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Seeing the qualities in every child

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Welcome

Educating children is a privilege that brings with it a responsibility to provide the best all-round education possible.

We aim to give students a clear understanding of who they are and what they want to achieve in the world. We see the qualities in every child and pride ourselves in the warmth of a community in which all our students feel valued. We aim to foster confidence, independence, tolerance and integrity; to enhance communication skills; to embrace creativity; to encourage teamwork.

Happy children are more likely to be successful and working in an environment of high expectations, can allow them to achieve more than they believed possible of themselves. The world is rapidly changing and Westfield students are developing the skills to equip them for future success. Two-way communication between home and school is essential in supporting students throughout all aspects of their school life.



WELCOME...



I believe students succeed in an environment that values them as individuals, where they are happy, where they experience high expectations and academic challenge.

- Mr S Dallimore

Headteacher of Westfield Academy



“Westfield Academy is a warm and welcoming place for all. Teaching and support staff from across the school work together as a team ensuring each and every child feels supported throughout their educational journey.”





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Values

We encourage students to take on roles to develop their skills in leadership and communication; Prefects, Senior Prefects, Peer Tutors and Sports House Captains to name but a few.

With each role comes recognition for their dedication to the school, along with a unique set of responsibilities. Students learn discipline and further develop key competencies, which not only impress future employers but also help build confidence and self-esteem. Our

STRIVE values, Scholarship, Teamwork, Resilience, Integrity, Versatility and Empathy are actively encouraged throughout all areas of school life.



Scholarship

Work hard and apply effective study habits.



Teamwork

Work positively and effectively with others.



Resilience

Have self awareness and be willing to adapt to change.



Integrity

Be honest in all that you do, have respect for others.



Versatility

Adapt and be flexible, find new ways to learn.



Empathy

Be aware of the feelings of others, support your peers.

Scholarship

Staff acknowledge and recognise the talents of every child and are fully committed to providing a supportive and stimulating environment.

This allows students to personally develop and grow as individuals. Regular school trips and external visitors also provide further depth and detail to learning, ensuring subject areas are explored with maximum effect. We use a variety of approaches to teaching and learning across a broad curriculum, offering a wide range of subjects at Key Stage 4. Students then select a number of subjects to continue studying at GCSE level.

This supports their independence and offers a self tailored education to suit their strengths, interests and future aspirations.

As part of our support and commitment in recognising the need to provide relevant courses, we have introduced a number of additional GCSE/ BTEC subjects in recent years; Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism, Photography, Business & Enterprise and Statistics which have proven to be extremely popular options for our Year 10 and 11 students.



Photograph by
Yr 11 student Finn Pepper

Teamwork

Our enrichment programme provides an exciting platform allowing students to expand their personal interests and experiences outside of regular timetabled lessons.

The popularity of Performing Arts at Westfield Academy continues to grow, with the department producing a number of professional performances each year. These Dance & Drama shows bring students from our BTEC Performing Arts classes and extracurricular groups together in a brilliant showcase of talent. Our 2023 school show of Bugsy Malone was a tremendous success, with many departments across the school working to bring the show together.

Breaktime and after school practices take place every day within our busy Music department, supporting the school orchestra, ukatar group, steel pan group, Musical Technology Club, school choir and senior choir. In addition to our Music GCSE, we offer Music Technology, this helps develop skills, knowledge & understanding of the music technology industry, leading into other areas of music or creative business.



Equally, our thriving Sports Department runs daily extra curricular activities, providing additional coaching for our up and coming sports stars, and an opportunity to build on current skills and techniques. Consistent performance in local, area and county finals is quickly building Westfield Academy's reputation as the premier choice for young and ambitious sports enthusiasts.

On top of this, the school continues to take part in the popular Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Even though it is physically, mentally and emotionally challenging, it is still a firm favourite amongst those wishing to challenge themselves and obtain the award in recognition of their commitment and dedication.



Resilience

Staff and students within Westfield are expected and encouraged to aim for the top, work hard and strive to succeed.

We recognise that in order to achieve, students need to be well supported and develop an enthusiasm for learning. At Westfield Academy, Careers is taught throughout the school curriculum and we are extremely dedicated to preparing students for living and working in the adult world. Giving students from Year 7 to Year 11 the opportunity to consider the World of Work and their personal preparation for it, all curriculum areas offer opportunities to discover the relevance of their subject to their employment choices.

Our Post 16 provision is something we are incredibly proud of; actively seeking the development of good quality CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and providing students with an introduction to the world of work, skills and opportunity. Our Careers Advisor offers advice and guidance aiming to help students think realistically about themselves, educating and encouraging them to make reasoned, informed choices about their lifestyle.



