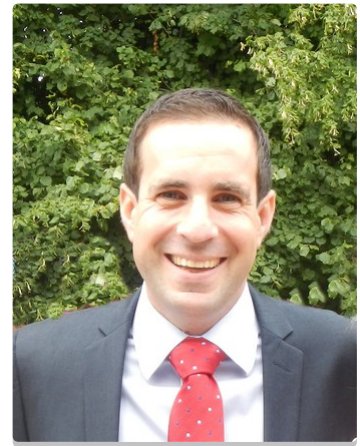


Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome to the new school year

I am delighted to be welcoming you back to a new school year at West Hatch. I understand that whenever a new Headteacher starts at a school there is a certain amount of unease, as everyone in the community is waiting to see the direction the school will take in the future. I hope that you are all happy with our direction of travel; we always have and will continue to review the way we do things to make sure we provide the best possible start for all of our students. West Hatch is a special place and that is because of our fabulous students. Once again we are very proud of the results they achieved both at A Level and at GCSE this summer. I have added some of our top performers below but there are many who are not on the list who achieved exceptionally well this year because of their hard work and endeavour. The school's overall results are once again significantly above the national average and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and determination of our teachers who always go the extra mile to ensure our students reach their potential.



Although I usually use my newsletters to celebrate the successes of pupils, this version is, for the most part, a little more information based to remind you of some of our expectations and let you know some important information you need to be aware of. I will be continuing to ask for achievements outside of school in future newsletters and look forward to hearing about our students' successes.

I look forward to working with you all again this academic year and would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring we are able to provide your children with the best possible education.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Leonard
Headteacher

School Ambassadors

I am delighted to announce that following an intensive and rigorous interview process, the school has appointed Natasha Watts and Emilio Vrahimi as School Ambassadors and Georgia Ayton and Ricco Jayakody as Deputy Ambassadors. These students, who are now in Year 13, provide the link between the school staff and student body and throughout their interviews showed a determination to help make the school the best place possible for everyone within the community. I am very much looking forward to working with each of them over the course of this year.



Natasha Watts



Emilio Vrahimi



Georgia Ayton



Ricco Jayakody

Driving onto the school site

As a result of the building works we have very limited parking space at school for vehicles. Parents are not permitted to drive into school and drop off their children. Please can I ask those visiting the school for any reason, to park outside of the gates and walk in. Many of our staff are having to park outside because of the building work as well. Cars bringing children into school during the start and the end of the day, parking near or across the school entrance or performing U turns on the main road, cause a significant risk to the health, safety and well being of our students and I would ask that everyone please considers this when driving to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Uniform reminder

Below you will see a link to the school's uniform list which clearly outlines our expectations with regards to school uniform. There are no real changes this year but please remember as the weather begins to change that students are only permitted to wear black, navy or dark grey coats. Any other colour will be confiscated.

Last year we had a number of students wearing trainers to school despite the school's policy being clear that students must wear appropriate school shoes. This year we have purchased a large number of school shoes and any pupil coming to school wearing trainers without a medical note, will be expected to wear a pair of our shoes each day. We will have antibacterial spray and ensure the shoes are in good order. Students refusing to wear the shoes will be isolated until they are wearing appropriate footwear.

Another quick reminder that Year 11 students still have to wear blazers to school, although they are permitted to wear black jumpers instead of grey ones under their blazer.

Please support the school and your children by ensuring they have the appropriate uniform at all times.



West Hatch Uniform List.pdf

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Please also find below the school's updated Behaviour Policy which can also be found on the school's website.



Behaviour Policy.docx

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Exam successes

Congratulations to all of our Year 13 and Year 11 students. Below are a list of our top achievers based on attainment. These really are amazing achievements for these students and they should be very proud to be highlighted amongst a large number of other students who have also performed exceptionally well this year. Please note that the GCSE grades have been converted into numbers even though some subjects are still assessed by grade for ease of comparison.

A Level

Megan Isley – A*, A, A

Owen De Graaf – A, A, A

Phoebe Clements – A, A, B

Max Rutherford – A, A, B

Sophie Culver – A, A, B

Saul Wratten – A, A, B

CACHE

Charlotte Allen – A, A, A

Demi Marston – A, A, A

Safoa Adu – A, A, A

BTEC Business Extended Diploma

Khajarn Singh – Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction

Joshua Yusuf – Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction

Oliver Bateman, Charlotte Bird and Harry Ioannou – all achieved three Distinctions

GCSE

Name	9	8/A*	7/A	6/B
Surina Dhaliwal	6	3	2	
Ellie Boddington	2	8	2	
Ismail Wood	3	3	4	
Avneet Grewal	1	5	3	3
George White	2	3	3	1
Melisa Ozelci	2	4	5	2
Shereena Law	0	5	4	1
Zorez Mirza	1	2	4	1
Jivan Walia	0	4	5	2
Katie Scollan	2	2	5	2

As well as the highest attainers, a number of our students also made outstanding progress in their GCSE exams and I want to celebrate their achievements. These students worked exceptionally hard and achieved significantly above what was expected of them based on prior attainment. To put this into context, Zorez for example achieved on average 3.7 of a grade higher across all of his subjects

than expected of him based on his prior attainment. Well done to each of these students and those not on the list above as they all went the extra mile to make exceptional progress in their learning.

