Issue 3



# Westhoughton High School





#### **Dash for Defib**

A group of our Year 8 boys headed up by Adam C ran 10km to raise money for a defibrillator - after a family cardiac emergency. Originally, the target was to raise £799 but the boys have surpassed this and raised well over £1,100. The boys planned everything themselves for the run, from the route to even securing their own sponsorship. Staff helped them print flyers and supported them in their idea with 3 members of staff also joining in the run over half term. Well done to all involved this is a great amount and the Defibrillator will be housed at Bolton Lads and Girls club on Central Drive in Westhoughton.

#### Noon prayer - Zuhr

As part of the Westhoughton High School - Inclusion, Diversity & Equality Strategy, we have acted on student feedback to provide a larger space where Muslim students can complete their Zuhr prayer at lunch time. The designated dance studio provides students with privacy and tranquillity to support their needs. The space is open to all Muslim students. Please see Mrs Torrance, Miss Miah or Mrs Brodmann for further information.

# Zuhr Prayer

### **Term Dates 2022-2023**

Autumn Term 2022

Autumn Term Begins Wed 7th Sept 2022 Half Term Mon 24th Oct-Fri 28th Oct 2022 Autumn Term Ends Thurs 22nd Dec 2022

#### Spring Term 2023

Spring Term Begins Mon 9th Jan 2023 Half Term Mon 20th Feb-Fri 24th Feb 2023 Spring Term Ends Fri 31st March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023

Summer Term Begins Tues 18th April 2023 Bank Holiday Mon 1st May 2023 Half Term Mon 29th May–Fri 2nd June 2023 Summer Term Ends Fri 21st July 2023

## **Inset Days:** Mon 5th Sept 2022

Tues 6th Sept 2022 Fri 25th Nov 2022

#### **Youth MPs**

Our two Youth MPs for Bolton, Harry and Isabel, need you to cast your vote for the HAVE YOU HAR topic you most want the UK Youth Parliament to make the focus of their campaigning for this next year. What do you want to change? Have your say, and #MakeYourMark in your RE and PSHE classes this February and take part in the largest youth referendum in Europe.



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**Greater Manchester Boccia Champions** 

A huge congratulations to Josh, Jayden, A-jay, Chloe, Freya and Emily on becoming Greater Manchester Boccia Champions. They will be heading to the regional championships in March. A huge well done to the whole team, you have done the school proud! #Boccia #panathlon #boltonwanderersinthecommunity #champions - Good luck at the Regionals in March from all of #TeamWHS

\*\*Punctuality reminder - Students to be on site by 8.45am and in Form by 8.50am\*\*

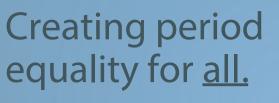
#### **New Canteen Food Pod**

In response to feedback from students and the Parent Forum we have approval for a new canteen food pod to be installed in one of outside areas at school, this will ease some of the congestion in the canteens for students who want to purchase grab and go items, we are hoping to have this installed by the summer and up and running for September 2022.

#### **Free sanitary products**

We receive free sanitary towels that are accessible to all in school. Students don't always know or feel comfortable asking for these supplies. Over the coming months we are looking to install dispensers into all toilet cubicles to overcome this barrier. Please help to educate your children that there is no need to be embarrassed but also to not mess about with these free supplies as they will really help other students who suffer with period poverty.

\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\* Careers week - 7th-12th March Science Week - 14th-18th March \*\*School closed Friday 24th June\*\* In Lieu of additional May Bank Holiday for the Queens Jubilee



We believe that all students should have access to free sanitary products – because they're a necessity not a luxury.

If you've started your period or **EVER** need period products:

See your SSL/SPL, Student Reception, Main Reception, Finance Office or any member of staff. This school provides FREE sanitary products. Don't be embarrassed, don't go without!

Did you know; <u>students in</u> the UK have missed time at school as they could not afford to buy sanitary products?

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**Team GB Selection** 

Well done to Austyn T in year 8 who has been selected to play for U14s Team GB for roller hockey. This is a fantastic achievement, well done! Austyn currently plays for 'The Devils' based in Atherton. Austyn will travel to Barcelona to play in a tournament this April. Good luck Austyn #TeamWHS are behind you, we cant wait to hear how you get on.





#### **Bugsy Malone**

Auditions are now complete and this year's musical, Bugsy Malone has been cast. Rehearsals are due to begin this month. The musical will be performed on 12th, 13th and 14th of July so save the date for what should be a fantastic night of entertainment.



#### NEW HEAD PRESENTS ROTARY TROPHY TO ANTONI

When Antoni joined Westhoughton High School, he quickly demonstrated his enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Five years later he became the top student at Westhoughton High School.

Neil Coe, the High School's Headteacher, had the pleasure of presenting Antoni with the Rotary Tony Budd Diamond Jubilee Award but said that he was sorry that it hadn't been possible to hold a more formal ceremony due to current covid restrictions.

"After I was appointed, Westhoughton Rotary contacted me to ask if I would agree to continue with a presentation of their bursary and trophy", he said. "I was delighted to agree that the award should continue." "Because I only took over in September, I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Antoni Borzymowski but the staff told me about his academic achievements as well as his service to the school. We all wish him well at Runshaw College where he is studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths, and is already making good progress."

This is just some of what they said about him. "When Antoni started at the school, he demonstrated his enthusiasm and willingness to learn and develop his knowledge across his subjects. In his early years he sowed all the characteristics of a successful learner. This continued into his GCSE courses in which he always applied himself to his studies with a great level of commitment both inside the classroom and in independent learning. As a result, he achieved some fantastic results which enabled him to progress onto his chosen post 16 pathway." "Antoni didn't just show a commitment to his learning but also got involved in many activities outside the classroom. He was a really good footballer representing the school team, got involved in community action projects and charity events and was one of our Senior Prefects. He supported the school and staff and was a good role model to younger students. Throughout his time at WHS, he always conducted himself in a polite and mature manner, willing to help and support. Antoni was an asset to the school and well respected by his peers. We wish Antoni all the luck in his very promising future."

Westhoughton Club President, Anya Bailey, tells us that "Antoni has joined a long list of worthy winners who have gone on to achieve further success and bring more honour to the school and the town. We all value our continued contact with the High School. We thank new Head Neil Coe for his commitment to this award for excellence and wish him and the school well in their work to prepare students for their future lives."

NOTE - Thirteen years ago, in Westhoughton Rotary's Diamond Jubilee year, the club made its first Bursary presentation in memory of a former member's distinguished service to the club and the community. Ever since, Westhoughton Rotary has presented a trophy and a £200 Waterstones token to celebrate the top student's achievement and assist with their continuing studies. The presentation photograph at Westhoughton High School shows: WtonRty-TonyBuddBursary2021 (L to R); Antoni Borzymowski, Tony Budd Jubilee Bursary Winner & Neil Coe, Westhoughton High School Headteacher.





