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The West Kirby School & College Newsletter



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Changing Children's Lives

Welcome from the Headteacher...



Dear readers,

Another term of exceptional progress reflects the strength and dedication of our entire school community. I am immensely proud of all we continue to achieve together. This term has brought significant recognition, including our NASS shortlisting for Outstanding Impact of our Pastoral Care Team provision. Our Anti-Bullying Week initiatives reinforced our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive environment where every student thrives.

The summer term saw wonderful highlights including our Talent Show, successful Enterprise Market and our whole school walk for a charity cause, inspiring Parliament visit, and moving Leavers Assembly celebrating our departing students' achievements.

This autumn term our students have continued to excel through their Work Experience placements and creative pursuits, including Year 10's art trips and graffiti workshops. Our Eco initiatives and award achievements demonstrate our students' commitment to environmental responsibility.

We have made significant strides in developing our facilities with our new MUGA, outdoor classroom, sensory space, and expanded library providing enhanced learning environments. Our School Bakery project continues to provide valuable work experience opportunities as part of our Preparation for Adulthood curriculum.

The introduction of our 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' ethos has strengthened our positive culture, while our Mental Health Week and Wellbeing Day initiatives have reinforced our holistic approach to education.

I am delighted to share that we have welcomed several new members to our School Board. Alongside **Claire Boulton**, who was featured in last term's newsletter as Parent Governor, we welcome **Stephen Davey**, our very own Mathematics Lead (Staff Governor), **Jake Bettles**, Lecturer in Preparation for Life & Work at Cheshire College South & West (Local Governor for SEND/Inclusion/Pupil Premium), and **Laura Frowe**, Deputy Headteacher at Wirral Grammar School for Girls (Vice Chair and Local Representative for Quality of Education and Careers). We wish them well in their new roles and warmly welcome them to the West Kirby School and College family.

I would like to extend special thanks to parents for your continued partnership in your children's education. Your support with communication, uniform standards, and ensuring good attendance plays a vital role in the development and growth of our students. Edulink continues to strengthen our home-school connection, and I encourage all families to engage with this valuable platform.

Together, we are truly making a difference.

With warm regards,
Mr Richard Hicks, Headteacher

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Awards...



We are incredibly proud to share that West Kirby School & College was shortlisted for the NASS (National Association of Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools) Outstanding Impact Award.

NASS Outstanding Impact Award

This national recognition celebrates the inspirational work of our Pastoral Care Team, whose dedication supports every aspect of our pupils' wellbeing and personal development, to enable them to access learning. From leading projects such as Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Week, supporting Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to inclusion initiatives; the team ensures every young person feels safe, supported, and value.

Being shortlisted highlights how the support our team provides really does make 'an outstanding impact', it enables the transformational journeys our pupils take, overcoming challenges, developing confidence and independence, and celebrating achievements both in and beyond the classroom.

Pupil, Evie shared:

"The pastoral team always listens and helps you believe in yourself. They make school feel like a safe space."

"I am delighted that our Pastoral Care Team has been nominated for a NASS Award. What makes our team truly exceptional is how they lead from the middle — they don't just support, they empower. They create leaders among our pupils and ensure our Pupil Ambassador programme continues to shine. Through their proactive approach, they help shape school policies and consistently demonstrate the highest levels of capability and personal conduct."

Mr Richard Hicks, Headteacher

We couldn't be prouder of our staff for their continued commitment to kindness, inclusion, and positive change... 'changing children's lives'.

Watch our Outstanding Impact Award video here >>>



Did you know?

We now have a full team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors across the entire school.



Power for Good...



At West Kirby School & College, Anti-Bullying Week is a chance to **celebrate** kindness, raise awareness, and empower student voices. This year's theme, *'Power for Good'*, encouraged everyone to reflect on how small actions can make a big difference.

Our week started with an engaging thought provoking video from Mr Brown. Throughout the week, pupils took part in class discussions, assemblies, and creative projects exploring what bullying is, how to report it, and how to support others. A highlight of our week was a special visit from Con. Laura Currie, Merseyside Police.

