

WELCOME TO Y8 INDUCTION EVENING





HEAD OF YEAR

- Joined WBHS 2012 – 2014 as the PE Technician
- Re-Joined WBHS PE Teacher 2015 – Present
- 2nd in PE – 2018 to 2019
- Assistant Head of Year 2021–2025

AGENDA

- WHAT IS HAPPENING ALREADY?
- TEACHING AND LEARNING AT WBHS
- MEET THE TEAM AND KEY STAFF
- PARENT / CARER AND SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP
- MOBILE PHONES AND ICT
- ATTENDANCE
- INDUCTION DAYS INFORMATION



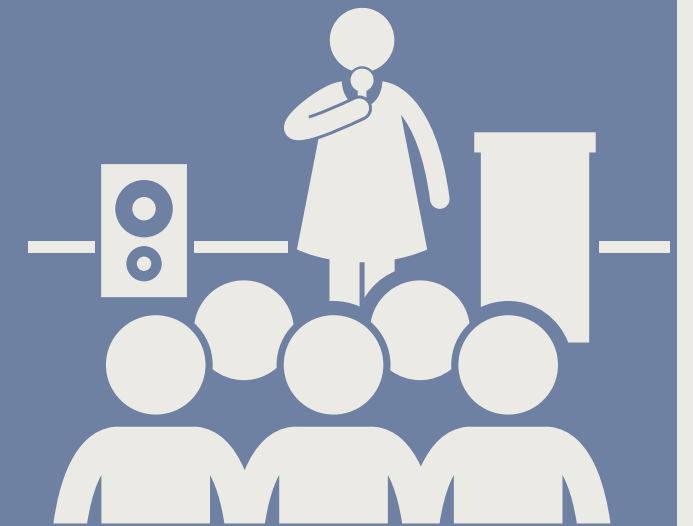
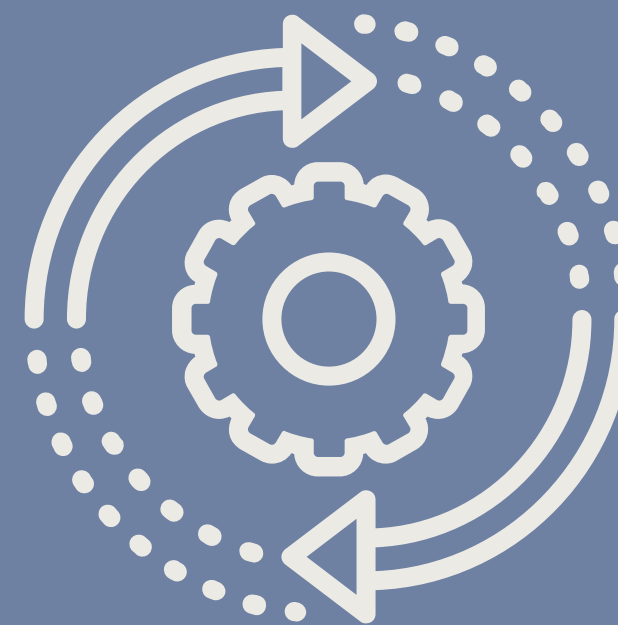
WHAT'S HAPPENING ALREADY?

MEETINGS WITH
HEADS OF Y8



PREPARATION
FOR INDUCTION
DAYS

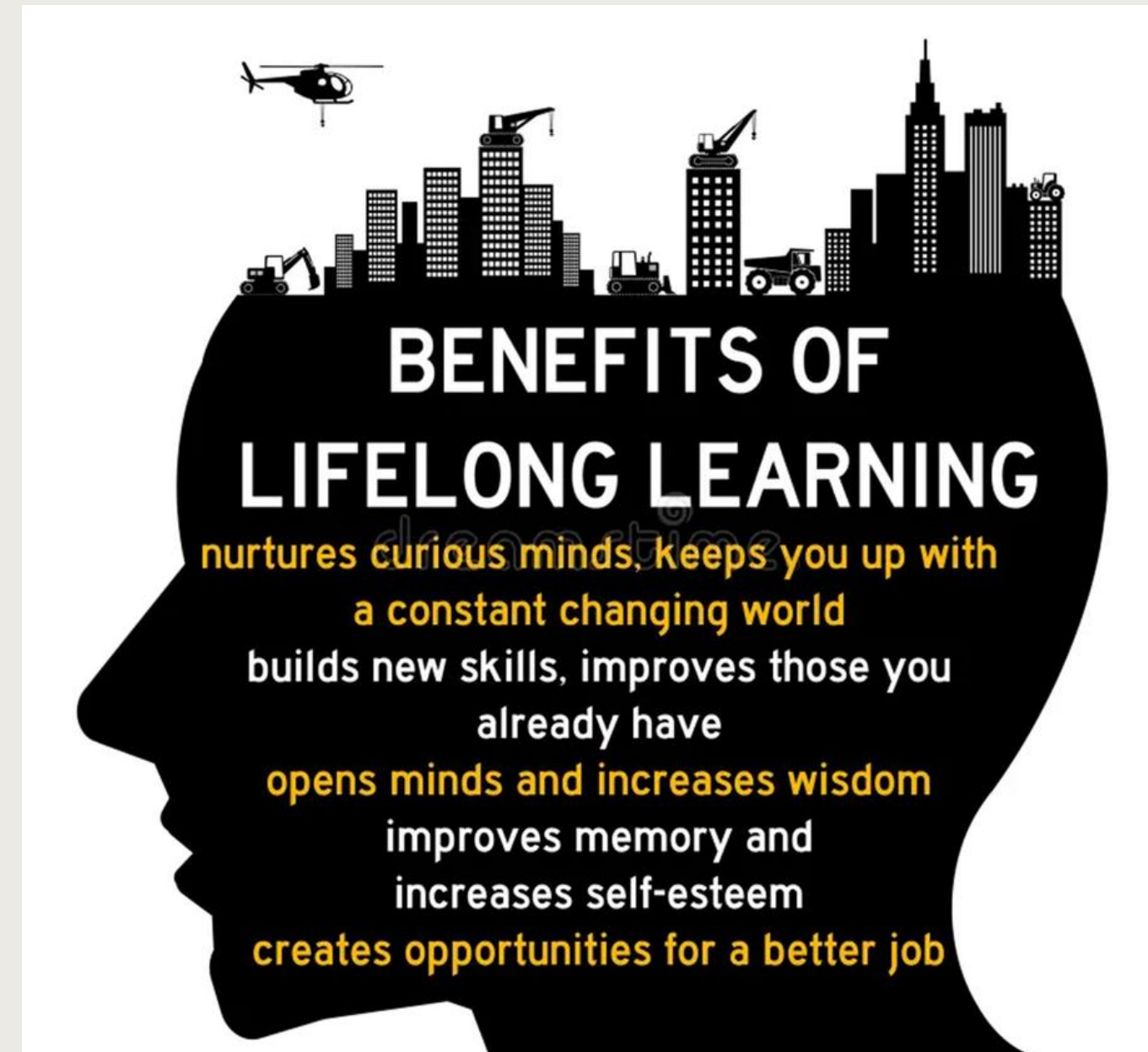
MANY
TRANSITION &
OTHER EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES ON
GOING

