



# Welcome to Year 8 Induction Evening



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# Agenda for the evening



What's been happening already?



Teaching and Learning at WBHS



Mobile Phones and ICT



Wellbeing



Induction Days



New Building

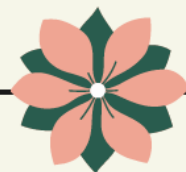
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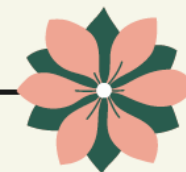
Middle School  
Assemblies



Meetings with  
Heads of Year 8



Some transition  
events and visits



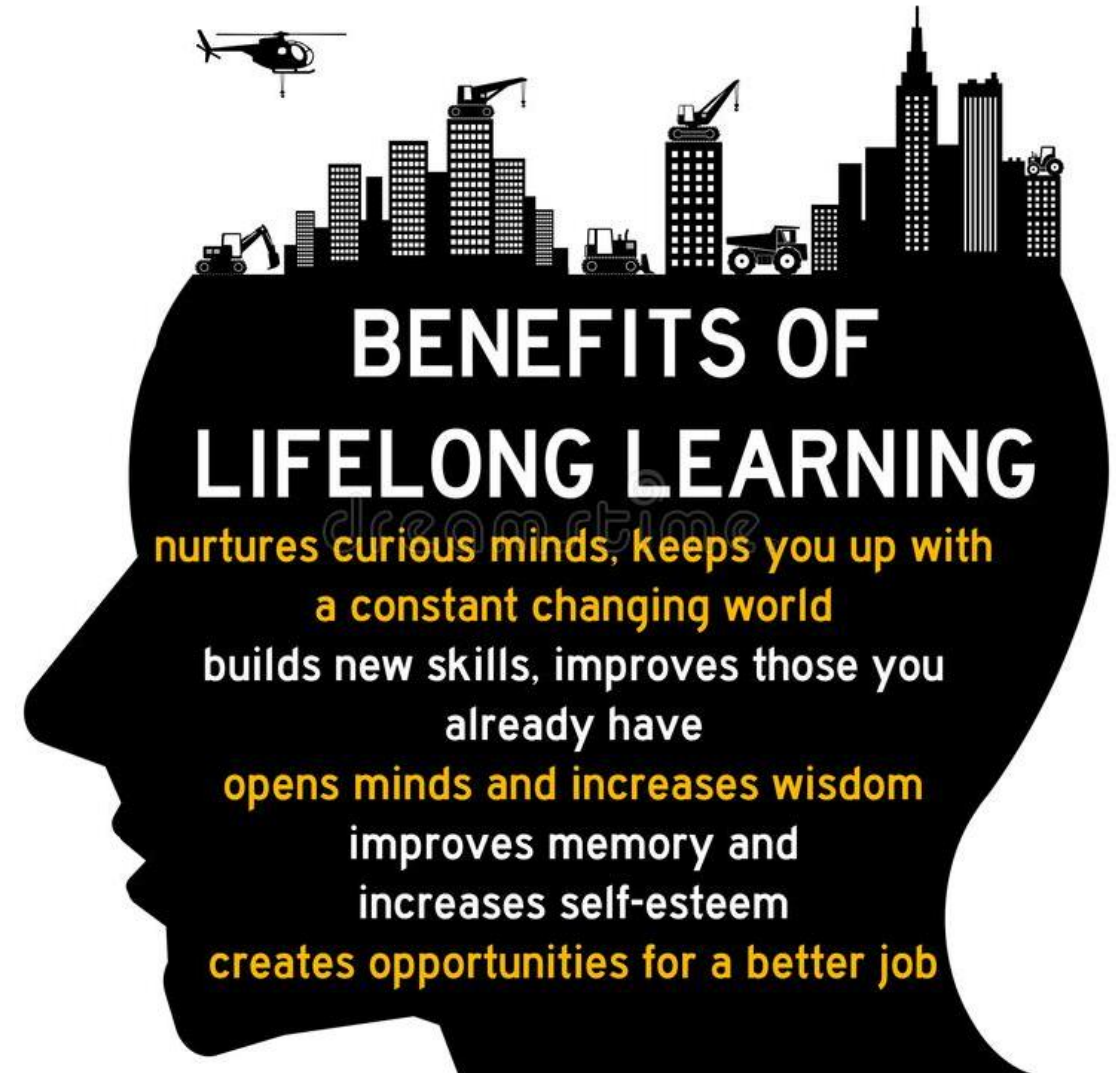
Preparation for  
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# Teaching and learning at WBHS

