

THE SPECIALISTS

The Westborough High School Newsletter for Business & Enterprise and The Arts

The Enterprise Investigators are here.....

A number of our year 7 students have volunteered themselves to take part in our "Enterprise Investigators" programme. The initiative is intended to educate younger pupils who are yet to have a taste of Business Education about the basics of business and in particular, Enterprise. As a part of the programme, Westborough has made links with a local charity called Ambitions for Kirklees who provide education and care for people with learning difficulties. Ambitions for Kirklees have undertaken a number of enterprising projects (making crafts, jewellery and horticulture etc.) in order to raise funding for themselves whilst providing education for their clients. It is hoped that our team of Enterprise Investigators will report on the activities of Ambitions for Kirklees either in the form of a newsletter or a TV style news report. The photograph shows Sufyan Dalal and Muhammad Dawood proudly wearing their Enterprise Investigator stars.



A Wicked time in London

As a reward for all the hard work pupils gave to our performance of The Wiz, the cast and crew were taken to the West End to see a performance of the world famous musical 'Wicked'. During the trip pupils visited Covent Garden, The Royal Opera House and all the major tourist attractions (we did a lot of walking!) Staff and pupils had a brilliant day and we are sure that the memories of seeing a real West End production will remain with them for a very long time.



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Voice in a Million at the O2 Arena



Students took part in the 'Voice in a Million' singing event in London's O2 arena. 'Voice in a Million' strives to achieve awareness of the plight of millions of children worldwide that are orphaned, abandoned or separated from their birth parents and in need of a loving family for life. Westborough's Choir, who were the only school in West Yorkshire to take part in the event, became part of a choir of over seven thousand singers. With songs including 'Don't Stop Believing', 'Somebody to Love' and 'Happy Day', the evening concert took the audience on an emotional journey. Despite the late return to school in the early hours of the morning, it was a great day and a fantastic experience.

Westborough Fashion club

This year, four Year 9 students have set up and run their own fashion design company creating their own range of bespoke jewellery and clothing. The students, assisted by Miss Burkinshaw wanted to demonstrate their enterprise skills in an area that interested them – fashion. For the past year they have met twice weekly at lunchtime producing their designs which they then marketed and sold to the local community. The group have attended events such as the school Open Evening in order to promote their work. Overall, the initiative, and the business itself have been a great success and the girls involved are hoping to utilise what they've learned to achieve even greater ambitions. Milan here we come!



The Wiz

For the first time in many years, Westborough High School put on a musical production involving students from across all year groups. After months of preparation our production of the Wiz surpassed all of our expectations leaving parents, friends and primary school pupils totally astonished by what they had seen, with many claiming that it was "the best performance they had ever seen!" Both staff and pupils are really excited about next years show already, so watch this space!



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New Staff Reflections

The fabulous new members of the Business & Enterprise faculty are reaching the end of their first year teaching at Westborough. We asked them to tell us how they have found it.

My NQT year at Westborough has been a whirlwind! It hasn't all been plain sailing but there have been far more ups than downs. I have really enjoyed working with the fantastic business department and would say helping to get the year 11's through a diploma was the most rewarding experience this year.

Mr Clegg



In my first year at Westborough I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the students and staff within the school - everybody has been really welcoming and I have felt like part of the team since day 1. The bit I have enjoyed least would be ALL the marking but that came as no surprise, and it's worth it when you can see that most students have tried really hard in their work!

Miss Fearnley

My first year at Westborough has been both challenging and rewarding. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year. I have had many ups and some downs throughout the year. The ups have been receiving thank you cards from my year 11 group, getting to know my classes and work colleagues in the school.

Miss Smith

The first year as part of the Business Faculty has been interesting, challenging and fun. I have really enjoyed getting to grips with the variety of courses that we teach. The classes have been great and the popularity of the Business Studies is a testament to the fantastic teaching taking place in the faculty.

Mr Patel

Keep The Home Fires Burning

Back in November, the Performing Arts Faculty invited pupils from Westmoor, Boothroyd and Ravensthorpe Primary Schools, Dewsbury Collegians Operatic Society and Dewsbury Royal British Legion to take part in a Remembrance concert at Westborough High School. Re-enacting scenes from WW2, singing songs from the time and listening to our special guest from the British Legion made it a very emotional evening, but one that the packed drama studio thoroughly enjoyed never the less.



Samba Band Workshops

Our amazing Samba Band has also been extremely busy recently hosting workshops at local primary schools, with members of the band leading sectional work and putting our future drummers through their paces. With the talent that we have seen at our feeder primary schools the future for our Samba Band looks very bright indeed.



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Visit to see the Dance Act – Flawless

Our talented sports girls and dancers were rewarded this year for all their efforts by going to see the fabulous dance act – Flawless – of Britain's Got Talent fame. Students were treated to a meal at an Italian restaurant before the concert. The concert was absolutely brilliant with a musical mix of Hip Hop, dance and pop there were solo, duo and group performances that were amazing! To finish the night on a high, pupils got to meet Flawless; they got their pink hoodies signed and their photos taken. What an amazing experience for our talented sports girls and dancers.



Business Mentoring success continues

This year once again saw a number of our young people take part in the Business Mentoring programme. This initiative pairs pupils with people from the business world in a scheme that allows non-educationalists to offer their time and expertise to mentor a Year 10 student as they undertake their GCSE and BTEC qualifications. The mentor and the student meet weekly to discuss progress, set targets and talk through any issues the student may be facing in order that they have the best possible chance of securing their future. Mentor, Mr David Shindler who runs the Dash Coaching company has been working Sufyan Sajid and advocates the programme as a meaningful experience that helps our young people to fulfil their potential.



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