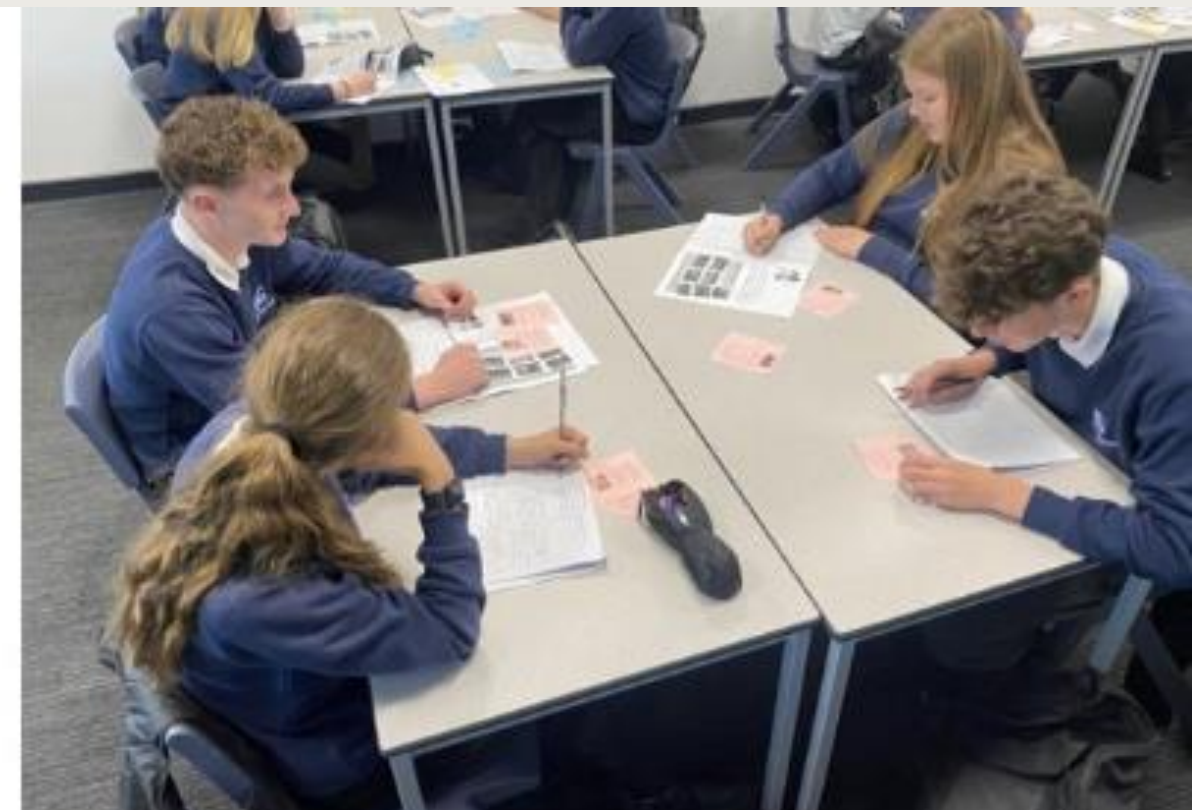
TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our main aim is to
develop happy,
confident lifelong
learners



