

The Westgate School's Student Leadership Programme

At The Westgate School, we believe that students should be given a wide range of opportunities to develop and practise leadership skills in preparation for life beyond school. Students should have the chance to participate actively in school life by taking up roles and responsibilities throughout the academic year to improve achievement and personal development.

Aim of our Student Leadership Programme:

- To provide opportunities for students to develop their Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication skills.
- To develop character in students.
- To improve participation and consultation of students in the decision-making process in the school.
- To empower students to work in partnership with staff towards shared goals.
- To prepare students for Higher Education and for achieving personal and professional excellence in life after formal education.
- To empower students to become leaders who can influence school improvement.

The Westgate School's Student Leadership Programme will:

- Provide a wide range of participation and leadership opportunities which cater for all students in the school.
- Maximise the number and range of students undertaking leadership roles.
- Provide recognition for all Student Leadership roles.
- Encourage students to differentiate between student participation and Student Leadership.
- Provide processes and structures for student representation and the incorporation of students' views into decision making in the life of the school.

Expectations of an outstanding Student Leader:

Student Leaders are the school's role models. They should demonstrate outstanding behaviour and have a positive attitude towards school life. They should have excellent attendance and punctuality and always wear the full and correct uniform. They should show a willingness to want to develop their leadership skills and make a positive contribution to The Westgate School.

	Purpose of the role	When	Staff leading
Transition Champions	Transition Champions play a key role in supporting the new Year 6 students joining The Westgate School. They will take part in primary school visits as well as all events linked to transition such as Induction Day and Transition Day. Transition Champions play a pivotal role in welcoming new students and their families into the Westgate Community.	March – July	HWI/PKA
Student Receptionists	All Year 8 students will get the opportunity to spend at least one school day acting as a Student Receptionist. The role requires students to act as a responsible member of the school community, supporting both students and staff throughout the school day. They may undertake tasks such as distributing letters, greeting visitors, admin tasks and collecting students to attend meetings.	September – July	NMI
Head Students	Following a rigorous interview process the two appointed Head Students will work with the Head teacher and Senior Leadership Team to support the school community. They will lead a team of Deputies to promote charity initiatives, lead whole school events, chair the student council and support with other student leadership opportunities.	November - December	NMI
Deputy Head Students	The Deputy Head Students will play an important role in the school, supporting the Head Students to lead school events and promote initiatives. They will be excellent role models for younger students, mentoring and supporting all students at The Westgate School.	November – December	NMI
Peer Mentors	The Peer Mentoring Programme forms an integral part of our pastoral offering. We strongly believe in the benefits of students helping others and by placing senior pupils at the heart of our offering, we have seen them thrive in their roles as Peer Mentors. Research has shown that peer mentoring can increase self-efficacy, self-reflection and enhance problem-solving and decision-making abilities. It also fosters a sense of inclusion and belonging. Peer Mentors are a vital part of supporting student wellbeing.	November - July	NMI
Eco-Warriors	The Eco-Warriors aims to improve the environmental impact of the school through education and activism. The Eco-Warrior team is focused on increasing the school's biodiversity and educating the school community on how to reduce, reuse and recycle in a way that lowers their carbon footprint. They will also play a pivotal role in the development and maintenance of the school allotment. The Eco-Warrior team is a great leadership opportunity for those who care about our environment.	September – July	NMI
DofE	Achieving a DofE Award isn't a competition or about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. Through the DofE programme	September – July	RM

