



Washington Academy

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Dear parent/carer,

Thank you for all your support this academic year. Our students have had a busy half term and we are so proud of their achievements throughout the year and in this last half term alone. Some of the achievements our students have had include:

- Our students were winners of the Hexham Poetry Competition
- Represented the Academy at the Independence Day service at Washington Old Hall
- Success and victories at sporting events
- Many students earning their places on rewards trips
- Literacy leaders have provided reading packs to the three local neonatal units
- Students have experienced sport with a disability in the wheelchair basketball event

Staff changes:

While we are not wishing the summer away we are excited about the school improvements that will continue in the September term. We have some staff leaving, whom we are very thankful to and wish them the very best in their own next chapters. These include:

- E Routledge, Assistant Head Teacher
- H Todd, Teacher of Art
- S Ripley, Teacher of Science
- J McNab, Teacher of Food Technology
- A Gray, Teacher of English

We look forward to welcoming the new staff that will be joining our Washington team in September including:

- J Mitchell, Deputy Head Teacher
- H Brooke, Assistant Head Teacher: Teaching and Learning
- J Pennington, Teacher of History
- F Foster, Teacher of Geography
- O Woolfe, Teacher of Science
- J Bunker, Teacher of English
- R Gibbons, Teacher of English
- T Dorian, Teacher of Art
- I Hornby, Teacher of Music

Headteacher: Mrs V Carter

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Start of term arrangements:

Year 7 students – should start arriving at 8.25am and will be escorted to lines. Parents/Carers will be invited into the hall for light refreshments, further detail will follow on this.

Year 8 - Year 11 students – should all arrive as normal from 8.25am in full school uniform with an appropriate school bag.

Please take time to look at the new uniform and equipment expectations for September sent out to parents this week, which can also be found on our website: [Washington Academy - Uniform](#) As previously stated in the letters that have been sent out, if you require any support with this please contact school.

Your input into our values is extremely valued – if you have not yet contribute your input please do so here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1liLG6puoGvcvxiYzoT7ToP8iKcokK5SPzI57jh6CC-0/edit>

Finally, we hope you and your families have a fantastic summer and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming all students on **Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8.35am.**

Yours sincerely

V Carter

Head Teacher

