

Parent Bulletin

April 2024

Message from Mrs Carter, Headteacher

Wow! It is hard to believe we are at the end of another full term. This term has been the busiest yet, and a really successful one!

We continue to be extremely proud of all of our students meeting our high expectation value – whether this be improving attendance, producing excellent class work or demonstrating care and consideration for others.

Our students have had a busy term including cultural trips to Edinburgh, History trips to York, rewards trips to Blackpool and the Wetlands, and we have had our students at a residential to Ford Castle; to name just a few of the trips this half term! Our Year 11 students have had external speakers in study skills seminars and targeted interventions to fully support them as we head towards the 2024 GCSE exam series. Our staff and younger students are fully behind Year 11 as we prepare, support and teach them so they can achieve their best possible grades. We have an extensive Easter revision timetable on offer to all and we hope our students take advantage of this great offer and you can find the Easter revision timetable detailed in this bulletin.

As you know our school was inspected by Ofsted on the 6th and 7th March. The report remains confidential until Ofsted officially release it, but I can say I am extremely pleased with it, students and staff deserve to be very proud of their school and I look forward to being able to share it. Thank you for all of the parents/carers who got behind us – we really appreciated it and we all want the same thing – the absolute best for your child.

We have loved seeing the pets wearing our school uniform and with over 7,000 hits we will be planning more fun Facebook competitions to make us all smile- tortoises on laptops, dogs checking their ClassCharts, chickens sporting a school tie, horses with a shirt and tie and all of the other great pet poses definitely made our day – thank you for getting involved!

I hope you and your families have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing our students return on Monday 15th April to see what they have been up to in the holidays!

Mrs Carter
Headteacher









Useful Information



T E R M M 2 Afterschool Club Timetable

Before School	Monday and Friday – Table Tennis	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Basketball
MONDAY	Board game club – Mr Forster Trampolining – Miss Naunton	Enterprise Challenge – Mrs Archer
WEDNESDAY 	Cheerleading – Mrs Curry Quiet Study – Miss Atkinson Climate Club – Mrs Watson KS3 Spanish Club – Miss Wilkinson KS3 Rock Band – Mr Hornsby Gym – Miss Hills Board game club – Mr Forster	Computer club – Mr Wilson-Wardle Pokemon Club – Mr Hind Drama/production Club – Miss Wighton Careers in art Club – Miss Dorian Classics Club – Mr Pennington Textiles Club – Miss Ford Fitness Class – Miss Twinn 
THURSDAY 	Computer club – Mr Wilson-Wardle KS4 Spanish Club – Miss Wilkinson Further Maths – Mr Clarke Table Tennis – Mr Docherty 	Drama/production Club – Miss Wighton KS4 Rock Band – Mr Hornsby Geography Ambassadors – Mr Forster Trampolining – Mr Docherty Football – Mr Seaman Basketball – Mr Hind

Please speak to member of staff for more details

Did you know?

About the **Sharp** Reporting System

Student **H**elp **A**dvice **R**eporting **P**athway System

The Sharp System allows students to
anonymously voice their concerns or report
incidents

You can find a link to the reporting system on our website by
clicking the following link;

[https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/Sharp Reporting](https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/Sharp%20Reporting)



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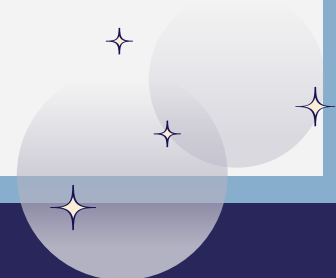
IT works during the Easter holidays

Washington Academy will be undergoing some major works during the Easter holidays.



Whilst the majority of the work will be completed during the first week of the holidays, some work may need to be completed during the second week.

Therefore, **you will be unable to contact us** by telephone, leave a voicemail, or email us during the Easter holidays.





Washington Academy celebrates World Book Day

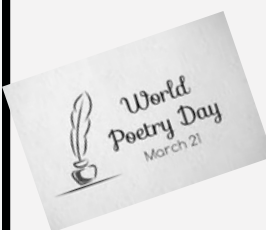


Staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters on the day and students took part in many exciting activities including a bingo book hunt across the site.

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World Poetry Day



We were extremely lucky to have our professional poet, Catilin Kendall judge our Poetry Competition!

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Northumbria Police have sent the following message regarding potential dangers of a Whatsapp group.

Please be aware of this

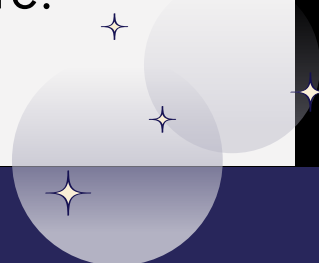
WhatsApp group encouraging self-harm in young people.

CNTW NHS Trust has made us aware of a WhatsApp group called "everyone you know x" which is circulating in North Tyneside. It is aimed at Year 6 students.

