

WASHINGTON NEWS

Your window into our
school community



Student Spotlight

After being invited to audition with the National Youth Ballet, Grace B has been offered one of just 20 places across the UK to train and perform with the company this summer at Elmhurst Ballet School.



Music Writing Workshop Inspires Creativity

What an incredible morning we had at our recent music writing workshop!

A huge thank you goes to Connor and Tim for generously sharing their time, talent, and expertise with our students. Their guidance and enthusiasm made the experience truly unforgettable.

During the session, students began by analysing the lyrics of their favourite songs, exploring meaning, structure, and a range of creative techniques. Using this as inspiration, they then went on to craft their own original pieces.

The level of creativity and engagement on display was fantastic, with students showing great imagination and confidence throughout. We are extremely proud of the ideas, passion, and effort they brought to the workshop.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their writing skills in a fun and inspiring way, and we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

We look forward to our next session with Connor and Tim.

WOW Work Celebrated



This week in RE, we celebrated some fantastic "wow work" across all year groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 30th April

Showcase Event
Wednesday 1st July (tickets on sale soon)

Year 10 work experience week
Monday 6th – Friday 10th July

Message from the Principal

It has been a fantastic first week back after Easter, with students returning with great energy and focus. We were also pleased to welcome Ofsted into school and look forward to sharing the report with our community once it is published.

Mrs Carter – Principal



Inspiring Futures in Media: A Visit from Channel 4

This week, we were delighted to welcome Michael Longhi from Channel 4, who delivered an inspiring careers session for all of our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

The session gave students a fantastic opportunity to explore the wide range of careers available within the media industry. From behind-the-scenes production roles to on-screen opportunities, Michael provided valuable insight into what it takes to succeed in this fast-paced and creative field.

Students also learned about the key skills needed, including communication, teamwork, creativity, and resilience.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement from our students, many of whom left feeling motivated and excited about their future possibilities.

A big thank you to Michael for sharing his expertise and helping to inspire the next generation!



"The media industry is full of exciting opportunities—stay curious, work hard, and don't be afraid to be creative."

Michael Longhi – Channel 4

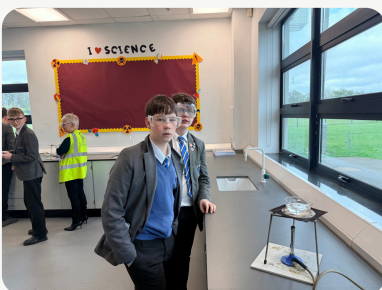
News in Pictures



Our Year 7 students took part in an exciting webinar with GCHQ, exploring how languages can open doors to a wide range of careers.



On Thursday we held our termly lunch club fayre where students could sign up for our term 3 clubs. Lunch clubs will resume on Monday 27th April.



Our Year 9 class (9Y3) have been busy developing their practical science skills this week while learning about separation techniques.



We are holding our first darts tournament this term. Sign ups for KS3 and KS4 will continue next week.



A Variety Spectacular!

Washington Academy is delighted to announce its very first Summer Showcase, taking place on 1st July. This exciting new event promises to be a vibrant celebration of student talent, creativity, and hard work—bringing together a dazzling mix of performances in true variety show style. This event marks an important milestone for Washington Academy, providing students with a platform to shine and share their talents with the wider school community. It's also a fantastic opportunity for families, friends, and supporters to come together and celebrate the achievements of our students in a lively and uplifting atmosphere. Tickets on sale this Friday!

House Update

We're looking ahead to an exciting Summer Term, with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved, show their house spirit, and earn valuable house points. A range of activities and competitions are planned, giving everyone a chance to contribute and make a difference. We're excited to see the enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination from all houses as the term unfolds—good luck to everyone!

Tickets are ON SALE NOW! For our summer showcase event -
www.ticketsource.com/washington-academy