



Christmas Lunch.

It seems to get bigger every year. This year I think over 1200 members of our school community sat down for a full Christmas lunch. I was joined by Mrs Unsworth and Mrs Benigno as honorary members of the kitchen team to serve our learners. I salute our kitchen team; I was happy to get back to running the school for a rest! What struck me (and others) most was the impeccable manners of our young people when serving them. A credit to their families.



Celebration of Christmas

Our learner choir make an incredible sound, I've noticed this over a number of events recently. On Tuesday evening we were also treated to music from our staff choir - It was genuinely wonderful to see the faces of our school community as they recognised the talent in our staff body as well as our young people. When these voices came together in the hymns that we sang it was a genuinely beautiful moment as the church was filled with the sound of Christmas voices. The combined voices singing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" was a goosebumps moment that I, and others, will never forget. Simply Amazing.



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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.

Penny M-A in year 9 took part in the Welsh Karate League 2024 on 17th Nov and she SMASHED it!

She won: Gold medal in KATA & KUMITE (fighting) in her age category, but also took the “overall championship” in them as well! Scoring a phenomenal 100 + points, she couldn’t be touched.

Gold medal in all Other Styles Kata “mixed” age category (13 to 14 years)

Silver medal “draw” in the female age category above KATA for overall. To top it off, Penny won the last competition of the year in “Kata” age category above (15 to 16 advanced)

Penny took it with some of the highest scores she’s ever had and beat her personal best! What a day Penny, well done!



Y9 FOOTBALL- CUP SUCCESS

Following an excellent performance from the Y9 Football team, they have progressed to the next round having beat last years finalist in a hugely competitive game

Two first half goals secured the victory (2-1), despite their opponents getting back into the game in the second half.

Goals from Lewis A and Maz A.

Well done boys and good luck in the next round!



Westhoughton High School delivered an outstanding performance at the recent cross-country championships, with hundreds of learners participating and bringing a lively, competitive energy to the event. Several athletes from the school qualified for the Greater Manchester Championships, including Licia S, Isaac T, Tamar I, Zaki I, Ava S, Nathaniel O, Charlie H, Lewis A, and Lois W. Kareem I was a standout performer, securing an impressive 3rd place out of 180 participants, a testament to his dedication and skill. This remarkable achievement highlights the strength and promise of Westhoughton’s athletes as they advance to the next level of competition.



Well done to our Year 8 basketball team who played in a tournament after school yesterday. They had fantastic teamwork and played some excellent basketball coming 2nd overall. Well done boys.

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Some Year 7 students got to attend the determination festival held at Howe Bridge Leisure centre last week.

Activities included - archery, rock climbing, mindfulness yoga, scooter park and an assault course.

A great time was had by all, well done everyone.



Let's Share Christmas

Our Let's Share Christmas campaign was as big as ever, over 600 chocolate oranges were donated and a huge amount of mince pies, helping Urban Outreach provide food hamper to people in need over the festive season, helping 6581 people!

The chocolate oranges were gifted half to NHS workers and half gifted to our elderly neighbours. Thank you so much for showing true community spirit with all your donations.



Christmas Show

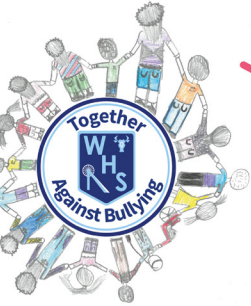
Amazing performances were put together for our Christmas show 'Westhoughton High School Goes to the Movies.'

All the rehearsal time was worth it as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Thank you to all the students and staff who gave up so much time to make the show the success it was.



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"WHEN EVERYONE STANDS OUT, WE ALL FIT IN!"

BE THE UPSTANDER

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK let's come together and choose respect!

CHOOSE RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

LEARN

From **MONDAY 11TH to FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024**

If you're worried about bullying please contact

You can talk to any member of staff, however specific people who are here to help are:

- Your form tutor
- Your Student Support Leader (SSL)
- Your Student Progress Leader (SPL)
- Assistant Headteacher KS3 - Mr Parkinson
- Assistant Headteacher KS4 - Mr Dignam

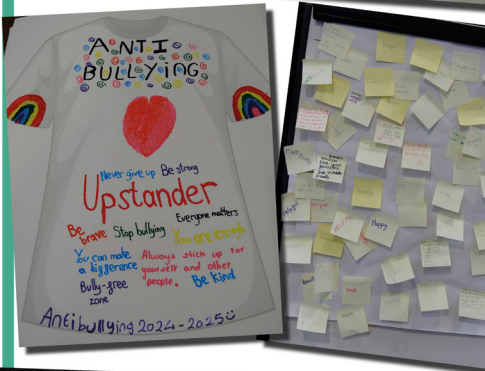
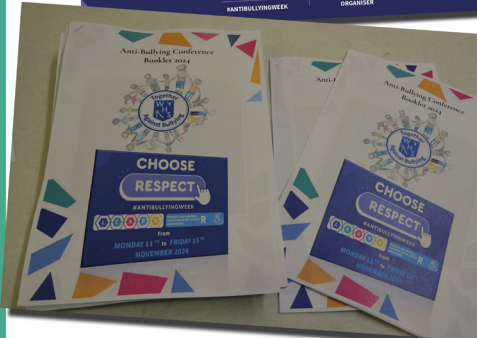
CHOOSE RESPECT ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER

Westhoughton High School Anti-Bullying Conference 2024



We held our second annual Anti-Bullying conference in November 2024. Held over two days, one day was for WHS students and one day we were able to open our doors and welcome students from our local primary schools. Both conferences were thoroughly successful and enjoyed by all. Work was done on how to be an upstander within school, what it means to be kind and give thought about acts of kindness. Students looked at different types of bullying and what students can do to help and reduce any bullying that happens within school.

These conferences were held within our Anti-Bullying week where staff and students took part in Odd Socks Day - Maeve a student in year 7 summed this up perfectly - "When everyone stands out we all fit in" Various Anti-bullying activities were held during lessons and assemblies so all students took part in Anti-Bullying initiatives.



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Maeve M - Year 7

ODD SOCKS DAY

Tuesday 12th November 2024