Special events included Odd Socks Day to celebrate individuality, wristbands for pupils, and the launch of our Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team, with representatives from each Key Stage, empowering students to lead positive change across the school.

Visit from Merseyside Police

Constable Laura Currie, Community Engagement, Merseyside Police joined us for the day. She chatted with pupil groups across the school, from Primary to Post 16, around Anti-Bullying, online safety, Police work, careers and gave pupils the opportunity to ask any questions. Pupils particularly enjoyed trying out the uniform and equipment! We were proud to see how respectful and engaged all of our groups were.

Laura Currie presented our KS3 pupils their Anti-Bullying Ambassador badges and praised their important work.

Anti-Bullying at West Kirby School is led by Mr Brown from the Pastoral Care Team and supported by our Ambassadors Fin, Thomas, George, Jack, Mathew and Albie.



Watch our Power for Good Anti-Bullying Week video here >>>



"It was great to spend time with your wonderful team as WKS and to engage with all the students. I had a fabulous time. Thanks for making me feel so welcome as always."

Laura Currie, Merseyside Police



World Mental Health Day: *Celebrating personal development and wellbeing...*

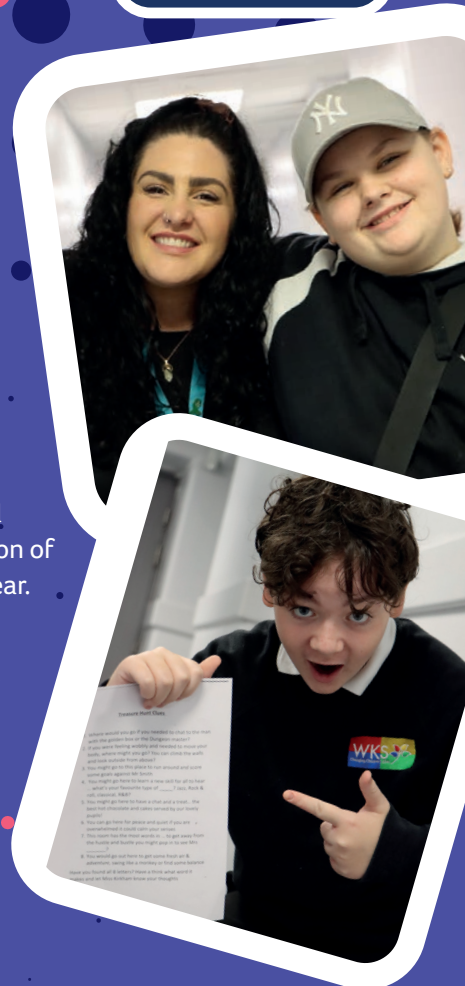


West Kirby School & College marked World Mental Health Day in October with a full morning of activities focused on wellbeing, positivity, and personal growth.

The day began with an inspiring assembly with a presentation on managing overwhelm. Pupils were encouraged to reflect on their own strengths, resilience, and the power of perseverance, a message that resonated throughout our school community.

Following the assembly, pupils took part in a fun treasure hunt around school, designed to get everyone moving, connecting and smiling. The morning ended creatively with a poster design competition, where pupils expressed what mental health and feeling good means to them. The top three designs were displayed around school, while other contributions will add colourful "leaves" to our brand-new Wellbeing Tree, a visual celebration of uplifting words and positivity that will continue to grow throughout the year.

World Mental Health Day was another wonderful reminder that wellbeing sits at the heart of everything we do at WKS, helping pupils to feel **valued, supported and ready to thrive**. All these activities were led by Miss Kirkham, Mental Health Champion, part of our Pastoral Care Team.



Supporting families: *Local resources & wellbeing guidance*

At West Kirby School & College, we understand how important it is for families to have access to reliable support. Whether you're looking for help with mental health, physical health, or social connections, your local community offers a wide range of services to support you and your child.



Did you know?

We have **Wellbeing Support** signposting on our website. We are currently developing this information to provide even more support.

SCAN ME





SEE OUR GALLERY!



Enterprise...

