



As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support as we work together as a school community. Although this half-term has been relatively short, it has been as busy and productive as ever, jam-packed full of special events which we've loved sharing along the way. The production team has been deep in rehearsals for *Beauty and the Beast* which is due to premier on Wednesday, 6 March for three nights. 75+ students have been singing their hearts out every week, and are working towards their dress rehearsal in front of some of our feeder-primary schools. Be sure to book your seats as this is destined to be a real crowd pleaser.

On Friday we say farewell to Miss L Barnes who is moving to pastures new. She has been a wonderful Head of Art, and we wish her the very best in her new role.

You will receive your Focus Week letter during the break. Be sure to check it for important details.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy and peaceful half term, and look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday 19 February at 0835.

With very best wishes.

Julie

Celebrations

Congratulations to our Year 10 football team on a special victory against Torquay Academy and progress into the semi-finals of the U15 Devon County Cup.

A massive well done to our Y11 footballers who recently took part in a GCSE football match against St Luke's. A combination of superb individual and team performances from WES saw us take an early lead. The game finished in a narrow 2-1 victory to St Luke's. While we can be disappointed that we didn't come away with a result, every student can be proud of their performances and work rate!

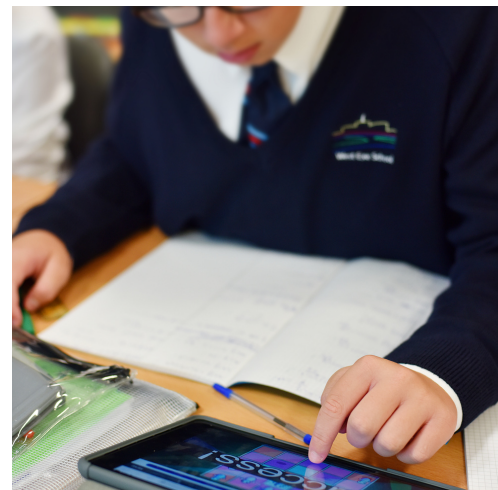
Our joint jazz concert with Exeter College that has been in production since 1990, all gave a wonderful performance last week with so much talent on display.

Last Wednesday 130 Year 9, 10 and 11 students sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, a problem solving paper that aims to make them think outside the box and use their mathematical knowledge. We are so proud of all our students as they participated respectfully and with conviction. Watch this space for the results!



Stay equipped for the week ahead and get ready to be your #bestexe!

Our stationary shop is now open every Monday and Tuesday before school by Student Reception.



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Whole school information

Our [Beauty and the Beast Production](#) at WES on 6, 7 & 8 March 2024 show time £7.

Every fortnight, all members of staff have a 'Golden Ticket' which they can award to any student who has displayed what our student attributes stand for. This runs bi-weekly focus on one of the student attributes as positive reinforcement. The golden tickets awarded are then placed in a fortnightly prize draw, for prizes suggested by the student body.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

Youth Club at WES [click here](#) for more info, we have had our first session and we look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Save the date - Subject Evening 25 April 2024.

YEAR 8

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Our student receptionist experience continues after half term with tutor groups taking it in turns throughout the year.

Year 8 boys football team recently entered 2 teams in a trust football tournament, both teams had amazing results, with one of the teams taking first place, and also drawing against each other.

YEAR 9

First camping weekend for Ten Tors has happened and our teams were amazing! We have four teams entered for the final event. TWMAT trust fixtures upcoming for football and netball.

YEAR 10

Work Experience - It is really important that all students who have secured a work experience placement fill in the 'Confirmed Placement' form which can be found on the Yr10 Work Experience Google Dashboard. Students should see their tutor if they are unsure. For more info [click here](#).

The deadline for students to have received confirmation of a work experience placement by Friday, 16 February 2024.

YEAR 11

National Citizen Service: NCS will be delivering assembly on exciting summer opportunities with our Yr11's. Preparations for March Mocks are underway.

