



* Dates to remember *

Half term - Monday 30th October -

Friday 3rd November 2023

Inset Day - Friday 1st December 2023

GCSE Results 2023

WHS leavers of 2023, you were an amazing year group and absolutely smashed everything we asked of you!

You made the most of all opportunities that were opened up to you, chances for college trips, work experience, university taster days and soggy Geography field trips in wellies and waterproofs! Oh, and let's not forget a sunny trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and of course an epic prom too. Everyone at WHS is very proud of you all, the resilience and true community spirit that grew within the 2023 leavers year group shone for all to see.

2023 saw the return to the full suite of examinations without any significant 'national lockdown' compromises – a tough ask for our students who were so adversely affected throughout two years of their earlier studies but wow, did they do themselves - and us - proud. For most students, the results day collection was met with nervous excitement as envelopes were opened and grades were revealed. Every hour of study, every lesson that they persevered in and every revision session that they chose to partake in helped to create the final result and a smile as they opened the results they had earned.

We had a phenomenal cohort of young people leave us in 2023, 304 grades were achieved in the higher grade brackets of 7-9/Distinctions with 51 of these grade 9/D*s. More importantly, many personal bests were achieved with students reaching their own personal targets allowing them to confidently take their next steps. An early life lesson was learnt for many and we have no doubt that the role models amongst the year, notably our senior prefect team, have left an imprint on our younger years still in WHS. Our 2023 leavers clearly demonstrated what dedication and hard work can bring you; you should be proud of yourselves and more importantly take away that sense of personal achievement in what you achieved in our school and the positive contribution you made in our school and the wider community.

A huge amount of planning and effort went into the studies of our students, both from students, parents and our staff, and we want to thank them all for this dedication. We look forward to welcoming our 2023 leavers back in the autumn term where we can once again celebrate and recognise their successes at our Senior Presentation Awards Evening.



TOP STUDENT WINS ROTARY AWARD

Thanks to his high grades in nine subjects, Ramez Alio was this year's top GCSE student at Westhoughton High School and has won the Westhoughton Rotary Club Tony Budd Jubilee Bursary Award.

The Club had invited Ramez and his family to a special presentation evening to celebrate his success. High School Head, Neil Coe, told an audience of Westhoughton Rotarians how pleased he was that Ramez had won. He had been a great role model in the school and his academic achievement so far showed great promise for the future. His grade 9's put him in the top 3% in the country in all but one subject where he got an eight. Fifteen 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. In telling the audience about Ramez, Neil said that he understood that he was joining a long list of worthy winners who had gone on to achieve further success and bring more honour to the school.

Past President Ronald Bell explained that the Club had wished to inaugurate a special award in the Club's Diamond Jubilee year as part of their celebration of the then 60 years of service to the town. In conjunction with the High School, it had been agreed to make it an annual award to encourage and celebrate academic success.

He was delighted that his father, mother, brother and sister were present to share this celebration of Ramez's achievements. Ramez was now at Bolton School studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths so should find the Bursary of a £200 Waterstones Gift Card a real help. His next aim is to study biochemistry at Oxford preparing for a career as in biochemistry research.

President Arthur Price congratulated Ramez on his success and then presented him with the Waterstones Gift card and a Rotary Certificate. His name had been added to the main trophy shield and he would be receiving a mini trophy. He wished him well in his present studies and in his planned future career.

(L to R); Neil Coe, Westhoughton High School Headteacher; Rotary President Arthur Price, Tony Budd Jubilee Bursary Winner Ramez Alio and his parents, Mrs Abeer Taha & Dr Ziad Alio.



- WHS NEWSFLASH -



Student Success

Congratulations to Westhoughton High School students who have had some excellent out of school achievements, we are very proud of you all.



GB ATHLETE!!!

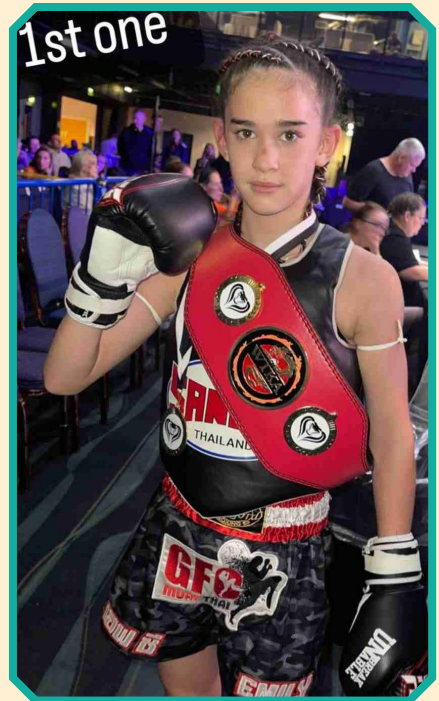
Over the summer Keira G in Y9 represented Great Britain at The World Gymnastrada in Amsterdam. It involved 60 countries and over 20000 gymnasts from all over the world. She performed in 14 performances over a period of 8 days and GB were chosen to perform in the closing ceremony at the Olympic stadium. She had an amazing time. Everyone at WHS is very proud of you. Keira will also be representing GB again in the coming months. A huge well done and an incredible achievement!



