

# Westhill Academy



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## **Staff & Pupil Information**

### **Assemblies**

S3 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

S6 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Please register then report to the Dining Hall.

### **S1-6 - Litter In Community**

Disappointingly, we continue to receive reports of litter being dropped around the community – particularly at the shops, coinciding with our lunch hour. Whilst we appreciate this is probably only done by a minority of pupils, everyone must ensure that they dispose of rubbish properly. If this means carrying items back to the school for disposal due to the lack of bins at the shops and on the route back, then so be it. If anyone has information about people who persistently litter, please let a member of the SLT know. Remember, this is *your* community, and we want everyone to think well of Westhill Academy pupils within it.

[Mrs. Reid]

### **S6 Hoodie Orders**

Payment is now due if you wish to submit an order for an S6 leavers hoodie. I know that you have started selecting your chosen colour, size and name for the back but for this order to be processed payment needs to be received first. To that end, all monies need to be handed to the school office by Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> January. The cost of the Hoodie is £20 and cheques should be made payable to Westhill Academy. After this date no further order will be placed. If you envisage any issues with this please see your Guidance teacher in the first instance.

[Mrs Colville]

### **Pupil Council**

The next meeting for Pupil Council will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 12.20pm in M1. Can I ask the Junior/Senior Chair and Secretary's come and see me prior to this meeting at 2.25pm on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> January. I look forward to seeing you then. Thanks

[Mrs Colville]

### **Blue Planet**

We shall be meeting next Monday (M9) one final time to watch some of the behind the scenes footage and discuss what impact modern lifestyles have on our environment and the ocean.

[Mr Burke]

### **Debating Society and Ethical Issues Discussion Group**

The Debating Society and the Ethical Issues Discussion Group will meet at lunchtime on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January in M9. Our first meeting will outline plans for both groups. The Debating Society will focus upon public speaking, structured arguments and persuasive speeches; the Ethical Issues Discussion Group will encourage you to think and talk about contentious issues in a friendly environment. Please come along for more information if you are interested in either group.

[Miss Kennedy]

### **USA Trip**

Could everyone that is going on the America trip please come to a meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 in G13.

[Mr Galbraith]

### **Immunisation Consent Forms**

Urgent - please make sure you return your Consent Form by tomorrow.

[School Nurse]

### **S2/S4 Photographs**

Just a reminder that the Tempest photographer will be here on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Periods 1 and 2. More info to follow.

[Mrs Craig]

### **Immunisations**

Pupils who have recently received immunisation forms – these immunisations will be happening over the next few weeks. Please ensure for general good health that you bring a water bottle to school and have breakfast over the next few weeks.

[Mrs Galashan – School Nurse]

## **Sports Notices**

### **Scotland Netball Match**

There will be a netball meeting in the small gym at morning interval today for everyone who is going to the Scotland Netball Match in Perth in order to hand out consent forms.

[Miss Murison]

### **2 Opportunities for S5 and S6 Pupils**

2 opportunities are offered by the Rotary Club for pupils in S5 and S6.

- **Adventures in Tourism.** The first opportunity is to spend a week on the west coast of Canada with students from Canada, USA, Australia and Scotland. The student will stay with a host family and engage in various activities with the overall theme of tourism. Students will visit resorts, wineries, first nations attractions, sports activities etc. There is a short hike during the week but is not overly strenuous, so students should be capable of walking on a trail for about an hour. Students should also be non-smokers and aged between 16 and 18 at the start of the course. The dates for this opportunity run from March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> with travel before and after these dates. All travel and living costs are paid for by the Rotary group. You would only have to take your own personal spending money. Members of the Rotary group will choose the successful candidate through interview. This is an excellent opportunity to travel and broaden your mind and previous successful candidates have found the trip worthwhile and enjoyable.

- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award.** The second opportunity is to attend a week-long Leadership course at a country house in Abernethy near Aviemore. There are separate courses for males and females aged between 15 and 17 at the start of the course. During the week you will be involved in group and individual tasks to help develop leadership skills, team working, communication, problem solving and decision making. Many of these tasks will take place outdoors. Tasks may include kayaking, rock climbing, trekking, horse riding etc. The travel and living costs are covered by the Rotary group so you just need a small amount of pocket money for your own use. The dates for this course are for females – 7<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and for males – 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July. Again, the Rotary group will select one male and one female after interview.

Both of these courses are fabulous opportunities to develop your skills and benefit from new experiences. They also are useful in improving your CV. If you are interested in either of these opportunities then please come along to a meeting with Mr King on **Today at 12.30 in M1** for further information and to ask questions.

[Mr King]