



Washington
Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Washington Academy Parental Bulletin

Week Commencing Monday 16th October 2023

Bus Strikes

We are aware that a series of strikes at Go North East may go ahead which are likely to bring bus services to a halt on the following dates:

- Saturday 14th October - Friday 20th October inclusive

We do not want our students' education affected by this. Students who travel to the academy by bus should allow extra time for travel, we would like to remind you that our site is open from 8am for students who wish to attend breakfast club, which is free should parents need to drop children off earlier in response to the strikes. If anyone will struggle to get their child in on these days, can you please contact school so we can plan to prevent our students missing out should the strikes go ahead.

Weekly 100% Attendance Challenge

Every week students will be given a ticket if they have been in school every day.

The students can then choose which box to place their ticket in for the chance to win the following £30 gift vouchers at the end of the half term. The choices this half term are for: Asda, Amazon and JD Sports. Got to be in to win!

Teaching and Learning Update

Staff have been focusing on our SUN marking policy to help students make as much progress as they can during their lesson.

S = strengths

These are the things that students have done particularly well in their work and are highlighted in green.

U = understanding errors

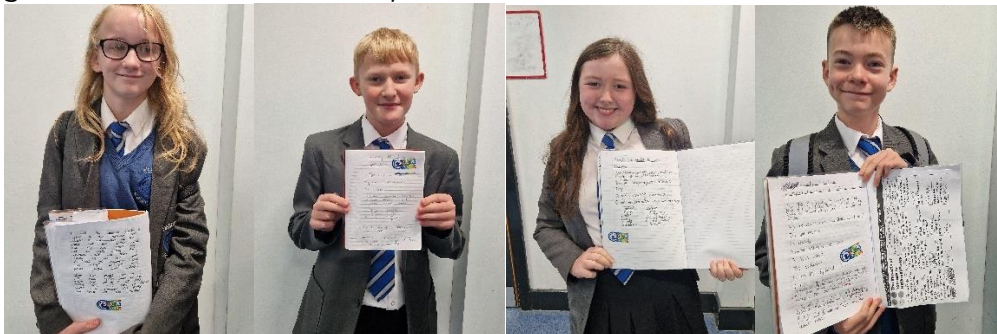
Students are shown where there any errors by highlighting them in pink.

N = next step

Students will be given clear instructions on what they should do to improve their work. It is important that they respond to this by correcting any errors or adding detail.

Wow Work

These excellent students are our first wow work winners this week. Teachers award a wow work sticker for amazing effort during lessons. Students come to the rewards store with their work to get a nice treat! well done everyone.



Drama Trips

There are still spaces remaining on both the Madagascar and Beauty and the Beast trips. Students should see Miss Wighton for more details.

Personal Development Updates

Year 8 careers event

All of our year 8 students were invited along to an interactive STEM event. Students watched the engaging and immersive performance about science on land, in the sea and in space. The event peaked their interest in space travel. Partners from BAE Systems in Washington were in attendance and on hand for our students to ask questions. Another amazing careers link made and future apprenticeship event to follow for our year 11 students.



Sports leaders

A proud moment in the academy this week for our sports leaders. To recognise all of the amazing work that our sports leaders do inside and outside of the academy. They were all given a special tie, designed by themselves, to make them stand out in the academy. Well done all for your continued hard work.



Poet in Residence



Washington Academy's

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Community Wide Poetry Competition

We are pleased to announce that Caitlin Kendall is Washington Academy's professional Poet in Residence!

Are you a future poet? Do you love writing?

There are no limits on your poem or set themes, let your heart go wild!

Submit your poetry entries by the 3rd November to the main reception or to the following email:
washingtonenquiries@consilium-at.com

You don't need to have a child in the school to enter, we want the whole community to take part!

