

## Westbourne Academy

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ACADEMY

Principal - Mr Mark Bouckley

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Year 6 Virtual Guide to Westbourne: 1st October 2020 Online



We know how important it is for parents to choose the right secondary school for their children. At Westbourne, we are an inclusive academy. We support all students, regardless of their starting point, to achieve their potential and develop the skills necessary for employment and life. We are a rapidly improving school, which has recently been graded Good by Ofsted, and we continue to celebrate better GCSE results and significant progress year on year.

If you have ever had the chance to visit us before, you will know that Westbourne is an exciting and positive place to be, with a real sense of community amongst its staff and students. Sadly, the current pandemic means that we cannot host our traditional open evening event this October. Instead we are creating a wealth of information which will be available to view on our website Diary page from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. You are invited to explore our virtual guide, learn about our vision, ethos, values and aspirations and find out why we are the right choice for your child. Our online package will include:

- Our new prospectus for 2020-2021
- 360 Google tour of the academy
- Curriculum maps for Years 7 to 11
- A video message by some Year 8 students and also by myself
- Our 2020 Fast Guide for Year 7 students who started with us this term
- A list of Frequently Asked Questions based on parental feedback
- Details on how to book an out of hours tour of the academy
- An online form where you will be able to send us your questions
- An 'About Westbourne Quiz' with all correct entries being entered into a prize draw to win one of five £10 Amazon gift vouchers

We are offering parents and children in Year 6 an opportunity to have a tour of the academy after the school day. These tours will take place on Monday to Thursday evenings at 4.00pm, 5.00pm or 6.00pm, starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. You will be taken around the academy buildings by a member of staff for approximately 45 minutes. Tours are limited and priority will be given to Year 6 children and their parents who have not been to the academy before. To book a place, please contact my PA, Miss Alcock on 01473 466136. Please note that only children in Year 6 and their parents or carers may attend on this occasion; unfortunately, we cannot accommodate other siblings or family members for health and safety reasons. For the protection of our staff, whilst on the academy premises all visitors must sign our COVID-19 declaration and wear an approved face covering or visor.



Applications for transfer to high school in the normal year of admission are dealt with through Suffolk County Council's Admissions Team. Further details and guidance on applying for a high school place can be found on our academy website under the About/Admissions page. Children in Year 6 who are subsequently offered a place at Westbourne Academy, by the local authority, will be invited to take part in two taster days which are planned for July 2021. The exact dates will be confirmed once they have been agreed with our primary partner schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your child's Headteacher for allowing me to write to you. My colleagues and I hope that you enjoy our virtual information guide. There will also be an opportunity for you to send us any further questions you may have in due course.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Bouckley  
Principal



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