There are currently 500 members, and the group encourages members to self-harm.

Three young people (two from Gateshead and one from Northumberland) are in hospital following an overdose and they have disclosed that there is a social media trend whereby young people are being encouraged to take overdoses on a points scoring system eg, if admitted to hospital, if a liver specialist has been contacted etc.

As these young people are not from the North Tyneside area, and there is potential for this to affect other year groups, we are making all schools in our force area aware.





Alnwick Castle and Seahouses Saturday 11th May 2024

We are excited to announce our next cultural Saturday day trip. We will be going to Alnwick Castle including the gardens in the morning. We will then going to Seahouses in the afternoon.

Optional boat trip at Seahouses for an extra cost. Please see Mrs Oakland for a letter.

This trip is open to KS3 students.



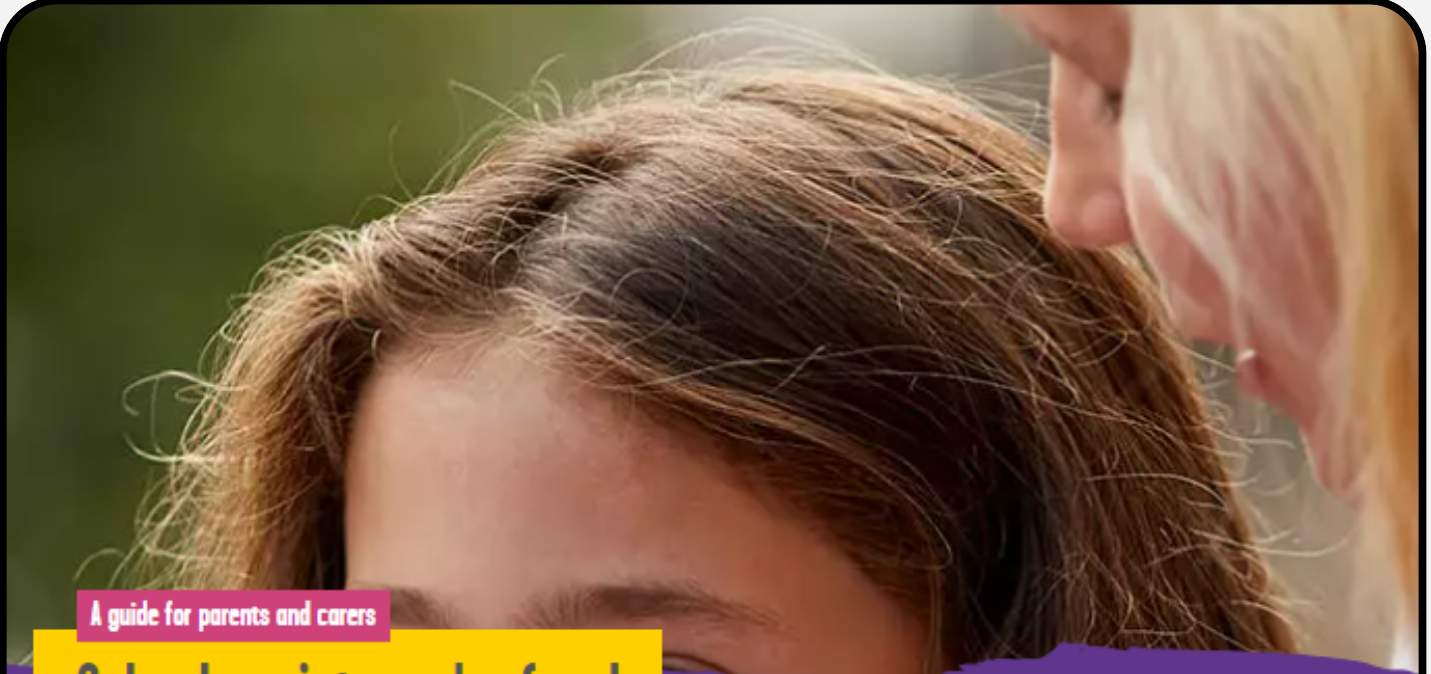
Washington Academy's The Mercians Concert

Back by **Popular Demand!**
The Mercians will be performing
on Thursday 18th April (P5).
200 Tickets are now available
for students to purchase on
Class Charts!





Useful Information



A guide for parents and carers

School anxiety and refusal

If your child is anxious about school, or they are unable to go to school, we have advice on supporting them and working with the school and other services.

If your child is being affected by bullying, please have a look at our [information and advice for parents](#).

Young minds is a website offering advice and support to parents and students around a variety of issues, including school anxiety and refusal. You can find support around this and many aspects of mental health support by clicking the following links to their website.

[https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/school refusal](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/school%20refusal)

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>



facebook



We are really trying to grow our social media followers on our school Facebook page and give you more of an insight into all of the amazing things that go on everyday inside of our Academy.

