



# Westgate Sports News



## We Smashed It!

On Friday 24th November our U13 and U16 Table Tennis teams battled it out with 16 other schools at the Hampshire Team Finals. Our U13 team of Harry Birch, Henry Crompton and Danny and Jamie Klinger were super confident from the outset and won most of their matches right through to the final where they totally out played the other team and became County Champions. Our U16 team had a tougher battle and worked really hard to make it through to the finals against Bishops Chandler. Their team had some very good players but our U16's of Ethan Cheung, Ed Robertson, Fin Peters and Will Agombar upped their game and were victorious champions! This is an amazing achievement as three of the team are only Year 10's and Will is still a Year 9 player! Both teams are heading off to London for the Zone Finals in January.



## Year 7&8 boys go the distance!

Following the school Cross Country competition, 10 pupils in each year group were selected to compete in the very chilly county competition at St Swithuns School. All pupils did the school proud in running very good times, but a special mention goes to the Year 7 and Year 8 boys teams who both finished 2nd out of the 25 teams who took part. What an incredible achievement!

## County Champions!

A huge congratulations goes to the Year 8 rugby team who were recently crowned county champions in the Hampshire tournament. The boys won all of their 9 games throughout the day. Stand out performers were Eden Royall, Christopher Davies and Matt Dean. The boys will now look to retain their title in the 2nd county tournament which is held after Christmas. Good luck boys—and well done to all who played.



## More Badminton Brilliance

Well done to the KS4 Badminton teams who both won their District Competitions earlier on in the month. The Boys team consists of Fin Peters, Theo Maclean, Bertie Hillier and Scott Mathieson, and the girls team includes Alicia Matthews, Annie Lado, Chiara Walker and Angelina Wong. The girls team also went on an introductory trip last week in order to prepare them for their trip to India at the end of the year. The girls will be competing in the World School Games following their National Championship Victory last year.



## Westgate bounce into next round!

On Saturday 9th December, the Westgate Trampoline team went to a county competition on the Isle of Wight. The U13 boys team did significantly well, with Jack Rowley 2nd, Ben Fyvie-Rae 3rd and Heath Thornton 4th. As a team they came 1st in the U13 boys Novice. Evie Johnson finished 2nd in the U15 girls competition, and as a team Evie, Valentina Linne-car, Catherine Stedman and Jessica Stedman came 2nd. Well done to all who participated, and good luck at the Southern Schools Competition!



# The Gate

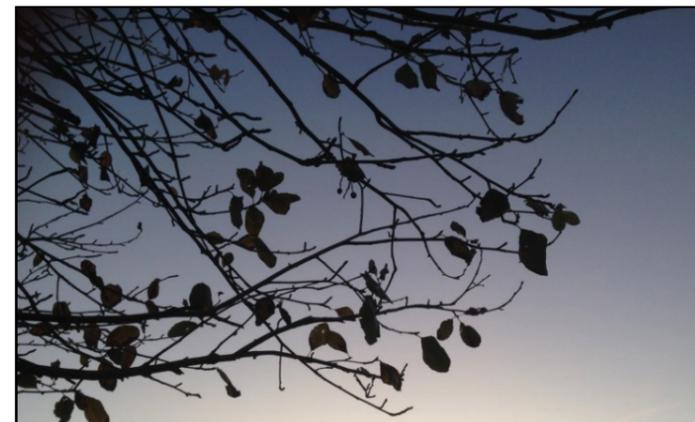


**This Month's special Features:**  
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The gateway to news and events which make our school so great!

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## Current House Positions



House Calendar Competition Winner: Nat Alkin 8A1

1st		5380
2nd		5377
3rd		5312
4th		5029

Congratulations to 7W1 HHU, 8W1 NPA, 9F2 MSA, 10A1 BMA and 11E1 MFO who have achieved the highest merit totals within their year group!

## PSA Christmas Fair 2017

The annual Christmas Fair was yet again another fantastic event this year. There was so much going on throughout the morning, including a variety of performances from our talented musicians, as well as a performance from almost the whole of year 3! Santa's grotto was also a popular place to be, and a huge thank you to the elves who were a great help, and really added to the already exciting atmosphere. There was also a huge variety of stalls, including food, tombola, homemade arts and crafts, jewellery, face paint and a year 11 prom stall. This all managed to raise an incredible £4600 compared to £3174 from last year. The raffle also raised a staggering amount of money—£5757! Some of the money raised will be put towards new football posts, and Will Bunn has also put in a request for some new music / drama equipment. Thank you to all who made this event such a success—especially to Mr Damant and the PSA team who put so much hard work into the planning of the fair.