Turning challenges into creations: *Our enterprise journey*



The WKS Enterprise Market is far more than a showcase of products, it's a celebration of growth, creativity, and courage. In this space, pupils are not only learning practical skills but discovering the value of perseverance, teamwork with their class group, and innovation.

Enterprise at West Kirby transforms challenges into opportunities; each pupil plays a role in production, promotion or being present on their class stall at the busy marketplace on the day.

Enterprise behind the scenes

Some classes make good use of our Design Technology room to realise their creative plans.

For many pupils, entering this room is the first step on a powerful creative journey - one that begins with uncertainty and ends in achievement. The sights, sounds, and sensations of tools and materials can be overwhelming, especially for those with sensory differences. Yet, through encouragement, patience, and trust, these moments of discomfort turn into moments of discovery.

Guided by Mr. Saunders, Mr. Jones, and class staff, pupils learn to design, create, and bring their ideas to life - from intricate 3D prints to candle making & models inspired by their favourite subjects. Every finished piece tells a story of resilience and growth. Many of these young makers are inspired to work towards GCSEs Design Technology, demonstrating just how far their Enterprise journey can take them.

As Mr Saunders, Enterprise Lead and DT Teacher, shares:

“Giving pupils the chance to experience risk in a safe environment allows them to understand what it feels like to control both failure and success. That is real learning, and it builds resilience, confidence, and independence.”

Mr Jones adds:

“This is what enterprise at West Kirby is all about — not just making products, but building confidence and stepping outside their comfort zone.”

We thank our parents, carers and local community for supporting our Enterprise Market.





Talent Show...



A show to remember!

Last summer term ended on a high note with our incredible Talent Show... Eurovision style. Pupils and staff came together to enjoy a vibrant afternoon of performances that had been in planning and rehearsal since January.

We were thrilled to see a wide range of acts from across the school, both live and recorded, including Primary pupils bravely taking the stage. The talent on display was truly diverse: from impressive knowledge of cat breeds and clever jokes to powerful singing, dancing, and even boxing.

Roberto wowed the audience with a passionate performance, while George impressed with his tribute to Tenacious D and a heartfelt song dedicated to his TA, Miss Fraraccio.

Sophie and Grace sang beautifully, like angels, and Harri and Grace gave a fantastic duet of singing and dancing. Dan gave a lovely piano performance, and The Mondays, our School Band, had the audience smiling with their creative video.

A special highlight was Miss Millington's moving British Sign Language performance, reminding us of the power of inclusion and deaf awareness. And of course, Mr Mac once again stole the show with his energetic and entertaining hosting.

As our Headteacher, Mr Hicks, shared in his message following the event:

"Thank you to every single person who made our Talent Show an absolute triumph. From the mesmerising cat identifier to the powerful historical reenactments, singers, dancers, and tribute acts, the diversity of talent was truly remarkable. It genuinely made me happy. I hope it made you happy too."





School Board update...

Welcome to our new School Board members

Dear all,

I am delighted to inform you that we have two new Governors at West Kirby School. They are warmly welcomed by the Trustees of our Charity, West Kirby Educational Trust, and come with plenty of knowledge and experience to help us develop and improve.

Our School Board is made up of Governors and Trustees, with specialist strengths in leadership, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and a range of educational aspects. The overall aim of these amazing volunteers is to support the Charity in helping the school to provide transformational opportunities for our pupils.

In previous newsletters, you met the Chair and Parent Governor. We are pleased to introduce our two new Board members, both previous Teachers, Mrs Laura Frowe and Mr Jake Bettles. Our new Governors have already been on learning walks around school with Mr Hicks and we look forward to seeing them more in our school.

Miss Sian Thomas
CEO, West Kirby Educational Trust



Meet *our* new Governors...

Meet Mrs Laura Frowe

Mrs Frowe brings over 20 years experience in education. This includes 10 years in leadership as Deputy Headteacher focusing on quality of education. She is passionate about learning from, and celebrating, what makes every school unique. She told us the reason she joined was ***"I believe every young person deserves to feel safe, supported, and able to reach their potential."***

On our board Mrs Frowe supports us to develop Pupil Achievement, Careers, Curriculum and Teaching. She will work with Mr Flanagan, Deputy Headteacher, to make sure that we are adapting the curriculum so that learning is exemplary.