SEATING FOR LEARNING

Teaching and learning is a top priority and a key strength of the school



PROMOTING CLASSROOM TALK



INDEPENDENCE AND MATURITY



ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITY



WORKING POSITIVELY WITH TEACHERS

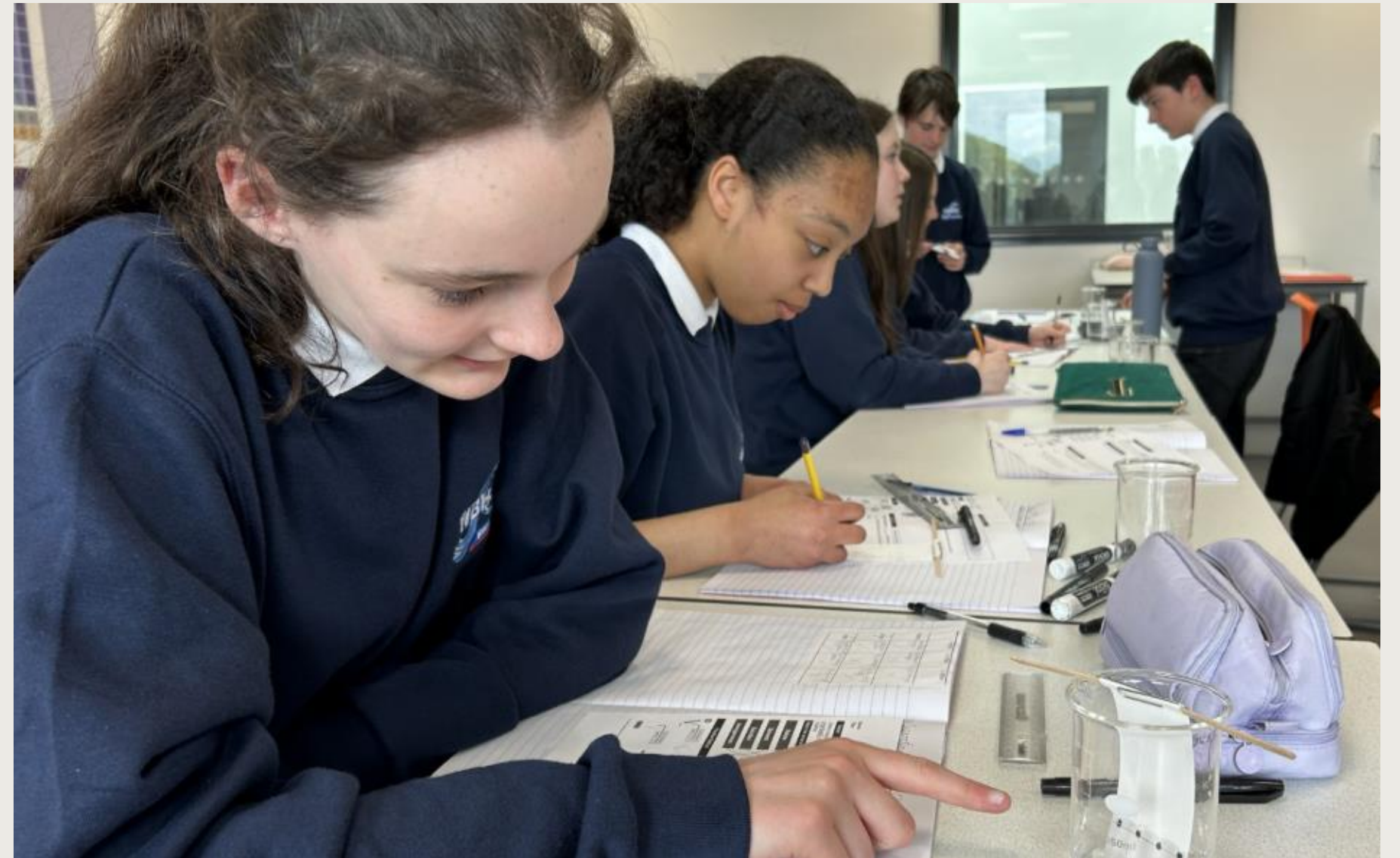


A CULTURE OF CELEBRATION AND PRAISE



- Evidence informed
- Regular assessment and high quality feedback
- 'Meaningful, Motivational and Manageable'
- Informal assessment every lesson
- Formal assessment planned into our curriculum
- Assessment informs future lessons
- We are not a school that dictates marking frequencies – departments will balance formative and summative assessment.

ASSESSMENT AT WBHS



QUALITY STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT



Y8 INDUCTION

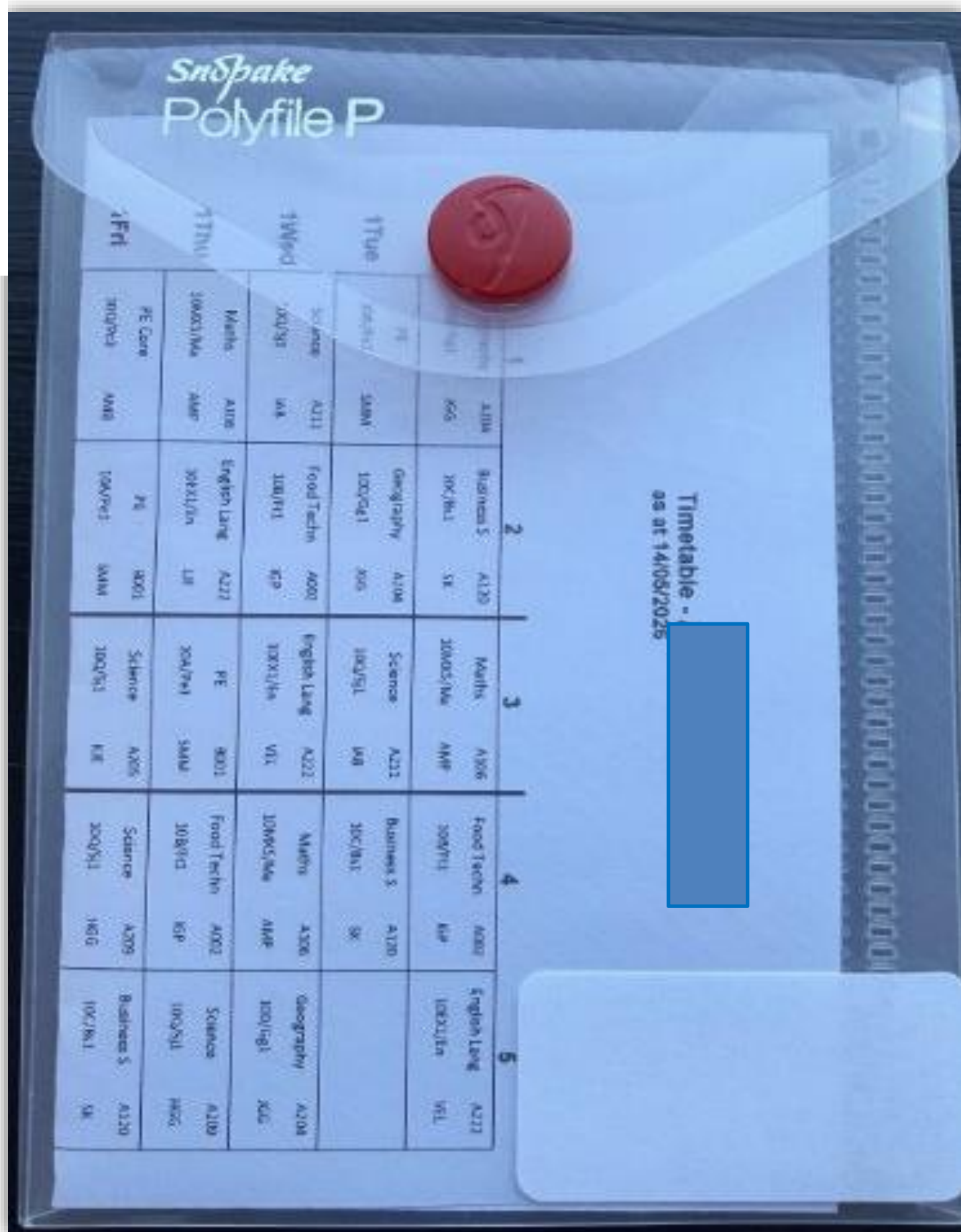
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Timetable
8:40 - 9:05	8:40 - 9:05	8:40 - 9:05	Tutorial covering the Personal Development Curriculum
9:05 - 10:05	9:05 - 10:05	9:05 - 10:05	Lesson 1
10:05 - 11:05	10:05 - 11:05	10:05 - 11:05	Lesson 2
11:05 - 11:20	11:00 - 11:15	11:00 - 11:15	Morning Break
11:20 - 12:20	11:20 - 12:20	11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 - 1:15	12:20 - 1:15	12:20 - 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15 - 2:15	1:15 - 2:10	1:15 - 2:10	Lesson 4
2:15 - 3:15	Students go straight to afternoon tutorial after lesson 4	2:10 - 3:05	Lesson 5
3:15-3:25	2:10 - 2:20	3:05 - 3:15	Afternoon Tutorial
Students leave school at the end of Afternoon Tutorial every day. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this is at 3:25pm. On Tuesday this is at 2:20pm. On Friday this is at 3:15pm. The total time the school is in compulsory operation is 32 hours and 30 minutes. Additional to this, our extensive extracurricular programme operates before school, during school and after school every day.			