### Year 12 Presentation Evening

Our Annual GCSE Certificate Year 12 Presentation Evening was held on Thursday 23 November at the impressive Bapsy Hall, Winchester Guildhall. Mrs Dean, Mrs Stanhope, Mr Jeckles, Mrs Judd and Mr Sambrook were joined by our guest speaker, Mr Nicholson, HeadTeacher of Gillingham School, who gave an inspirational speech. The Westgate Alumni received their certificates and some extra awards were given by Mrs Dean and Mr Nicholson for exceptional and outstanding work. Our ex-Headboy and Headgirl Jack Rue and Gabbie Spelman (pictured right), brought the special evening to a close with a humbling thank you speech.



### The Great Westgate Bakeoff



A new tradition started this year in the form of a Westgate Staff bakeoff. 19 members of staff contributed to the event, which was judged by our pupil leadership team. With a huge variety of flavours and designs, the judges had a difficult task, but eventually chose Fire as 1st place, with Earth 2nd, Air 3rd and Water 4th. It was a lovely occasion, and shows how committed and enthusiastic our staff are about the house system.

### Shoebox Success!

A huge well done (and thank you) to everyone who contributed to the shoe box appeal run by Mrs Baker and the Charity Group. An incredible 224 boxes were sent to Eastern European countries Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine and Romania to help those less fortunate have something to celebrate at Christmas this year. A special mention goes to 9MWA who made 15 shoeboxes between them! Such a fantastic cause.



### Authors of the Future

Creative writing club celebrated being published by 'Young Writers' at the end of the summer term. They have all worked incredibly hard on poems and short stories and some of the members are now working on writing their own novels! Watch out for some of these names in the future best sellers list!



### The Giant G-Factor takes Year 7 by storm

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10 Year 7s took part in the annual G-factor assembly. Iris Roffey, Nikoli Komar, Becs Chamberlain, Emily Stephens, Madeline Loveseed, Ella Pidgeon, Matthew Anderson, Ben Foster, Maximus McHenry, Livia Scott and Leah Paine read out their outstanding Giant speeches which baffled the judges and the whole year group along with them.

One by one, each contestant stood up in front of over 200 of their fellow Year 7s and read aloud their fantastic speeches on why their giant was the best. Holly Fisher commented on what she thought of it, "I really enjoyed the assembly we had because there were so many incredible speeches. I think all of them were equally good, but the winner did stand out to me."

In the weeks commencing the important event, each English class throughout the Year group were busy working towards the speech that could win their class the G-factor. It wasn't an easy process, however and a lot had to be taken into consideration: the appearance of the giant, the personality of the giant and all the persuasive techniques needed for a speech that would win over a whole year group. "I think it was really exciting writing the G-factor speeches. I liked creating my giant and inventing its personality," said Lara Greig.

At the end of our weekly Year 7 assembly on the following Friday, we were given the news we had all been waiting for: who had won the G-factor...

The tension was high throughout the Hall as the standard of each speech was so good, no one had a clue who had won. After a nervous wait, the winner was finally revealed: Madeleine Loveseed. The Hall erupted in cheer as the winner of the G-factor 2017 walked up to collect her prize.

### Christmas Carol Concert

We have just had our annual Westgate Carol Service. Winchester Cathedral was completely packed with people! Our Year 7s sang 'True Colors' and we also had performances from Senior Orchestra, Windband, Brass Band, Staff Choir and Vox Choir. When all of the ensembles performed some Christmas Carols together, everyone in the cathedral joined in, creating a really festive mood! We also had some of our students read out passages from the Bible. This, coupled with all of the performances created a truly amazing evening.



### A Charity Triumph

10E1/RHA baked cakes and biscuits earlier this term and raised an amazing £193.28 for the Motor Neurone charity. This is to support those suffering from this terrible disease and their families. Thank you to all of the Westgate pupils who worked hard to make this happen.



### A lunchtime with Mr Jeckells

The end of the term also comes with a goodbye to 2 of our Senior Leaders; Mr Adlam and Mr Jeckells. We went to speak to Mr Jeckells, and this is what he had to say:



**Q:** What's your favourite book?

**A:** Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby

**Q:** Why do you think uniform is so important?

**A:** It makes it fair for everyone, as it stops unpleasant behaviour and judgement. Pupils of a school have a clear identity and so uniform is really important in showing this.

**Q:** Which school ethos (Kings or Westgate) is better for nurturing pupils and aiding them to achieve their full academic potential?

**A:** Both schools do a fantastic job and are not actually that different. Pupils are largely content and appreciate the school. I'm not going to be able to do anything other than sit on the fence on this one.

**Q:** Is there anything from Westgate you will try and incorporate into Kings?

**A:** I think both schools can learn from each other, so I am going to encourage staff to visit each school. I really value things at Westgate such as the induction evening, all of year 7 singing at the carol service, and the Meet the Tutor occasions.

Mr Jeckells finished by saying he has really enjoyed his time here, and we would like to thank him, and Mr Adlam, and wish them all the best for their future careers.