Meet Mr Jake Bettles

Mr Bettles career is dedicated to education and inclusion. He leads Entry Level SEND provision at Cheshire College South & West, with a deep understanding of supporting learners with diverse needs

On our board, Mr Bettles supports us in developing SEND and Inclusion. This will involve looking at how PCT staff support us, working with Mrs Jones, SENCo, and Mr Brown, PCT, by focusing on what we do to support pupils' needs and how we promote anti-bullying.

Mr Bettles told us the reason he joined...

"I wanted to give something back to my local community and help ensure that every young person - whatever their needs or starting point - has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential."



Name: Laura Frowe
Hobbies: Avid reader, loves gardening & keen cook who enjoys sharing food with family and friends

Quote:
"Feel the fear and do it anyway." Laura says she used to be shy - now she pushes herself and encourages others to step out of their comfort zone and go for their goals.



Name: Jake Bettles
Hobbies: Loves travelling and cooking

Quote:
"You are enough. You are so enough. It is unbelievable how enough you are." "A gentle reminder, says Jake, to be kind to yourself - something that matters to everyone, every day."



Unlocking Potential with AQA programme, Dame Kelly Holmes Trust

As part of the AQA Unlocking Potential programme, we were very proud of three of our students, Ryan, Luke, and Noah, who led an incredible Health and Wellbeing Community Social Action event last term.

The programme pairs students with world-class athlete mentors from the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. It aims to boost students' **confidence, resilience, and aspirations** by helping them develop life skills for future goals in education, training, or employment.

Our students were challenged with delivering a sports lesson for the community. After planning and practice with our own Primary pupils, we were delighted to welcome pupils from West Kirby Primary to our school.

The morning began with preparations, including assembling goodie bags and setting up activity zones across the sports hall and studio. Luke worked alongside Ryan and Miss F with enthusiasm and confidence. Despite initial nerves, the boys quickly settled into their roles with support from staff and peers.

We were proud to see our students leading the session, sharing their skills and enthusiasm with younger children from the local community. Each primary pupil received a goody bag as a small memento of their visit. It was a fantastic chance to strengthen community links while giving our pupils the experience of teaching, teamwork, and leadership.

This event marked the culmination of a 9 month journey in the AQA programme. The boys have grown immensely in confidence, with all three reflecting on how far they've come. Their success was later recognised at a celebration event at London Zoo, an exciting first-time trip for the students that included iconic sights like the London Eye and Buckingham Palace.

"One of the best days I've had since working in school. The students were brilliant, and the smiles on the children's faces made it all worthwhile." Jack, staff member

We thank West Kirby Primary School for their on-going working partnership with us.



**DAME KELLY
HOLMES TRUST**



Outdoor space transformation: *expanding opportunities for learning and wellbeing*

As part of our School Development Plan, in September we were thrilled to officially open our newly re-developed outdoor space at West Kirby School and College. The facilities developments include three exciting spaces, a refurbished MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), an extended grassed field and a new outdoor classroom.

The outdoor area is now a beautifully designed greener space where pupils can enjoy sports, learning, horticulture activities, care for animals, and take part in eco projects. Sustainability sits at the heart of this area, with pupils growing food to be used in our kitchen and collecting fresh eggs from our chickens, linking practical learning with real-life environmental awareness.

The MUGA is already proving transformational for PE lessons, sports clubs, and wellbeing activities. It gives pupils the chance to stay active, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy a wide variety

of sports in a safe, modern environment. For many of our pupils, physical activity is not just about fitness, it's about building confidence, resilience, and building social skills. This is a valuable addition as part of our Community Sports Facilities.

The new outdoor classroom offers a calm, nurturing space that brings learning closer to nature. Whether used for science experiments, eco projects, reading sessions, or mindfulness activities, the space helps pupils connect with the outdoors while continuing their learning in a low stimulus, inspiring environment.

