

Junior 3 to 6

As children progress through the school, the freedom and security that the school community provides offers further opportunity for them to be individuals, to be creative and to be adventurous in their personal and academic development.

Target setting for personalised learning continues from the previous year and progress is monitored, particularly in literacy and numeracy skills which are increasingly applied in our broader curriculum. The National Curriculum provides the basis for what we teach, but further involvement in music, sport and technology features hugely as we seek to develop independent, articulate and respectful citizens who contribute positively to their own lives and those of others. There are a number of residential activities on offer at home and abroad which give the children further opportunity to interact between the year groups and extend their confidence beyond the school timetable.

There are many opportunities for our children to take further responsibility in some area of school life as they grow older. All our boys and girls from J3 – 6 have opportunity to play in a sports team for the school. Under 9's and under 11's are selected as captains for boys' and girls' hockey, netball, football, rugby, cricket and rounders. Many J6's and J5's train as librarians to manage the Junior School library, and J3 to 6 pupils elect their own House Captains,

In Junior 3-6 our pastoral system continues to be based upon the sound values of reward, respect and praise with high expectations for standards of behaviour, but with appropriate sanctions where necessary

The school operates an extended day so that activities and hobbies can be pursued during the evening. Junior 5 and 6 will have homework to do each evening and many enjoy staying to prep tea with their friends and doing their homework in supervised prep.

Thorough and smooth transition arrangements are in place to the next phase of school life are planned carefully at every stage at Westbourne, from year to year and between the key stages. Our J6 boys and girls enjoy an excellent range of transition arrangements to our Senior School throughout the academic year, meeting staff, older pupils to show them around and answer questions and having taster lessons with subject teachers in Senior School classrooms. We are confident that we hand them over to the Senior School in Year 7, knowing that they are well prepared with the values and skills that they need for the excitement and challenges that lay ahead.