Please follow our Washington Academy Facebook page.

Get in touch with Mrs Oakland by email on kelly.oakland@consilium-at.com to let us know what you would like to see more of, or any idea of competitions we could run.

Many thanks for all of your support.



Useful Information



Additional support for our Year 11 students

As we move closer towards the formal exam season, we continue to be absolutely committed to ensuring that our Year 11 students have the support and resources they need to succeed.

With additional support from the Consilium Trust, we are delighted to be able to offer our Year 11 students the following additional help.

Afterschool revision sessions and Easter holidays revision sessions

The timetables for these can be found on the next page of this bulletin.

An amazing bespoke Consilium Trust Revision Hub

This online resource hub is designed to support our Year 11 students in Maths, English, Science, Art, and enhancing their study skills. With a wide range of materials tailored to enrich learning and reinforce knowledge, our students can now access invaluable resources at their fingertips. Click here to access the letter on our website which was sent to Year 11 parents and carers.

[https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/letter to parents regarding Year 11 Revision page](https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/letter%20to%20parents%20regarding%20Year%2011%20Revision%20page)

GCSE Masterclass for Maths and English every week during term time

All Year 11 students across the Consilium Trust, including students at Washington Academy, are invited to attend these online sessions via Teams. Click the following link to read the letter on our website sent to Year 11 Parents and Carers.

[https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/GCSE Master Classes](https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/GCSE%20Master%20Classes)

GCSE Exam Intervention Residential

An exciting opportunity where students will receive intense sessions delivered over several days to support identified Year 11 students following the mock exam results. Letters have already been sent to parents/carers of the identified and invited students.

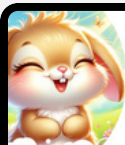
Free Revision Books for all Year 11 Students

Revision guides are the most important resource our Year 11 students can have, so we have invested over £7,000 to ensure every one of our Year 11 students have the resources they need.





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Washington Academy's Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions

Week 1		Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
Morning		RE - 10AM-12PM	Health and Social care - 12.30pm-2.30pm	History - 10am-12pm	Art and Photography TBC
		Computing 10am-12pm			
Afternoon		Spanish - 12:30PM - 2.30PM		Chem paper 1 12.30pm-2.30pm	

Week 2	Monday 8th April	Tuesday 9th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April
Morning	RE - 10am-12pm	English Language - 10am-12pm	Geography - Paper 1 10am-12pm	Geography Paper 2 - 10am-12pm	Maths higher/foundation 10am - 12 pm
Afternoon	Physics - 12.30pm-2.30pm	English Literature 12.30pm-2.30pm	Biology - 12.30pm-2.30pm	Geography paper 3 12.30pm-1.30pm	Maths, foundation 12.30-2.30pm

Please speak to your class teacher if you require further information



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Year 11 Period Six Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 3:00pm – 3:45pm	Mathematics	Science	Technology Art	History	Creative Media

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 3:00pm – 3:45pm	English	Spanish Religious Studies	Drama Music Photography	Geography	Computing





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Theatre Trips

Last minute places available!!

Wizard of Oz on 18th April 2024

Tickets cost £20.00 and includes transport

See Miss Wighton!!

We will also have the following exciting new events at the theatre for students - which will go live on Parent Pay soon.

25th September 2024

Wicked (musical) at Sunderland Empire

Open to Years 7, 8, 9, 10

14th November 2024

Hairspray (musical) at Newcastle Theatre Royal

Open to Years 7, 8, 9, 10

17th December 2024

Jack and the Beanstalk (Panto) at Sunderland Empire

Open to Years 7, 8, 9, 10

8th January 2025

The Little Mermaid (RELAXED Panto) at Newcastle Theatre Royal

Open to Inspire students only

Students can see Miss Wighton for further details!





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Importance of Attendance at Washington Academy

Your child should be in school every day. There is a clear connection between exam grades and attendance, and we want to work with you to ensure our pupils reach their full potential. Every day really does count.

How you can help:

- Contact school daily to report an absence.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please ensure they don't have the whole day off and come into school before and after where possible.
- Communicate with the school if there are any issues at home we can support you with or that may be affecting attendance.
- Bring in medical evidence e.g. a prescription, appointment card, hospital letter. Whether the absence is authorised is dependent on their attendance record and the discretion of the Attendance Team.
- Only take your child on holiday during the allocated school breaks (which is 13 weeks per year) Fines may be issued if holidays are taken during school time.

We have an Attendance Team available to support you at all times, please do not hesitate to contact them by email on washingtonenquiries@consilium-at.com or call them on 0191 5804956

We hope we can work together to ensure your child receives the very best opportunities available to them.





We are proud of our Washington Academy values

We have high expectations

We learn from our mistakes

**We treat each other with
respect**

We care about every child

