



Every Child Reads

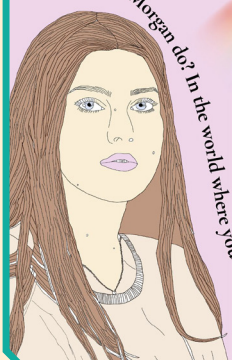
Every learner in every year group has started to read a novel with their form tutor this week. I have been bowled over by the number of colleagues and learners that have commented on their reading sessions this week. The research shows that this is a powerful strategy for improving vocabulary in young people. There is no better way to spend the additional time that we have added to the school day.



Kindness Award

Congratulations to all students nominated at the last half term from last year for their acts of kindness towards others. It is wonderful to see so many of our students' names on the list! These students have won breakfast with Mr Coe on Thursday 3 October and have also been put forward for The Morgan Emma Davies memorial Award for the end of this academic year. Well done everyone


What would Morgan do? In the world where you can be anything, be kind.



The Morgan Davies Memorial Award

Summer Term 2 Nominees 2024

Abigail L	Ghazia K	Mia O
Alanya O'R	Harley J	Mia P
Alex B	Isabella Q	Miles B
Arnelia B	Isabelle J	Millie B
Ava F	Isabella B	Millie H
Ava Mae W	Izaak T	Parthiv C
Becky A	Izzy Mc	Poppy A
Beth P	Jacob O	Poppy-Lea S
Billy A	Jake S	Rhys C
Bipul S	James W	Roslin W
Bobby T	Katie S	Sophie UX2
Charlie O	Lauren T	Stephanie D
Dario O	Lexi W	
Fimma L	Lesi T	
Ethan M	Lucy B	
Georga B	Mal D	





Year 11

Celebration of our new Year 11 cohort. You have returned to school so well and already shown such commitment to reaching your full potential. The focus in after school revision classes so early in the term is impressive. You have also started the year as brilliant prefects. This week I met with the senior prefects and with Ellis and Phomolo our Head Boy and Head Girl. Together we will work together to continue to improve our school. I couldn't be prouder of this year group. Mr Barwise & Miss Walsh would agree.

- WHS NEWSFLASH -



Student Success

Congratulations to Westhoughton High School school students who have had some excellent out of school achievements, we are very proud of you all.

Y10 RUGBY

Some of our Year 10 students played in the U14 NWC Shield final for Westhoughton Lions Blues Rugby League team this weekend, and came away the winners with a 30-16 result against Newton Storm. Big well done to Leon A, James P, Michael B, Kian M, Jake H and the rest of your team!



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Over the weekend four of our Year 11 students competed in the final of the North West Counties Rugby League Shield with their team Hindley ARLFC.

They WON, they are proud winners of the U15s NWC Shield Champions 2024!

Mal D and Tom W are photographed, Alfie H and Alfie L are also part of the team. Well done to all.

Keira G in Year 10 competed at the North West Gymnastics Championships at the weekend as a 1st year Junior. She competed against 1st and 2nd year Juniors in her round and became overall NorthWest Junior Champion!!

This is the 3rd consecutive year Keira has won this! So has now qualified to represent the North West Team at the Rushmore RoseBowl in a couple of weeks time. Well done Keira all your hard work and practice continues to pay off. Fantastic achievement.



On Sunday Olly P-T in Year 10 completed a 20k march around Sandbach for the RAF Winter Warma. Olly received a medal and is working towards his blue road marching badge. Well done Olly, what a fantastic achievement.



Some of our KS3 students have taken part in Bolton's Panathlon event, completing different games including Boccia and floor tennis. Well done everyone! A great time was had by all.



- WHS NEWSFLASH -



Year 8 Success

Well done to our Year 8 boys football team who won 10-0 against Bolton St Catherine's. What a great result, well done everyone. Man of the match went to Alfie K.

Y10/11 RUGBY UNION

Two great and very competitive games down at Bolton Rugby Club! The lads finished the two games scoring 5 tries across the two games.

Same again next week with the Year 8/9! Huge thanks again to Dan and Bolton Rugby Club for hosting and refereeing!



Our Year 11 Netball team played some great matches on Tuesday afternoon despite the rain and having no subs, they all played really well.

This was their last netball tournament for school, well done girls, very proud of you all.

Y9 FOOTBALL

A very competitive game between two very good teams resulted in a hard fought win for WHS Y9. Excellent individual performances and real team spirit got the win over the line!

Special mention goes to Josh S and Zach H for scoring, but also (honorary) team manager Luke D for his inspirational team talk at the start of the game.

Big thank you to Marcus in Y11 for refereeing.



Luke Dixon

Westhoughton Cricket Club

RUNS: 292

HIGH SCORE: 41*

WICKETS: 22

CATCHES : 9



Well done to Luke D from Year 9 on winning the bowling prize for North West Cricket League. What a great achievement Luke!



Penny M-A is European Champion Karate 2024! Penny won the Gold Medals in Kata & Kumite (fighting) Category 13 Years weighted 50 to 54 kg. Penny also gained a Silver medal in Team Kata 13 years. Amazing achievement well done Penny.

- WHS NEWSFLASH -



HARD WORKING STUDENT WINS ROTARY AWARD

Thanks to her high grades in nine subjects, Tegan Pilling was this year's top GCSE student at Westhoughton High School and has won the 2024 Westhoughton Rotary Club Tony Budd Jubilee Bursary Award. Tegan and her parents were invited to a special presentation evening to receive her award and celebrate her success.

High School Head, Neil Coe, introduced Tegan to an audience of Westhoughton Rotarians, praising and emphasising her examination success. He was delighted that she had won. She seemed quiet but was always hard working and determined. She joined a long list of worthy winners who had gone on to achieve further success and bring more honour to the school.

Past President Ronald Bell explained that the club had made its first Bursary presentation in 2008. The Club had wished to inaugurate a special award in the Club's Diamond Jubilee year as part of their celebration of the then 60 years of service to the town. In conjunction with the High School, it had been agreed to make it an annual award to encourage and celebrate academic success.

He was delighted that Tegan's mother and father were present to share this celebration of her achievements. She was now at Runshaw College, studying English and Sociology with her next aim being to go on to degree studies at university.

John Oakes, Westhoughton President, congratulated Tegan on her success and then presented her with £200 Waterstones Gift card, a Rotary Certificate and a mini trophy. Her name had also been added to the main trophy shield. He wished her well in her present studies and future career.

The presentation photograph shows:

WtonRty-TonyBuddBursary2024

(L to R); Neil Coe, Westhoughton High School Headteacher, Tony Budd Jubilee Bursary Winner Tegan Pilling and her parents, Christie & Stuart Pilling, Rotary President John Oakes.



Remembrance Day

Very proud of our Head Boy and Girl - Ellis and Phomolo and members of our Head Prefect team, Ashley, Ava and Adam for attending the Remembrance service in Westhoughton on Sunday. Thank you for representing the school.



Mental Health Ambassadors

To enhance our Mental Health Provision in school, we have worked closely with the MHST (Mental Health Support Team) to train our new Mental Health Ambassadors.

These students have applied for the role and took a great interest in the training that the MHST provided.

Mrs Whittle-Darrock will be meeting the Mental Health Ambassadors to discuss and begin to implement a strategy across school to support our younger students.

A huge well done to our new Ambassadors, we are extremely proud of you all.