Austyn T in Year 10 was invited to trial for the U15 England Ice hockey team. What a great achievement Austyn.

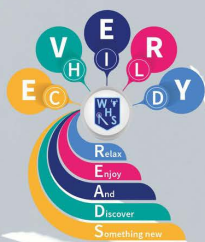


Emily G in Y7 won the British title at 36kg in Thai boxing. Well done Emily what a great achievement!



Well done to some on our Year 9 boys who were part of the Westhoughton Lions U13 team who won the Northwest Counties Lancashire Plate. Well done boys.





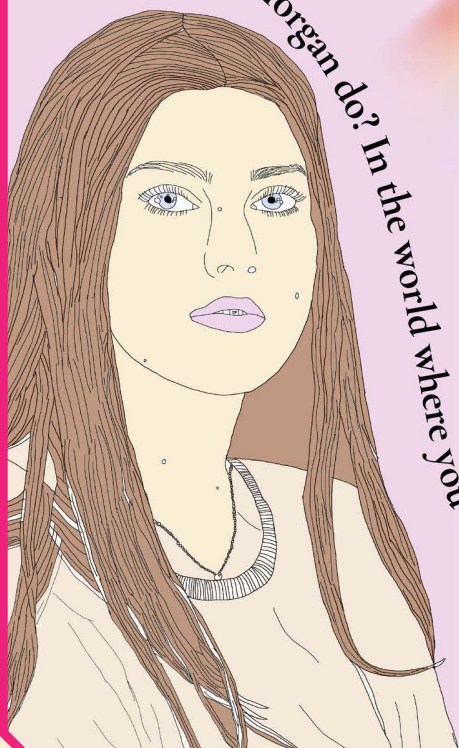
WHS Library Opening Times

**Everyday from 8am-8.35am
Everyday at Break and Lunch
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
after school 3.15pm-4pm**

Kindness Award

Here are our students who were nominated by a member of staff for their kindness at the end of the summer term 2023. These students have been invited to a breakfast with Mr Coe in the KS3 canteen on Thursday 26th October. Well done everyone. We look forward to receiving all the nominees for the Kindness award this year.

What would Morgan do? In the world where you can be anything, be kind.



The Morgan Davies Memorial Award

Summer Term 2 Nominees

Arthur S 8P
Harry W 8H
Summer U 8S
Rosie A 8M
Ellie F 8S
Lily D 8V
Lucas W 9F
Kareem I 9F
Oliver R 9W
Noah D 9V
Florence T 9W

Harley J 9P
Reuben K 9T
Ameilia H 9T
Summer R 9H
Mia P 9M
Billy A 9M
Isabelle J 9M
Mason G 9M
Katie S 9M
James W 9M
Emma L 9M

Miles B 9M
Lilia Y 9M
Ghazia K 9M
Bobby H 9M
Bipul S 9M
Aleena A 10F
Izzy K 10B
Will S 11M
Abbie S 11M
Gracie G 11V





Prefect Team 2023-2024

We are very pleased to introduce our Year 11 Prefect Team for the academic year 2023-2024. Prefects have various responsibilities and will help at a number of events during the school year. Some Prefects have already done a great job helping at evening events we have held in school so far this year.

The feedback we have had from all visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, which is great for the students to receive.

Well done all of you.

Our Year 11 Prefect Team 2023-2024



SENIOR PREFECT TEAM - (Right to Left)
Matthew Lee, Chloe Brown, Cristian Cunningham-Jones and Molly Curme



Abbie Sluttard



Abigail Clarkson



Alani Dumbuya



Amelia Cole



Annabel Lomax



Annabel White



Ava Briffa



Charlotte Heaton



Charlotte Tuke



Connor Hodgkiss



Connor Taylor



Danielle Preston



Emily Cartwright



Emily Seddon



Evie Tunnicliffe



Freya Warr



Georgie Armstrong



Grace Flanagan



Gracie Welker



Hannah Saunders



Harry Mabb



Hollie Dutton



Kaidy Hurst



Katie Barton



Madison Anderton



Merry Massey-Anderton



Michael Oakes



Mollie O'Connor



Roma Rajput



Sam Johnson



Samantha Hilton



Sophie Parker



Tegan Pilling



Tia Bokhari



Urvi Rana



Will Shepherd