School Day

MOBILE PHONES – phone-free site



- Students will hand their phone into their tutor at the start of each registration.
- Each student will have an allocated number.
- They will turn their phone off and place it into their allocated slot in the tray.
- They will collect their phone from their tutor at the end of the afternoon tutorial.
- If students have to leave before the end of the day, they will hand their phone to the main office in the morning, and collect on their way out.



Phone-Free Site

STUDENT CHECKLIST

THINGS YOU MAY NEED TO CONSIDER

- ☐ A school bag
- ☐ A watch
- ☐ Keeping your mini wallet safe (including your mini timetable)
- ☐ A paper diary
- ☐ A plan for lunch time
- ☐ Checking TEAMS off site
- ☐ How to pay for lunch

NEW ROUTINES

- ☐ Handing in your phone to your tutor at the start of each day
- ☐ Leaving the house to arrive at school on time
- ☐ Checking in advance if you have any appointments, sporting events or school trips. If you do have any of these events you need to hand your phone into reception before tutor time.
- ☐ Checking homework deadlines daily at home
- ☐ Having a method of payment for lunch

OFFICE 365

- We are a Microsoft School
- Outlook is used for email and calendar, Teams is used for all homework.
- The Outlook and Teams calendar contains all homework deadlines set by staff.
- Office suite and apps are all available to use on their own devices at home, by logging in with their school email and password.
- Students need to get into the habit of checking their calendars and email every day.



STUDENTS ASSIGNMENTS & HOMEWORK

Language changes detected (English). Please restart Teams to see the change.

Activity

Chat

Teams

Assignments

Calendar

Calls

OneDrive

Dashboard

Copilot

...

Apps

Upcoming

Ready to grade

Past due

Returned

Drafts

Meet Teach in the M365 Copilot AI

Create classroom materials faster - with

Go to Teach

Jun 23rd Tomorrow

PE

Year 8 Induction Evening Example

Due at 6:00 PM

Physical Education 13D-Pe1 2025

Jun 26th Friday

PE

Homework for next few weeks

Due at 12:30 PM

Physical Education 10C-Pe2 2024

Today

June 22-26, 2026

Calendar

22 Mon	23 Tue	24 Wed	25 Thu	26 Fri
1 PM			Annual Meeting re Results Days and Enrolment TBC Steve Williams	
2 PM		11A/Vs1 D103		9D/Pe1
3 PM		Summer catch up Laurel Trust Microsoft Teams Meeting Derrick Brett		
4 PM				
5 PM				

STUDENTS WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO USE OFFICE 365 INCLUDING TEAMS AND OUTLOOK AS PART OF INDUCTION.

E-SAFETY

- Forms part of personal development curriculum
- As parents, you can restrict access through parental controls in conjunction with your network – this is recommended
- Social media is full of hateful posts which are seductive to teenagers. Please regularly engage with them on what they are viewing and what their friends are sharing.
- The potential social media ban may mean you need to consider your child's social media use as a family.
- Please also monitor any large groups. We do not advise being friends with everyone!
- We provide a monthly E-safety newsletter and video which aims to support families with appropriate device use. This is in the Safeguarding and E-safety section of the website.

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here: <https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.



