



Key Information 2019-20

Term dates

Autumn Term 2019

Term commences for Year 7 & Year 11 only:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
Term commences for Year 8 - 10:	Thursday, 5 September 2019
Half Term:	Monday, 21 October – Friday, 1 November 2019
Last day of term:	Friday 20 December 2019 Finish 13:25

Spring Term 2020

Term commences	Monday, 6 January 2020
Half Term:	Monday, 17 – Friday, 21 February 2020
Last day of term	Friday, 27 March 2020

Summer Term

Term commences:	Tuesday 14 April 2020
May Day Holiday:	Friday 8 May 2020
Half Term	Monday, 25– Friday, 29 May 2020
Last day of term	Friday, 17 July 2020

Non-Pupil Days

Monday 9 December 2019
Monday 23 March 2020

Parents' evenings

Year 10 & 11 SLT Interviews	Tuesday, 17 – Thursday, 19 September 2019	3.30 – 5.30pm
Year 10 & 11 SLT Interviews	Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 September 2019	3.30-5.30pm
Year 7 Meet the Tutor	Thursday, 10 October 2019	4 – 7pm
Wellbeing Information Evening	Thursday, 7 November 2019	5 – 6pm
Year 9 Subject Evening	Thursday, 14 November 2019	4 – 7pm
Year 11 Subject Evening	Thursday, 16 January 2020	4 – 7pm
Year 10 Subject Evening	Thursday, 06 February 2020	4 – 7pm
Year 8 Subject and Options Evening	Thursday, 13 February 2020	4 – 7pm
Year 7 Subject Evening	Thursday, 16 April 2020	4 – 7pm
Year 11 SLT Interviews	Tuesday, 25– Wednesday 26 February 2020	3.30 – 5.30pm
Year 10 English Prep Evening	Thursday 26 March 2020	3.30-5.30pm

Reports

Reports will be issued three times during the academic year. They will be sent electronically to parents.

Parent Group Meetings

Thursday, 26 September 2019	6pm
Thursday, 12 December 2019	6pm
Tuesday, 4 February 2020	6pm
Thursday, 23 April 2020	6pm
Thursday 25 June 2020	6pm

Vaccinations

Year 8 Girls – HPV1	Monday 30 September 2019
Year 9 Girls - HPV2	Tuesday 10 March 2020
Year 8 Boys – HPV1	Wednesday 11 March 2020
Year 9 Boys & Girls Dip/Tet/Polio & Men AWCY	Wednesday 6- Thursday 7 May 2020
Additional day for missed vaccinations	Monday 6 July 2020

School Photos

Year 7 & 11 individual and tutor group	Thursday 5 September 2019
Year 11 cohort	Friday 6 September 2019



Safeguarding

The online safeguarding reporting tool can now be accessed by parents, staff and students at <https://swgflwhisper.org.uk/Report/wes11>
Students, parents and staff can also report concerns via text by texting **WES11** and their message to **078600 21584**

Attendance

Students should be in school every day by 0835, ready for a prompt 0840 start. Any students arriving after this time must sign in at student reception and unless they have an acceptable reason, they will be placed in a same day 30-minute detention and will register in a separate tutor group to avoid disruption. If they are unwell, then please contact the school every day they are absent via telephone on 01392 660100. The school is not normally allowed to authorise absence, however, if there are truly exceptional circumstances, then please complete an absence request form available via student services.

Uniform

We will continue to maintain high expectations regarding the new uniform. Details have already been circulated and are detailed below:

- **Footwear:** Plain black leather or faux leather shoes should be worn and these must be of shoe design only, with slip-on, Velcro or lace fastenings and flat heels. **Boots, sandals or trainers are not permitted.** The footwear must be entirely black throughout, including sole, uppers, stitching and any piping. No logos or designs are permitted.
- **Piercings:** A maximum of one pair of small and discreet ear studs (ie 5mm diameter maximum) are allowed, one in the lobe of each ear. No other piercings or spacers, including clear or retaining piercings, are permitted.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones may be used before school, during break and lunch, and after school. During these times students must ensure that they use their phones in an appropriate manner and be aware that staff may request to see what students are doing on their phone and view content to ensure the safety of all students in the School.

Students must have their mobile phones switched off and in their bags from 0840. This means that mobile phones are not visible in tutor time, lesson changeover or any lessons. However, teachers have the discretion to allow students to use their mobile phones to aid learning, if they wish, and students must use their phones only as directed.

If a student gets their phone/personal device out in lessons/tutor time, unless directly instructed by the teacher, then the student will be issued with a warning. Any repeat use of the phone/device will be treated as a second warning and the student will be sent to the Reset room. Mobile phones used or seen in corridors or around the school during lesson changeover will result in the student being given a Red Card detention. Continued inappropriate use of a mobile phone will result in confiscation of the phone and more serious sanctions.

If you ever need to contact your child during the school day, please leave a message with student reception by calling 01392 660100. We will then ensure that a message is passed on or arrangements will be made for them to contact you.

Homework

All students will receive a minimum of 1 hour of homework each day. The homework will be set on ClassCharts and will follow the Year group's homework timetable. Knowledge Organiser booklets will be used for homework. Students will be using the cover, write check method as well as other strategies in their homework book. All homework will be checked the following day by the Tutor; a merit will be given for completed work, a detention for incomplete homework. There will be a weekly in-class homework test. All year groups will have homework for Maths which will be set through Sparx.

Additional Independent Study may be set and will be marked by the class teacher. At Key Stage 4 (year 9-11), this will often have implications on your child's performance in coursework based subjects and is very important.

Any questions regarding homework, please contact julie.fossey@westexe.devon.sch.uk

Rewards

Students should receive regular rewards and recognition of their excellent work. They will be awarded merits. These can be seen via <https://www.classcharts.com/>. Please contact admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk if you require your ClassCharts login code.

Students can also be awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum merit badges as well as subject specific awards.

The following awards evenings are planned for this year:

KS3 (Year 7 & 8) Awards Evening	Thursday, 11 June 2020	5 - 6.30pm
KS4 (Year 9 & 10) Awards Evening	Thursday, 18 June 2020	5 - 6.30pm
PE Awards Evening	Wednesday 8 July 2020	5 - 6.30pm

Behaviour

Students will be supported at all times to behave well, however, if they fail to meet expectations, they will receive sanctions, including same day detentions. If a student is set a detention they must attend; failure to attend will result in serious consequences. Sadly, we will have no choice but to exclude students if they are unable to meet the expected standards. The school will take action on behaviour that occurs during school time, on the way to and from school and at any other time that students are identifiable as a West Exe student.