	<p>young people have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and university, apprenticeship and job applications. Top employers recognise the work-ready skills Award holders bring to their business.</p>		
PRIDE Ambassadors	<p>PRIDE Ambassadors will meet on a weekly basis. Led by the student leadership team, the PRIDE group will provide a safe space for students to meet, learn and get support. As well as this, they will be putting together campaigns to support LGBTQ students and to ensure that as a school community, we are respectful of all sexualities and genders.</p>	September – July	NMI
Westgate Student Parliament	<p>At The Westgate School, we have our very own Student Parliament. These Student Leaders encourage students to become active participants in a democratic society, develop skills such as co-operation and communication and represent the views of their peers. All members meet weekly to plan how to make our school an even better place and are led by the Head Student and Deputies.</p>	September – July	NMI
The Brilliant Club	<p>The 'Brilliant Club' is a Scholars Programme whereby a select group of students will have the opportunity to work with universities to complete Dissertation style reports which lead to a university style grade and a graduation ceremony.</p>	TBC	STA/HET
Open Evening Ambassadors	<p>All Year 8 students will have the opportunity to act as Open Evening Ambassadors, offering tours to potential Westgate students. They will embody our Westgate values being kind, reflective and ambitious and act as role models for younger students. It is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their communication skills and act as responsible members of the school community.</p>	October	TJC
Tutor Representatives	<p>Tutor Reps will be the lead member of their respective tutor group, acting as a role model to others. The tutor leader will speak for their tutor group, sharing collective thoughts and opinions of others. They will assist their tutor regularly in a range of different ways and will strive to achieve positive outcomes for their peers. They will empower others and will take pride in what they do, promoting involvement, excellence and high standards to those around them.</p>	September - July	DOL's
Curriculum Representatives	<p>Curriculum Representatives will aim to enhance the curriculum through investigating the barriers hindering access and organising a range of events and opportunities to make the students' experience at The Westgate School as enjoyable, rewarding and character-enhancing as possible. They will support Curriculum Leaders with admin tasks as well as providing student voice.</p>	September - July	CL's

<p>Reading Buddies</p>	<p>We place a strong emphasis on the importance of reading at The Westgate School. All students will be doing a DEAR session weekly.</p> <p>Reading Buddies provide additional support to our younger students. We provide high quality training for reading buddies. Once trained, Reading Buddies meet with students weekly to listen to them read and to discuss the books which they enjoy. Through sharing their love of reading with their peers, our Reading Buddies are inspiring role models for our younger learners.</p>	<p>November – July</p>	<p>HET/MUM</p>
<p>Equality and Diversity Ambassadors</p>	<p>The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors will work with staff in a working party to ensure that The Westgate School is promoting equality across the curriculum and co-curriculum. They will also play a part in supporting events across the school.</p>	<p>November – July</p>	<p>NY</p>
<p>Anti-bullying Ambassadors</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are trained, passionate young people who will stand up to bullying behaviour and believe they can change things for the better.</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Ambassadors believe that bullying behaviour is not acceptable and should not be part of everyday life at school. They support others and are upstanders against bullying behaviour and a support network for their peers. They stand to shape attitudes and change behaviours. They are a pillar of support, look out for others and are a strong voice for the school community.</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>RIC/CAW</p>
<p>Teaching and Learning Ambassadors</p>	<p>A Teaching and Learning Ambassador is there to ensure all students are working to the best of their abilities and are working effectively when in the classroom. They will provide student voice to ensure that the delivery of the curriculum supports and reflects the student body.</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>HET</p>
<p>PSHE Prefects</p>	<p>PSHE Prefects will act on behalf of the student body, feeding back to members of staff about workshops and the PSHE Curriculum. They will play a vital part in informing the PSHE Curriculum and providing student voice.</p>	<p>October - July</p>	<p>HWI/NY</p>

Charity Projects led by the Student Leadership Team

1: Culture Day

Final week before the October Half Term students to have the opportunity to share and showcase their culture/roots through music, clothing and food.

This would be a whole school event with food stalls, catwalk show and music. More detail TBC.

Week commencing 16th October 2023

2: Winter Appeal

The 'Winter Appeal' will be based around supporting elderly people in the local community. Each tutor group will be charged with creating a box of items to give to an elderly person at Christmas time. This could include pieces of art, letters, a recording of a piece of music etc. Each box will be vetted by DOL's and will be delivered to a local care home.

To introduce a voluntary aspect to the appeal, a group of students will visit the care home on the week commencing 4th December to meet with the residents as well as read poems/perform pieces of music etc.

3: Westgate 'Spring Clean'

Introduced in the spring term, the Student Leadership Team will lead a spring clean and encourage all stakeholders to take part, donating items such as clothing, food, toys etc. This will be donated to the local community and the Student Leadership Team will deliver the items to several different charities in Slough.

4. Christmas Movie Night

Students who have a positive attitude to learning and embody our school values will be invited to a movie night whereby snack and drinks will be sold to raise money for charity.

5: Westgate Talent Show

In the final term, the Student Leadership Team will plan and run an event open to all students in the school. They will run the audition process and offer the opportunity for students to showcase their talents on stage judged by alumni and current members of staff. All proceeds will be donated to charity.