Navigating Group Chats

A Parent's Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe Online

Knowsley City Learning Centres



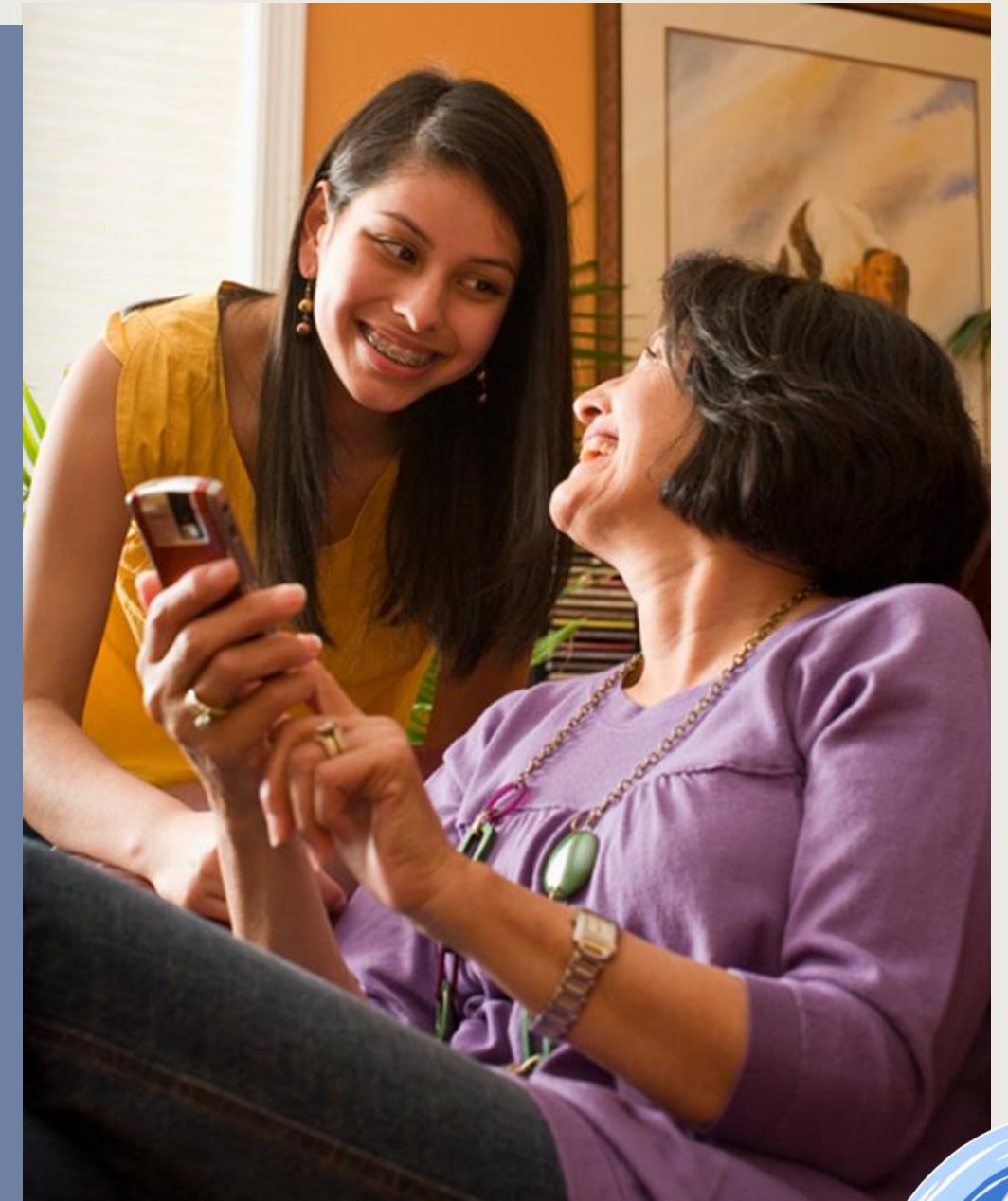
STARTING AT HIGH SCHOOL IS A NEW MILESTONE IN THEIR EDUCATION





THE YEAR 9 STUDENT - THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

STAY INVOLVED!



PRIORITIES



- Maintain or start good study habits at home
- Homework in a communal area
- TVs, X boxes, laptops in the bedroom!
- Phones
- Emails and Teams calendars
- Sleep
- Start to have conversations about all of this.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

CHECK IN

Stay involved and regularly talk to your child about how they are feeling



MONITOR

Be mindful of parts of the school year where they may be more stressed or overwhelmed

ENCOURAGE

Try to encourage your child to practice self-care and get involved

CONTACT

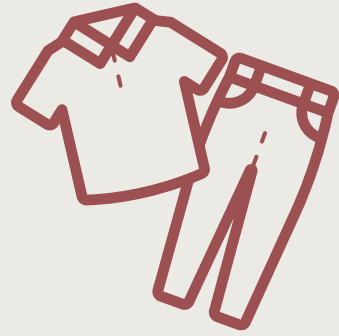
Please let us know any ways we can help. You can also access wellbeing advice on our website.



TEAMWORK

We kindly ask for your support in working collaboratively with us, as this helps us dedicate more time and energy to supporting your child.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



UNIFORM

We have one of the most liberal yet inclusive uniform policies of any school.

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is in full uniform every day.

Please check the website where we will outline what is and is not allowed.

This helps us to be a safe school community.

PUNCTUALITY

Every minute of every lesson counts!

Please ensure that your child arrives for tutor time for 8.40am and to all lessons punctually.

The school gate will close each morning at 8.40am and students arriving after this time will be marked as late.



ATTENDANCE

We expect all students to attend every day and to strive for excellent attendance of 100%, unless there is a legitimate reason or exceptional circumstance.

Our curriculum is carefully sequenced so that each lesson builds prior knowledge, helping students develop their understanding step by step. When lessons are missed, it can make it difficult for students to keep up and fully engage with new learning.

There is a strong link between regular attendance and academic success. Students who attend consistently are much more likely to achieve higher outcomes at GCSE.