Year 10 students have the opportunity to undertake a week's work experience with a chosen Employer. This provides the students with a fantastic opportunity to discover a wide variety of industries, roles and tasks, ready for making those all important Post 16+ choices.



At Westfield Academy, there is a wide range of opportunities and everyone at Westfield Academy is supportive and pleasant to each other.

- Student

Integrity

At Westfield Academy, achievement is celebrated in and outside of school.

Acknowledging out of school accomplishments is also something we do very well at Westfield. Many of our students have special talents in Sport, Performing Arts and Music, which has opened an array of exciting doors for them.

Westfield is home to a whole host of incredible individuals: -

....dance champions, chefs, international gymnasts, actors and actresses, multi-talented musicians and songwriters, county sports champions; some have even played for county and national teams!

Our values are centred around praise, with daily and termly rewards systems in place for all students. This provides the perfect opportunity for parents and teachers to focus on the achievements of the children and congratulate them for their continued hard work and performance.



Houses

Upon joining Westfield, all children are assigned to a House, with each captained by a staff House Leader. Aqua, Ignis, Terra & Ventus.

Staff are also part of one of these 'Houses', helping to build a sense of belonging and family, with regular inter-house events allowing students to experience healthy competitions and compete for further rewards and accolades. Our Houses are also about developing a desire to go "above and beyond".



Photograph by Yr 11 student Finn Pepper





Versatility

No two students are the same and success can mean different things to different people. What matters is that every student is provided with a first class, educational experience and given the optimum chance to achieve their full potential.

Westfield excels in progress. Students regularly achieve above and beyond their targeted levels, proving that within our school, personal aspirations are high. Inspiring students to challenge themselves creates determined, committed individuals who learn hands on, the reward of persistence and effort.

We all learn differently at different levels, at different speeds and with varying abilities. Some excel in the classroom, others absorb more from practical, hands-on experiences, and a number of children may require additional support from our SEN team. Recognising the personal needs of each child allows us to tailor our provisions specifically to them, and provide them with the support they need to reach their full potential.



Continually striving to improve and build on our current facilities makes our academy an exciting and inspiring place for all.

We were the first secondary school in Somerset where all students have personal Chromebooks, and we continue to use these in our everyday educational experiences. This enables students to progress faster in an environment where teachers are able to utilise the power of collaboration and the constant visibility of students' work to further develop thinking skills and communication.

The Creative Arts Departments are equipped with many state of the art facilities such as our very own recording studio, 300-seat theatre, and dance studio complete with a sprung floor. Along with our existing 3G astro turf pitch, flood-lit tennis and netball courts and refurbished sports hall, we can also boast the addition of an inflatable sports dome.



Around the school, pupils are polite to one another and to adults. Pupils spoke of the mutual respect that exists between staff and pupils.

- Ofsted Report

Empathy

At Westfield Academy, we are committed to providing an environment that nurtures and transforms the lives of children and young people attending our Academy and take seriously our responsibilities to safeguard and promote their welfare. All staff, governors and volunteers have regular safeguarding training and are required to be familiar with and implement our policies and practices aimed at keeping students safe. Staff recruitment is led by staff trained in safer recruitment procedures.

We are extremely proud of our Pastoral provision, with a dedicated team in school consisting of a Pastoral Lead, who is a member of our Leadership Team, Designated Safeguarding Leads, our Attendance Team and our Year Group Teams.

As non-teaching members of staff the Heads of Year, and their deputies, give exceptional pastoral care and, alongside the Tutor, provide a go-to for students who wish to discuss any concerns, ideas or achievements.

Often as adults, we reminisce about our younger years and sometimes even describe school as “the best days of our lives”. Our hope is that every child who leaves Westfield does so having made the best possible progress that they, as individuals, could achieve and are well prepared for the next steps in their future.



Westfield Academy offers so much to it's students. The facilities and staff are amazing. I would thoroughly recommend this school.

- Parent Feedback



At Westfield you are treated like a young adult rather than a child. Having your own Chromebook is good, and the teachers make themselves available to you. The Library has a wide range of books and you can use your Chromebook in this space at breaks.

- Student

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- Caring about our community

Regular fundraising events take place across the academic year.

Our annual Lords Larder appeal; cake sales, coin collections, Danceathons and staff vs students activities raising money for local and national charities.

The largest fundraising event on this year's school calendar was our Colour Run. Following our 2019 event, it was always our intention to do it all again! It was a tremendous success raising just under £12,000 which will be split between St Margaret's Hospice and our House System to use towards future activities for our students. Students and staff had a wonderful time joining in the fun and community spirit during the afternoon. We are very much looking forward to holding these events again in the future.



“At Westfield Academy we are committed to a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing for all students, staff, parents & carers. We know that wellbeing is fundamental to learning and achievement and we want to ensure that it is at the heart of education and the school community.”