Special visit from Charity President

We were honoured to welcome Mr Anthony Shone, President of our charity West Kirby Educational Trust, to our school. He was delighted to see the new developments, reflecting a continued commitment to making improvements for the pupils. He was impressed by how our pupils are making the most of every space, engaging enthusiastically with learning, wellbeing, and eco projects.





Preparation for Adulthood: *a transformational life skills programme*

At West Kirby School & College, we are committed to ensuring that every pupil is supported not just through their school journey, but in preparing for life beyond the classroom.

This year, we have launched our new Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) programme, designed to equip our pupils with the skills and confidence they need to thrive in adult life, through a City & Guilds qualification.

The programme is built around the four nationally recognised Preparation for Adulthood pathways:

Engaging positively in the local community

Having a healthy mind and body

Living as independently as possible

Gaining paid employment

“Our ambition is simple yet powerful: to give our pupils the best possible opportunity to progress in each of these areas, developing skills that will enable them to flourish in every aspect of their lives”, expressed Mr Hulme.

How is it delivered across the school

Preparation for Adulthood will be delivered across the school from Year 7, through Secondary, to Post 16, with each class having a dedicated timetabled lesson each week.

The curriculum has been carefully designed for each year group in Key Stage 3, 4 and 5, building on prior learning to ensure progress while keeping the content relevant and practical.





“It’s never too early to start preparing our pupils for adulthood. By introducing these skills from Year 3 and 4, we help children begin to understand themselves, build confidence and develop independence in a supportive way. Each small step, whether it’s learning to make choices, take responsibility, or engage with the community, lays the foundation for a smoother, more confident transition into adult life.” Mr Davey, KS3 and 4 Lead.



Lessons are hands-on and make full use of our facilities and local community. From shopping in West Kirby to doing the laundry in school, pupils gain valuable real-world experiences that help them build independence step by step.

As Mr Hulme explained, each pupil has different strengths and needs, and so the outcomes will look different for everyone. What remains the same is our fervent hope that every young person leaves WKS with:

- *A strong sense of self-worth*
- *The confidence to be actively involved in conversations about their future*
- *The skills to make independent decisions about their next steps*

Looking ahead

Our school already has a rich tradition of trips, visitors, and community engagement. The PFA programme allows us to broaden these experiences even further, ensuring that our pupils encounter a wide range of opportunities that prepare them for adulthood in meaningful and empowering ways.

This programme is about giving our pupils ***“the best opportunity to move on, flourish, and thrive in all aspects of their lives.”***

Our team is >>>
 Mr Hulme: SLT Personal Development Lead
 Mr Davey: Key Stage 3 and 4 Lead (Years 7-11)
 Miss Comber: Post 16 Lead



Transition & leavers...



Beyond the gates of WKS: *new beginnings and adventures*

In summer term, we said a fond farewell to our amazing leavers, proud of everything they've achieved during their time at WKS.

Change can be daunting, but our students showed resilience, courage, and determination, stepping into a wide range of exciting pathways; from mainstream or SEN colleges and further study, to employment, volunteering, or exploring new options. WKS continues to support them wherever they are.

“Every challenge you’ve overcome has prepared you for what’s next – go confidently into your future!” – Mr Hulme, Leadership Team Careers Link.

“Keep exploring, keep learning and never stop believing in yourselves. Exciting opportunities await!” – Mr Flanagan, Deputy Headteacher.

This year, we celebrated the journeys of: Aiden, Alex, Alfie, Amey, Crystal, Ethan, Freya, Harry, Kyle, Katie, Liam, Lucien Henderson, Nia, Olga, Riley, Roberto, Ruben and Ryan. We look forward to seeing you all at the Awards Celebration Evening to share your next chapters.

“Stay curious, be true to yourself and follow your passions. This is your future and it is full of possibilities.” – Ms Shallcross, Career Pathways Lead.

A huge thank you to parents, carers, and partner organisations, your support has been invaluable in helping our leavers step confidently into their futures.

“You’ve worked hard, grown stronger and are ready to take on the world – keep aiming high.” – Mr Smith, Deputy Headteacher.



Careers update...