If there are any concerns or challenges affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to support you and can work together to find appropriate solutions.

Attendance %	Days absent over a typical year
100%	0 days
97%	6 days
95%	10 days
92%	15 days
90% (<i>DfE persistent absent threshold</i>)	19 days
85%	29 days
80%	38 days
75%	48 days
70%	57 days
65%	67 days
60%	76 days

KEY STAFF



Mr Wilson
Headteacher



Mr Sherlaw
Deputy Head



Mrs Fitzpatrick
Deputy Head



Miss Lackenby
Assistant Head



Mr Mackenzie
Assistant Head



Mrs Branch
Assistant Head



Mr Cockburn
Head of Year 9



Mrs Clarke
AEP Coordinator



Lois Thomson
Assistant Head
of Year 9



Imogen Bolton
Assistant Head
of Year 9



Emma Crow
School Counsellor



Nicolle Foulger
SEMH Specialist



Nina Livings
Attendance Officer



Helen Daglish
Student Support
Co-ordinator



Sarah Jones
Assistant
SENO

WELLBEING AT WBHS

- Wellbeing is a whole school priority for both staff and students
- School Mental Health Gold Award
- Open door policy
- Experienced pastoral support team including Wellbeing Mentor and School Counsellor
- Education – assemblies, tutorials, thought for the week, dedicated wellbeing week, regular student emails and challenges
- Wellbeing First Aid Kit



WEEKLY ROUTINES

MONDAY



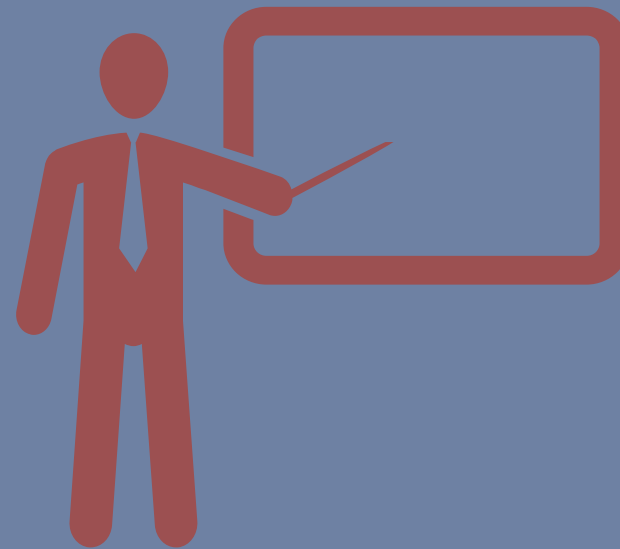
Reading

TUESDAY



Thought for the
Week

WEDNESDAY



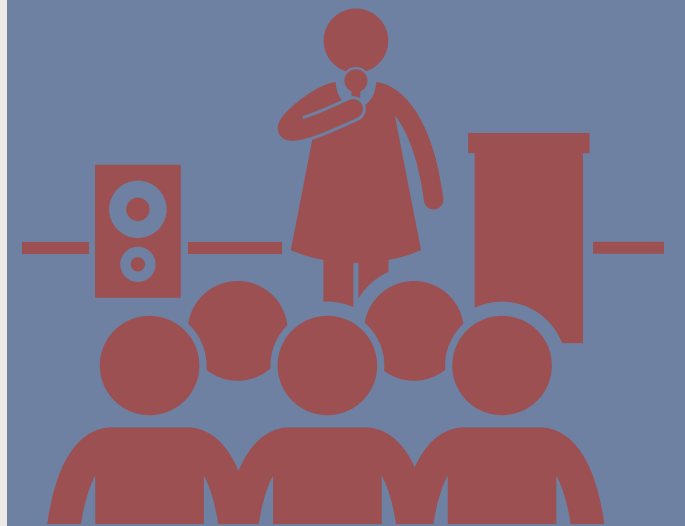
Personal
Development
Tutorial

THURSDAY



Numeracy and Quiz

FRIDAY



Assembly



SUPPORTING ALL OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME HEALTHY, WELL INFORMED AND SOCIALLY AWARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PREPARED FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD



- Developing students who are confident, respectful and socially aware
- Encouraging and promoting our students to engage with society
- To nurture and support students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- To develop individuals who uphold values and beliefs that allow them to integrate into modern society and be active citizens



WHAT MAKES WBHS SPECIAL?

- Wellbeing week
- Pride week
- Literature festival
- Sports day
- School council
- Student voice
- Team Kenya
- Period equality campaign
- Outside speakers
- Extensive Careers programme
- Trips – both local and abroad



EXTRACURRICULAR

Club/activity	Time	Location	Staff to contact
MONDAY			
6 th Form Debate club	Lunchtime	H001	Mr Rule
Year 9 & 10 Chess club	Lunchtime	A204	Mr Marsh
Warhammer & D&D creative space	3:15-4:15pm	Library	Mr Yarde or Miss Davis
Manga and comic club	3:15-4:15pm	Library	Mr Ellis
TUESDAY			
Trampoline	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Mrs Kennedy
WEDNESDAY			
Year 9 Level 2 Award in Babysitting	3:15pm-4:15pm	C004	Mrs Clarke
Christian Union	Lunchtime	B101	Mrs Thurlow
Year 9 & 10 Science Club	3:20 - 4pm	C009	Miss Ross
Creative Writing Club (all years welcome)	3:15-4:15pm	Library	Mr Ellis
WBHS Geography Society (all years welcome)	3:15 - 4:15pm	B202	Miss Gray
3D Art club	Lunchtime	D001	Miss Robertson
THURSDAY			
Year 9-11 Debate club	Lunchtime	H001	Mr Rule
Year 13 LITok	3:30-4:30pm	A203	Dr Burrows
Year 9 - 11 Film Club	3:15 - 4:30pm	A106	Mr Saunders
Year 11 German club	3:15-4:15pm	A105	Mrs McQueen
DT Club (all years welcome)	3:15-4:15pm	C015	Miss Ambridge
Drama club	3:15-4:15pm	Drama	Mrs Reith
Pride Group	Lunchtime	C010/11	Miss Medhurst
FRIDAY			
Year 9 Photoshop Factory	Lunchtime	D002	Miss Tyley
GCSE Textiles club	3:15-5:30pm	C008	Miss Gascoigne
Staff & sixth form reading group	Last Friday of each month	Library	Mr Ellis
Cipher club (all years welcome)	Lunchtime	B106	Miss Davey