Name	Progress score
Zorez Mirza	+3.70
Frankie Sarna	+3.06
Shereena Law	+2.98
Ben Hussein	+2.44
Zackaria Latreche	+2.39
Reece Mednick	+2.37
Leah Marie Glenday	+2.36
Kiera Dennis-Nelson	+2.30
Millicent Moffatt	+2.14
Mollie Nottage	+2.13
Todor Kosev	+2.01

my ed app

I would like to remind you about the MyEd App which the school has purchased on behalf of our parents. We have received excellent feedback about this service from parents. This App allows you to view a huge amount of school information as well as key material specifically about your child, for example timetables, rewards and behaviour logs, as well as accessing their progress checks. We highly recommend that you download the App. For more information on what it does, how to use it and how to download it, please see the video below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=61&v=uNb6ZlrxdTQ

Please note that when signing up for the App you must use **the same contact email address and mobile number** that the school hold for the priority 1 contact on your child's record. The reason for this is that the system will link your child/children to your MyEd account automatically based on the information we hold and the information that you enter when signing up. This is also where the security codes will be sent to for the initial configuration of the App. If your contact information has changed please let the school know of these details via the admin email before signing up for the App.

Links in case QR doesn't work:

Apple iOS App: -

[Click here for the Apple version](#)

Google Android App: -

[Click here for the Android version](#)

new free bus

I am delighted to report that I have received an email from the Parish Council announcing a free bus service for local residents.

This service may be of interest to a number of our students, particularly those living in the more remote areas of the Parish, e.g. Chigwell Row. The service is designed so that one of the buses will arrive outside the school in time for the start of the school day, and another leaving at the end of the school day. An App will allow the location of the buses to be tracked in real time.

Full details of the routes, timetables and how to obtain a free bus pass to access the service can be found on the following website: www.chigwellparishcouncil.gov.uk/bus

Year 7 Graduation Day



We had a fantastic day at our inaugural Year 7 Graduation Event, where the school was able to celebrate our students' first year at West Hatch and recognise their efforts in all aspects of their education. The day was only able to run because of the support of staff, students, parents and members of Parents Voice and local shops who kindly donated prizes. Please see below the list of shops that supported the school with this event. I would also like to thank Mr Lord whose son is in Year 9, who donated and manned the sound system for the day free of charge. Well done to all of our students, particularly those who received special awards for going the extra mile last year; I look forward to seeing how you all progress now you have officially joined the West Hatch Family.



Those shops who donated to the school located at Brook Parade, Chigwell

Papillion Italians restaurant
Brooks Hairdressers
Chigwell Health Foods
Tanners
Brook Buds
Chigwell Barbers
Chigwell Fish and Chips
Space Retail Ltd
Debras
Therapy
The Brook House Pharmacy



Sporting success

District Athletics Summer 2018



I'm just so proud to be able to announce the school's Athletics Team as District Champions 2018 for West Essex and Harlow. This is an absolutely tremendous achievement for the students and credit goes to them for their hard work, but also to our amazing PE Department for the hours they spend supporting the students.

Year 8, 9 and U16's won their individual competitions with the Year 7s coming runners up by only 2 points. There were over 20 individual gold medals with stand out performances from Brandon Bryan-Waugh in Year 8 (triple golds) and Ashleigh Simmonds (2 golds and a silver).

Gold medals were won by:

Year 7 (2017/18)

Hattice Zaman

Ashleigh Simmonds (x2)

Geena Chana

Diego Arjonilla

Year 8 (2017/18)

Tiegan Grierson

Jess Reynolds

Brandon Bryan-Waugh (x3)

Jay Russell

Kimarley Hudson

Bobby Gardener

Aaron Mbwese

Year 9 (2017/18)

Charlie Tremmayne (x2)

U16 (2017/18)

Andrew Jones
Simbiyat Sikiru
Jodie Verghese

However, every student that competed won points for the school and it is often those who participate in events, that are not their strongest, that make the biggest difference to the whole team. I would like to congratulate everyone involved and look forward to watching the teams try to retain the trophies again next year.



Gold Medalists



U16 Winners



Year 9 Winners



Year 7 Runners Up

Important dates for your diary

Important events

Parent events (all evening events, times to be confirmed)

Wednesday 12th September - Yr.11 Information Evening

Thursday 13th September - Yr. 7 Information Evening

Wednesday 19th September - Yr.10 Information Evening

Thursday 20th September - Yr.12 Information Evening

Tuesday 25th September - Yr.9 Information Evening

Thursday 4th October - Parents Voice meeting

Monday 12th November - Year 7 Aspirations Day (Daytime event, times by invitation)

Pupil only events

Friday 28th September - Yr.12 UCAS/Apprenticeship Fayre

Parents Evenings (Thursday's 4-8pm)

School Shows

10th, 11th, 12th December - Elf the Musical (7pm)

A few student successes over the summer



Kiera Dawes (Yr.11)

Well done to Kiera who has made the U17 Hockey Performance Centre a year early. The photograph is of Kiera attending the Young Leaders Conference during the Hockey World Cup and meeting Olympic Gold Medalist Helen Richardson-Walsh.



Sam McCarthy (Yr.12)

Congratulations to Sam (and Mrs McCarthy) for completing the 26 Mile walk at night marathon for Cancer Research in the summer.



Georgi Fraser (Yr.9)

Well done to Georgi for being awarded a Jack Petchy Award for outstanding achievement at her Dance Club.

And finally

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter, I hope you found it useful and informative. I would also like to thank you for your support; it is only when the school and home work together that our students are truly able to succeed. Well done again to all of our students who took exams this summer and welcome to those who are starting with us for the first time this year.

Daniel Leonard