Work experience at WKS: skills for life, value for all

Our Work Experience Programme has once again been a huge success, giving pupils the chance to explore the world of work while building confidence, practical skills, and real-world experience in a safe, supportive environment.

This year we're proud to share:

Beyond personal growth, pupils' contributions delivered over £9,000 worth of value to the wider community, while providing invaluable learning opportunities for themselves. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and achievements highlight the transformational impact of hands-on experience.

Post 16 pupils: 775 hours (457 external, 318 internal)

Year 11 pupils: 464 hours (149 external, 315 internal)

Total: 36.4 weeks of work experience completed



Celebrating achievement and new beginnings

Congratulations to all our pupils on their fantastic achievements. We are so proud of your hard work, resilience, and personal growth throughout your GCSE and BTEC studies.

Mr Hicks, our Headteacher shared:

"Every grade, every qualification, and every step forward represents not just academic success, but also your personal development. We wish you every success as you move on to Post 16, college, apprenticeships, or other exciting opportunities."

It was wonderful to see students celebrating their results. Katie is set to follow her passion at LIPA, and Olga is continuing her scientific journey at Belvedere Academy Sixth Form. We're pleased to welcome some students into our Post 16 Provision for their next chapter.





Confidence, creativity, connection: *Our wellbeing day*

Last summer term, West Kirby School and College came together for a fantastic **Community & Wellbeing Day**, a full day of activities designed to promote *personal growth, social connection, and emotional wellbeing*.



For wellbeing day our pupils took part in a special rotation of seven hands-on sessions, each offering something unique to boost confidence, creativity, and a sense of belonging. From energetic sessions with Freedom Dance to team-building at Shaftes Youth Club, our young people embraced the opportunity to try new things and engage with the wider community.

Each session encouraged pupils to step outside their comfort zones while building essential skills like communication, empathy, and resilience. The day ended with a reflection and feedback session, allowing students to celebrate their achievements and share their thoughts.



Here's a taste of the activities students experienced:

- Scouts: Outdoor challenges and team-based learning*
- Comic Youth: Creative expression through comic art*
- Trading Play: Problem-solving and financial thinking through play*
- Freedom Dance: Movement and self-expression through dance*
- Gamer Lounge: Social gaming in a supportive environment*
- Larton Riding School: Animal care and responsibility*
- Shaftes Youth Club: Confidence-building games and collaboration*





Stepping up for a great cause: Our school sponsored walk

What a fantastic way to kick off our final week before summer. Our whole school sponsored walk was not just a test of stamina but an opportunity for our pupils to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new challenges. From start to finish, the team spirit at West Kirby School was second to none...a highlight of our calendar.

We raised an amazing £495!



Classes were challenged to walk varying distances using our local Wirral Way footpath, choosing 1km, 5km or those who like a challenge, 9km! Groups enjoyed a picnic break at Thurstaston and the finish line.

We are thrilled to share that, together, **we raised an amazing £495!** A huge thank you to everyone who generously supported our efforts and our pupil-nominated charity, The Whitechapel Centre, the leading homeless and housing charity in Liverpool.

This event gave us the chance to celebrate the resilience, determination, and community spirit of our pupils.

Well done to all pupils, staff, and supporters who made this event such a success. Every step really does make a difference.





Our pupils leading the way for a greener world

At West Kirby School & College, our students are taking real action for the environment this year. From recycling and saving energy to planting trees and creating eco crafts, every small step helps make our school, community, and planet a better place.

Our Eco Committee, made up of staff and pupils, leads projects, listens to student ideas, and organises seasonal events and workshops. Being part of the committee gives students leadership opportunities, new skills, and the chance to make a genuine difference.

Miss Millington, Eco Lead said: *"Seeing our students take the lead, work together, and make a real difference in the community has been truly inspiring. This project has shown how small actions can have a big impact, and I'm so proud of every pupil involved."*

This term, students joined the Great British Clean Up, taking part in a community litter-picking walk during Friday Wellbeing. It was a fun way to enjoy fresh air, boost wellbeing, and show how teamwork can transform our local environment.