Extracurricular clubs Timetable

Clubs and activities are running across the school, and we want to see you get involved! Keep listening to the daily bulleting and checking your emails for updates. New clubs are added throughout the year so keep looking for those opportunities to get involved.

Music Department

Weekly extra-curricular activities from September 2021

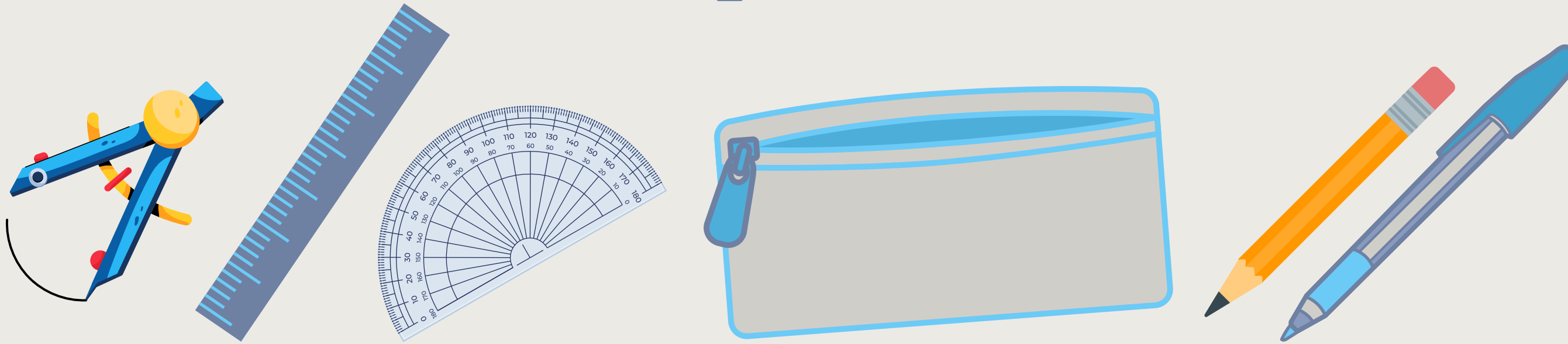
	Lunch	After school
Mon		Brass Ensemble (D006, 3.20pm)
Tues	Music Theory Support Drop-in (D004, 12.25pm)	String Ensemble (D006, 2.20pm)
Wed		WBHS Singers (D004, 3.20pm)
Thurs		Jazz Band (D006, 3.20pm)
Fri	Music GCSE/A Level Coursework Support Drop-in (D004, 12.25pm)	

- **Brass Ensemble** - open to anybody who plays trumpet, horn, baritone or tuba.
- **Music Theory Support** - free help with homework/questions or support! What? This is a drop-in session for students needing help with music theory (particularly suitable for students working toward Grade 1 Music Theory).
- **String Ensemble** - open to anybody who plays violin, viola, cello or double bass.
- **WBHS Singers** - open to all students who enjoy singing.
- **Jazz Band** - for all woodwind, brass and percussion players plus guitar, piano and bass.
- **Music GCSE/A Level Coursework Support** - a drop-in session for year 10-12 music students requesting support with coursework.
- **Other Ensembles** - Would you like to start your own string quartet, chamber choir or rock band? See Mr Burrows who will be pleased to arrange a practice room and time slot for you to rehearse!

See Mr Burrows in D004 for further information regarding any of these activities.

WBHS PE Extra Curricular Timetable					
Day	Time	Club	For	Staff/Leader	Venue
Monday	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Football	Year 11	Mr Marshall	3G
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Badminton	All Years	Miss Wigglesworth	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Table Tennis	All Years	Mrs Middlemiss	A-Gym
	After School (3:15 - 4:30)	Badminton	All Years	Mr Pratt	Sports hall
Tuesday	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Table Tennis	All Years	Mrs Kennedy	A-Gym
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Badminton	All Years	Mr Cockburn	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Girls Football	All Years	Miss Connolly	3G
Wednesday	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Netball	All Years	Mrs Kennedy/Mrs Middlemiss	Sports hall / Astro
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Football	Year 10	Mr Burton	3G
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Fitness	Sixth Form	Mr Pratt	Fitness Room
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Table Tennis	All Years	Mr Marshall	A-Gym
	After School (3:15 - 6:00)	Football Fixtures	Year 11	Mr Marshall	3G
	After School (3:15 - 4:30)	Boys Rugby	Year 10/11	Mr Cockburn/Mr Pratt	Field/3G
	After School (3:15 - 4:30)	Volleyball	All Years	Mr Anderson	Sports hall
Thursday	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Badminton	All Years	Miss Wigglesworth	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Football	Year 9	Mr Burton	3G
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Table Tennis	All Years	Mr Clark	A-Gym
	After School (3:15 - 4:30)	Boys Rugby	Year 9	Mr Pratt	Field/3G
	After School (3:15 - 4:30)	Girls Rugby	All Years	Mr Cockburn	Field/3G
	After School (3:15 - 6:00)	Football Fixtures	All Years	Mr Burton	Field
Friday	After School (3:15 - 5:00)	Netball Fixtures	All Years	Mrs Kennedy/Mrs Middlemiss	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Volleyball	All Years	Mr Anderson	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 - 1:15)	Football	Sixth Form	Mr Sherlaw	3G
	After School	Sports Leadership	Year 10	Miss Wigglesworth	3G

EQUIPMENT



CASIO FX 83 OR 85

- We encourage students to take ownership of their own equipment and organisation. We would suggest that students have the following as a minimum:
 - pen, pencil, geometry set, scientific calculator, pencil case
- We are here to support, so please email info@whitleybayhighschool.org if you need assistance in acquiring any of this equipment.

