity to use a

welding plant. The pupils took



part in a STEM workshop where they built and programmed robots enabling them to play a football match with them. Finally, the pupils took part in a hand fitting session where they made their own dog tags!

# Curriculum Corner

## VE Day Celebrations

This year, pupils from Years 3 to 8 marked VE Day in true 1940s style by hosting a fantastic street party. Each class researched traditional games from the era and created one for everyone to enjoy — from Higher or Lower to bowls, jacks, and plenty more nostalgic fun! The celebration continued with a delicious spread of classic treats, including finger sandwiches, biscuits, scones, and other traditional party favourites. It was a wonderful afternoon of learning, laughter, and community spirit.





# Seaside Smiles at Mablethorpe!

Pupils from Years 3 to 8 enjoyed a fantastic day out to Mablethorpe – a well-deserved treat that brought plenty of smiles and sunshine. The trip was packed with classic seaside fun: paddling in the sea, building sandcastles, and, of course, tucking into delicious fish and chips right on the beach.

A highlight for many was visiting the arcades, where the 2p machines proved as entertaining as ever – and sparked some friendly competition. What made this trip even more special is that our pupils helped make it happen. Throughout the year, they worked hard to raise money through events like our Christmas Fair, showing fantastic commitment, teamwork, and pride in their school community.

It was a joyful day that created lasting memories – and a powerful reminder of what our pupils can achieve when they work together.





# Westbury Goes Green

The 2025 Westbury Goes Green summer fair was a fantastic celebration of sustainability, creativity, and community — and the weather was kind to us too! Pupils from Years 3 to 10 worked hard to design and run an impressive range of eco-friendly stalls. From beautifully crafted bug houses, clocks, keyrings, coasters, and cushions made from recycled or repurposed materials, to homemade food using local ingredients and produce from our very own school garden, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