Looking ahead, the Eco Committee will continue planning transformational projects that allow pupils to share ideas, engage with the community, and make WKS even greener. Their energy, creativity, and commitment continue to celebrate, highlight, and transform our school

Congratulations to our new Environment Ambassador, Theo. We can't wait to see the positive impact you'll make. Thanks for your commitment team.



- Tyler - Post 16
- Jude - Post 16
- Mia - Post 16
- Grace - Year 9
- Jack - Year 9
- Sophie - Year 9
- Alice - Year 7
- Martha - Year 7
- Jasmine - Year 7

Positive Behaviour update...

Ready, Respectful, Safe - congratulations

At West Kirby School & College, our Code of Conduct plays an important role in creating a calm, supportive, and positive environment where everyone can thrive.

Through our positive behaviour ethos, **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, we are supporting pupils to help make our school a place where kindness, responsibility, and learning flourish.

Since September, pupils across the school have shown fantastic commitment to our Code of Conduct expectations, and we're already seeing the positive impact of their efforts.

"We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to celebrating even more successes next term. Well done!" - Mr Cox.

Many pupils have shown great progress by being prepared for lessons, listening actively, and taking responsibility for their learning. Others have demonstrated respect through their interactions, supporting peers and staff, and

modelling positive behaviour. Some have focused on safety, for themselves and others, helping to ensure a secure and considerate school environment.

By embracing the **Code of Conduct**, our pupils are not only improving their own experiences but also inspiring those around them.

"It's amazing to see how far some pupils have come. They've really embraced being Ready, Respectful, and Safe, and it's clear their confidence and independence is growing every day." - Mr Smith.

Our Code of Conduct be Ready, Respectful & Safe

Our Code of Conduct

Ready

Be in the correct class or session
Actively engage in learning

Positive Outcomes

- Learn new things and achieve progress
- A calm and positive learning environment

Our Code of Conduct

Respectful

Follow staff instructions
Show respect to staff and peers
Respect school property

Positive Outcomes

- A positive culture of respect
- Positive interactions with staff and peers leading to positive relationships
- More equipment for you to use in school

Our Code of Conduct

Safe

Keep hands and feet to yourself
Engage safely when outside of school
Tell staff if you feel worried or upset

Positive Outcomes

- Maintain positive relationships and keep people safe from harm
- More opportunity to access wellbeing activities and trips

Our Code of Conduct



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The School Bakery...

Bake and shine: meet *The School Bakery* team!

Did you know
Our very own coffee blend is being sold in the café!

What's rising at the WKS Bakery!

We're excited to introduce Nonie, our new lead baker, the creative hands behind the fresh bread, focaccia, and sweet treats filling the school with delicious aromas.

Under Nonie's guidance, pupils are learning new baking techniques, kitchen skills, customer service skills, including waitressing; gaining real-world experience in a fun, supportive and familiar environment.

The School Bakery is a pupil led life skills enterprise. It brings together meaningful learning, a bakery cafe and our school community.

As Finn shared: *"It will be lovely to see you come down to see us, because we make fresh bread, fresh focaccia, and trust me, the food is amazing."*

Mylo summed it up perfectly: *"It gives us a change from general school life and training for the outside world, plus, you get a snack at the end!"*

To add a little extra fun, we're introducing promotions, seasonal specials and special offers, making it the perfect time to try something new or stock up on your favourites.

Come and see what's rising in our bakery this term!

Open
Monday to
Thursday
10 till 2pm





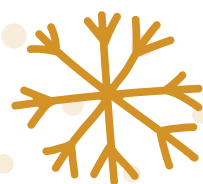
Pupil Empowerment...

At West Kirby School and College our Pupil Empowerment programme supports the personal development of pupils; through our Pupil Voice and Pupil Ambassador team opportunities.

Pupil Voice

The Pupil Voice team brings together representatives from across the school, Primary, Secondary, and Post 16, giving students the opportunity to discuss issues that matter to them. Pupils are encouraged to lead and contribute ideas for change, as well as provide feedback on proposals from Senior Leadership.

Pupil Voice develops understanding of democracy, teamwork, leadership, social communication, and confidence, all within a safe and supportive environment.



