



**West Moors Middle School**

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**13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. The school will be open from 5.15pm, with a **Headteacher and student talk at 5.30pm**, followed by a tour of the school with our students.

We realise that selecting a Middle School for your son or daughter is an important decision and we would therefore like to give you as much information as possible, to allow you to make a fully informed choice. On the evening, you will have a chance to speak to our staff, as well as with some of our current students and of course you will have the opportunity to walk around our school site, where there will be a range of activities from our subject areas to experience.

If you are unable to make the 24<sup>th</sup> September, or would like to see the school during its normal working day, there will be tours (09:00-10:00) available-see, below. May I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity, as the best way to judge a school is to see it in action. We are very proud at West Moors Middle of how well behaved and engaged our children are, and we would love for you to be able to experience this first hand.

<b>Open Evening 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	5.15pm to 7.30pm Headteacher's Talk @ 5.30pm
<b>Open Tour Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	From 09:00
<b>Open Tour Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	From 09:00
<b>Open Tour Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024</b>	From 09:00
<b>Open Tour Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	From 09:00
<b>Open Tour Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	From 09:00

To attend a morning tour, please email [office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk) to book your place. If you are unable to attend those dates and would like to arrange another, more convenient time, then please email this request so an alternative date can be arranged.

We also have an informative website <https://westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk/> where you will also be able to access information about the school as well as our school's Twitter feed (@west\_moors) where parents and carers can keep abreast of children's learning in action throughout the week.



**Thriving to Achieve our Best – Together**  
Head Teacher: Dr D Craddock PhD MA BSc (Hons) NPQH



To give you a flavour of what West Moors Middle has to offer; we have been judged as good in all areas, offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

We are also especially proud of the outstanding achievements of our children. In fact, as well as being one of the highest achieving middle schools in Dorset with 13% of our pupils achieving Greater Depth in their Year 6 SATs' tests (compared to 8% nationally), 77% of our pupils attained ARE in Reading (compared to 74% nationally) and 33% reached Greater Depth; 22% attained Greater Depth in GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling); 27% gained Greater Depth in Writing; and 19% were awarded Greater Depth in Maths. Furthermore, we are particularly delighted that pupils at West Moors Middle School have exceeded expectations with positive progress scores in Reading and Writing, demonstrating that they have not only reached their targets in the external SATs' tests, but have made much more than the expected progress.

We are not just about academic achievement however and we do pride ourselves on being a school that really cares for and supports its children. I feel that we are a school where relationships between children and staff are a real strength and where your child is treated as an individual and is allowed to be whoever they wish to be. West Moors Middle is a Rights Respecting School, having attained the GOLD level in June 2024 and attained the Platinum School Games Award in July 2024, where we spend a lot of time ensuring that our students feel happy and safe, enabling them to thrive to be the best that they can be on their own individual journeys.

Your son or daughter will also find out that at West Moors Middle, whatever their interests; there is a club or a group to cater for it.

Finally, to give you a flavour of the school, I have included some of the quotes from our last Ofsted report, following their inspection of our school in February 2022.

**Leadership:** "Leaders have high aspirations. Their vision is that all pupils will be 'the best that they can be'. Pupils rise to this challenge. Leaders and staff help pupils to feel safe and have respectful relationships..." and "Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum."

**Behaviour:** "School reward systems and sanctions motivate pupils to behave well and to work hard...", "Older pupils contribute to school life by being digital leaders, librarians and prefects..." and "Pupils behave well and value the reward system."

**Welfare:** "Pupils thrive at school..."; "Pupils say that the school is a 'Telling School', meaning that staff encourage them to share any worries they have in a way that suits them. Pupils feel safe at school..."; "There are many opportunities for pupils to develop their interests and skills. Pupils enjoy the range of school clubs on offer. They particularly enjoy the opportunities to learn outdoors..."; and "A culture of valuing and respecting each other leads to strong relationships between staff and pupils."

**Teaching and Learning:** "The school promotes reading well. Pupils enjoy the books that they read and feel motivated to read..."; "It is clear what pupils need to learn and when. This means that pupils successfully develop their knowledge well over time..."; and "Learning builds on what pupils already know. This means that pupils are ready for their next steps in learning. Support given to those who need it ensures that they progress well through the curriculum. Assessment systems clearly identify gaps in pupils' knowledge."

My staff team and student leaders look forward to meeting with you on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 where we can share, in person, what West Moors Middle School has to offer your son or daughter in our school family.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Craddock', written in a cursive style.

Dr Deborah Craddock  
Headteacher  
West Moors Middle School