



Washington Academy Parental Bulletin

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Week Commencing Monday 27th November 2023

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SunderLight

Our students' hard work on their light installations for Sunderlight has made it into the Sunderland Echo, please see the link below. We think you'll agree they did a fantastic job.
[Washington students shine a light on environmental issues at Sunderlight exhibition \(sunderlandecho.com\)](http://sunderlandecho.com)

The Big Ambition

By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. It is really important that the students at Washington Academy have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say. I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Sunderland are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice! Yours sincerely, Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

Pastoral Update

Many thanks to parents and carers for supporting the school in the high expectations around uniform, jewellery and mobile phone use in school. We have had lots of external visitors in school comment about how smart our students look. Please continue to support in ensuring that students are in the correct uniform for school and that no jewellery other than a watch is worn. Any issues with school uniform items please contact your child's Head of Year.

Theatre Trips

After the success of this week's trip to Sunderland Empire if your child would like to see a show we have the following coming up:

Disney's Aladdin the musical, as advertised on tv recently, is at the Sunderland Empire on 28th February 2024.

Wizard of Oz, the musical, is coming to Sunderland on 18th April 2024.

Finally, our team up with Miss Archer in June, takes us to the Empire again to see Jesus Christ Superstar - another amazing musical.

We have great seats for all the shows and have been offered brilliant prices for our tickets.

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

On Wednesday 29th November we have a range of employers coming into school to interview our year 11 students. This will give them some invaluable experience before their first real one! Students have been preparing during the personal development lessons.

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Personal Development

A graphic for 'Thankful Thursday' featuring a large, stylized 'Thank you!' in black script on a blue and red background with white stars and a megaphone icon. The text 'Washington Academy's Thankful Thursday' is in white on a dark blue background.

Thank you!

Washington Academy's
Thankful Thursday

We are launching thankful Thursday next week where students can send fellow students and staff a thank you message. We would like to get parents/carers involved also, present and old, please use the link attached to send a thank you message to our staff



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A graphic for 'Community Afternoon Tea' featuring a festive winter scene with a large Christmas tree, a carousel, and people in winter clothing. The text 'Washington Academy's Community Afternoon Tea!' is in white on a dark blue background.

Washington Academy's Community Afternoon Tea!

We know our grandparents have been heavily involved in our year 7 students lives, and suddenly become redundant when they reach secondary school age. We would like to invite along all year 7 grandparents for afternoon tea with their year 7 grandchild on Friday 15th December @ 1pm. Please email Mrs Oakland if you/they can attend Kelly.Oakland@consilium-at.com



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Praise Points Top Scorers

Washington Academy's Top Praise points scorers

1. Matthew T – 7MHI - 175
2. Jaxon E – 7MHI - 110
3. Lexi C – 7DWW - 105
4. Sophie P – 7TAR - 105
5. Leon G – 7MHI - 85
6. Stefan T – 11PCA - 84
7. Logan D – 8JBU - 83
8. John K – 8AMO - 82
9. Logan C – 9KAT - 81
10. Noah P – 7TAR - 80



Christmas Collection



Washington Academy's

Christmas Collection

We are starting to collect Christmas items for Mickey's Place and our local community.

Please send donations of new toys for all ages, food tins and nonperishables, selection boxes, biscuits, new or used warm coats of all ages.

Please drop off to the Christmas grotto (downstairs green) or with Mrs Taylor/Mrs Oakland.



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