Celebrating our new Ambassadors

We're delighted to introduce and congratulate our new West Kirby School & College Pupil Ambassadors, a group of pupils who will represent key areas across our school and lead positive change.



- Our Ambassadors elected are:
- Inclusion & Diversity: George (Year 11)*
 - Wellbeing: Jasmine (Year 7)*
 - Sport: Layla (Year 7)*
 - Music: Sophie (Year 9)*
 - Charity: Evie (Year 9)*
 - Animal Care: Tom (Year 11)*
 - Environment: Theo (Year 7)*
 - Anti-Bullying: Fin, Thomas, George, Jack, Matthew and Albie.*

These pupils have shown dedication, kindness, and leadership, and we can't wait to see the difference they'll make in their Ambassador roles this year. Congratulations to you all!





The Duke of Edinburgh Award is offered to our Year 10s, 11s and Post 16. As a licensed hub, DofE is delivered by our own experienced and dedicated staff.

DofE Award update

The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues to thrive, offering Year 10, 11 and Post 16 pupils the chance to develop confidence, resilience, and independence through adventure and personal challenge.

Bronze Success

Congratulations to last year's Bronze group, who completed their two-day assessed expedition in the stunning Clwydian Range. A special well done to Arend and Sam who have officially achieved their Bronze Award, with Michael and Melody close behind.

New Bronze recruits

Our new Bronze participants have started strong with team-building, navigation practice, and cooking on Trangias. They're now working towards their award sections, from MMA and football to marine biology and volunteering.

Silver progress

We're thrilled that last year's Bronze achievers are continuing onto their Silver Award, learning about weather, countryside safety, and preparing for their next expedition.

Huge thanks to Mrs Draycott, Miss Killey, and Mr Scullion for their dedication and leadership, and congratulations to all our DofE pupils for their determination and teamwork.



Raising awareness for Tourettes

We are proud to shine a spotlight on one of our dedicated staff members who has made an incredible impact supporting the Tourettes community.

"I began working with the Tourettes community after my children were diagnosed with the condition in 2014. Seeing how debilitating it can be, I joined the Manchester Tourettes Support Group," Mrs Dooley explained.

Since then, Mrs Dooley has been instrumental in running the group and recently launched a face-to-face support group in Birkenhead, the Peninsular Tourettes Support Group, which meets three times a year. The group provides a friendly, relaxed space to seek advice and

support for Tourettes and associated disorders, and can be found on Facebook.

In addition to local support, they have contributed nationally as a lay advisor for the National Institute of Clinical Excellence, helping to develop digital therapies. They also visit schools to deliver INSET training, support pupils and staff, and have delivered sessions at higher education level.



Trips & adventures...

Parliament visit

In July, our Pupil Voice team travelled to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. They watched live debates, joined a workshop on petitions, and even presented their own ideas to Wirral West MP Matthew Patrick. A truly inspiring day learning how their voices can make change.

FlipOut fun

September brought an action-packed day at FlipOut Trampoline Park. Pupils bounced, raced, climbed, and laughed their way through a fantastic wellbeing trip. Huge thanks to staff and the FlipOut team for a day full of fun, friendship, and teamwork.



Creative sparks: Graffiti art workshops

Year 7 and Year 10 pupils teamed up with graffiti artist Kieran (Betarok75) from Zap Graffiti. From vibrant studio sessions in Liverpool to in-school workshops for GCSE Art, our students created bold, expressive designs full of colour and confidence.



Parent communication

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Remembrance Day

Our school came together and held a ceremony to mark Remembrance Day. It was led by our staff who are ex-armed forces, with a reading from Mr Maghill, a one minute silence and pupils Cooper and Noah joined staff in laying wreaths at our school memorial. Our Primary pupils also made a special trip to the West Kirby cenotaph to lay decorated memorial pebbles they thoughtfully created in class.

We were very proud of the respect our pupils across the school showed.

Christmas message

As we reach the end of the autumn term, and 2025, we would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in the new year on Monday 5th January 2026.

We're proud to sponsor West Kirby Christmas Lights Community Project.