INDUCTION DAYS

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE & WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY



Legends aren't remembered for what they could have done — they're remembered for the choices they made every day. Build Your Legacy is about recognising that every lesson, every challenge, every act of kindness, and every effort your child makes is laying the foundations of the legend you will become.

INDUCTION DAYS



TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

Students should arrive from 9.00am, for a 9:15am start.

We welcome students to gather at the front of the school before a welcome assembly in the main hall.

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

Students should arrive from 9.00am, for a 9:15am start.

We welcome students to gather at the front of the school before going to their tutor rooms.

Students will take part in a wide range of activities including:

- Year group assemblies,
- Tour of the school,
- 3 x Core lessons,
- Challenges,
- Tutor time,
- An extra-curricular session
- PE activities.

Students will be dismissed on Tuesday at 3.15pm and Wednesday at 3.20pm.

INFO FOR INDUCTION DAYS



**MIDDLE SCHOOL PE UNIFORM
SHOULD BE WORN BOTH DAYS**



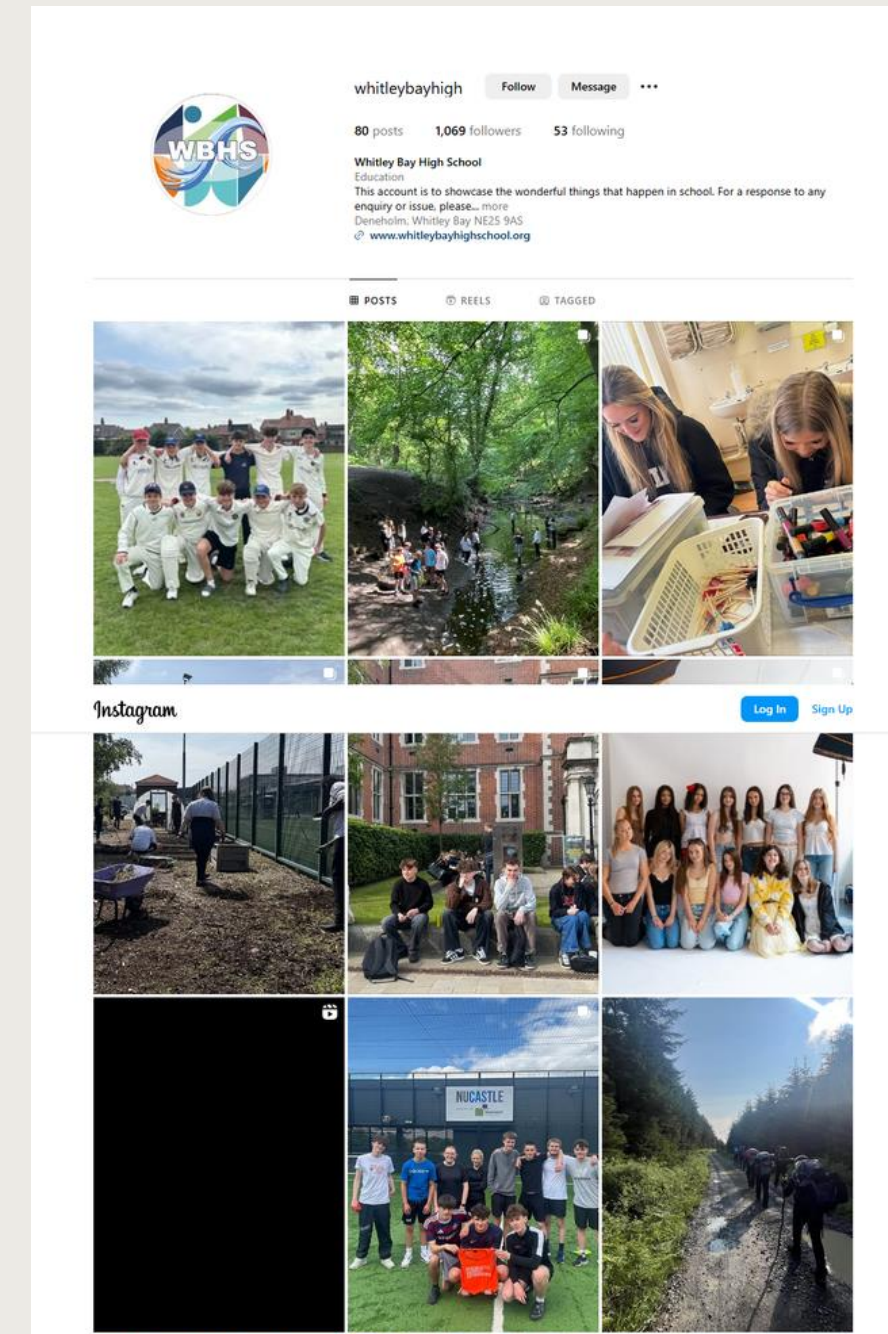
LUNCH IS PROVIDED



**BRING A SNACK /
WATER FOR BREAK**

@WHITLEYBAYHIGH

- We have a whole school Instagram account where you can keep up to date with important notices about your child.
- Follow @whitleybayhigh to keep up to date with our school





THE WBHS APPROACH

- Relationships at the heart of everything we do.
- Outstanding teaching and learning.
- A caring and nurturing approach.
- Strong community atmosphere.
- Commitment to help students thrive and succeed.

