



The Westgate School

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Newsletter

Goodbye and good luck year 11 & 13!

"The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than what other people say or do.

The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitude."



Charles Swindoll

Why share this? If you can live by this and hold on to this it doesn't matter what life throws at you or what knockbacks you have - you will go far... and enjoy the journey. This is an important messages for all of us in our lives and the roles we have – sister, father, teacher, student and so forth...

However this is also a time in the school year where we say goodbyes as some move onto pastures new. We wish you all the very best for the future. We are proud to have shared this stage in your life with you and hope each and every one of you has a bright future ahead. I hope we have equipped you for life with the skills and

attitudes to grab opportunities that come your way. We look forward to welcoming many of the 11's back into Sixth Form. For those going onto pastures new we wish you well and please do keep in touch.

Mrs Cooper

Top 10 Revision Tips

**Rise and shine**

Starting your revision by 9am will help you get into a routine that you can stick to.

**Breakfast**

Having breakfast before revising is vital as it helps you to concentrate for longer.

**Log off**

Switch off all devices, a five minute peek at Facebook turns into an hour so easily. Use internet time as a reward on a break.

**Past papers**

Past exam papers are a perfect way to get used to exam pressure. Time yourself and use past papers to improve your confidence.

**Get colourful**

Keep your notes organised and bright. Use different fonts, pens and diagrams. Colour coding your areas also helps.

**Stick to the plan**

Make a revision timetable, it will help you prioritise your areas. Plan for different ways of learning (mind maps, essays, fact cards)

**Take breaks**

Take a short break (5-10 minutes) after every half hour - It's important to get away from your work area. Adding breaks into your timetable is vital.

**Teach**

If you are confident with a subject, teach it to your friends and they can do the same for you.

**No last minute revision**

Cramming 10 minutes before an exam doesn't work, planning your time and working hard does!

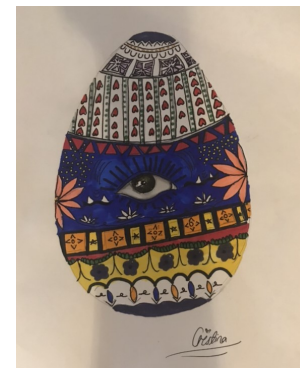
**Breathe!**

You'll be great!

Easter Art Challenge Winner!

Congratulations to
Cristina C in year 7 who
designed this beautiful egg.

Thank you to all who
submitted and watch this
space for more competitions.



Year 13 Leavers

Wednesday 25th May



Year 11 Leavers

Friday 27th May



Litter Bugs Busted Around School by Year 7 students



Some of the Year 7 girls started an initiative last week to ensure that The Westgate School was a litter free zone. They collaborated with the Student Leadership Council

and prepared a presentation for all year groups to raise awareness of the litter problem in and around the school. This small initiative became the Year 7 initiative, and all students were involved in making the school litter free. They were divided in groups and the campaign lasted for a week. They were supported by Student Leaders from Year 12 who were exemplary role models. It is exhilarating to see students take ownership of the environment at such a young age.



Media in the Multiverse of Madness

Sixth form media students attended a 4DX cinema trip to experience a different type of film viewing. They were thrown around in their seats, sprayed with water and blown away with wind machines.



It was a great experience and we look forward to hosting Matt again in the future!

Allotment Pending

Mr Sherriff-Vickers and his team of green-thumbed students have been working hard in the sensory garden to provide some allotment beds, so we can grow vegetation in school!



Exploring Writing with Matt Dickinson

On 29 April, author and climber Matt Dickinson visited The Westgate School for the third time. He engaged small groups of Year 8 and Year 9 students in creative writing sessions and presented to the whole of Year 8 as well. Matt discussed his Everest treks, life lessons learned along the way, and shared fantastic writing tips.

Students said:

"It was amazing – very helpful and now I use those writing tips"

"I enjoyed Matt Dickinson's speech because it was inspirational in making me want to dream high and someday achieve my dream"

"My meeting with Matt was very interesting. He answered a lot of questions I had and even ones I didn't ask. I truly learnt a lot from him and I think he was very clear and concise. I don't think there was one negative in the entire meeting. He definitely was very convincing and has encouraged me to start reading again"



What's Coming Up



27th May– End of Summer Term 1

June– Pride Month



2nd June– Bank Holiday

3rd June– Queen's Platinum Jubilee



5th June– Shavuot



6th June– Start of Summer Term 2

19th June– Father's Day

21st June– Longest Day

10th July– Eid al-Adha

20th July– End of Academic Year