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Our main aim is to  
develop happy,  
confident lifelong  
learners





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Seating for learning

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# Talk

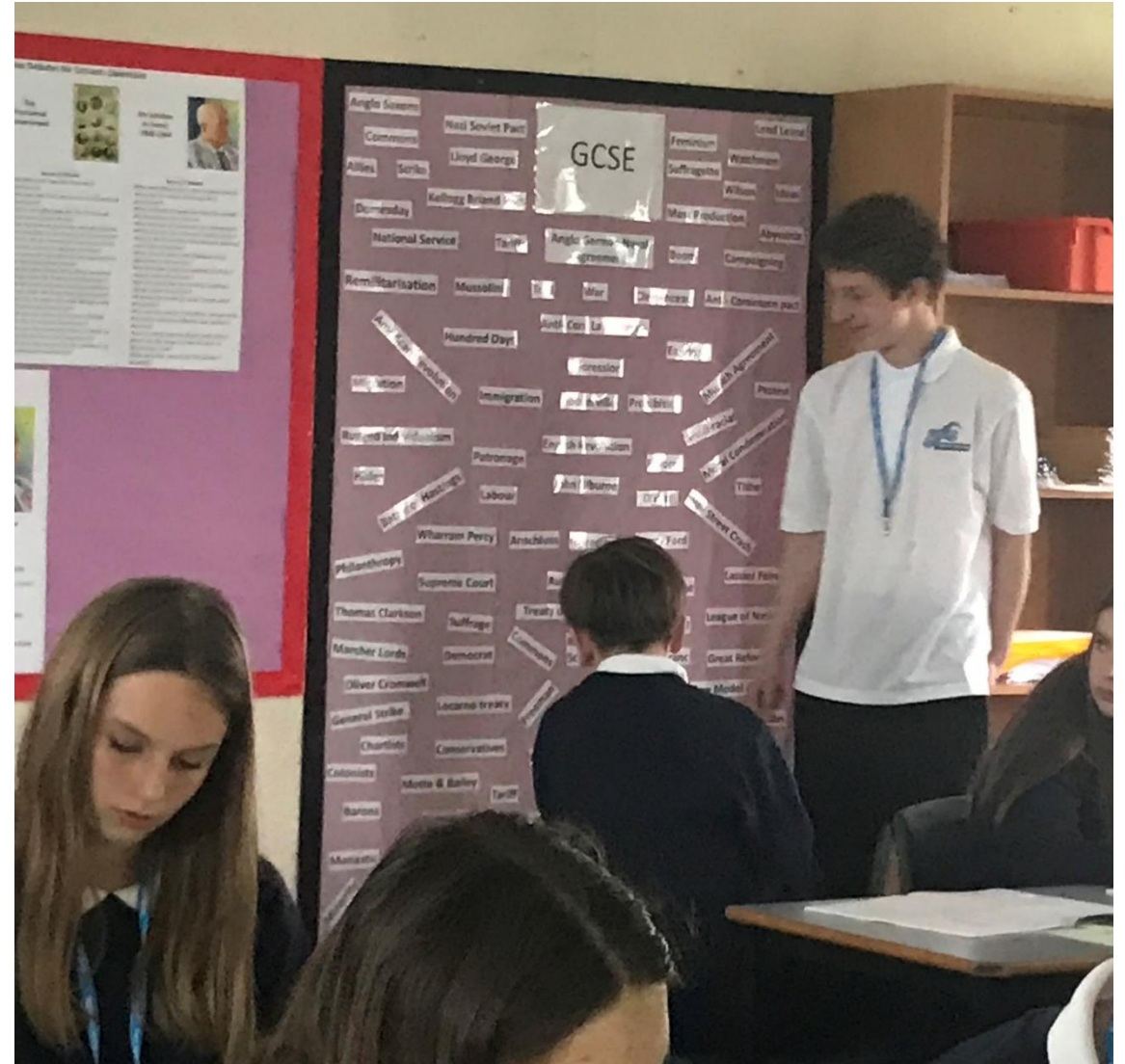




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Independence and maturity







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Social skills and respect



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Being organised and responsible





# Teaching and Learning at Whitley Bay High School



















National leaders on behalf of the DfE for effective planning and assessment.



# Assessment at Whitley Bay High School

- Evidenced 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





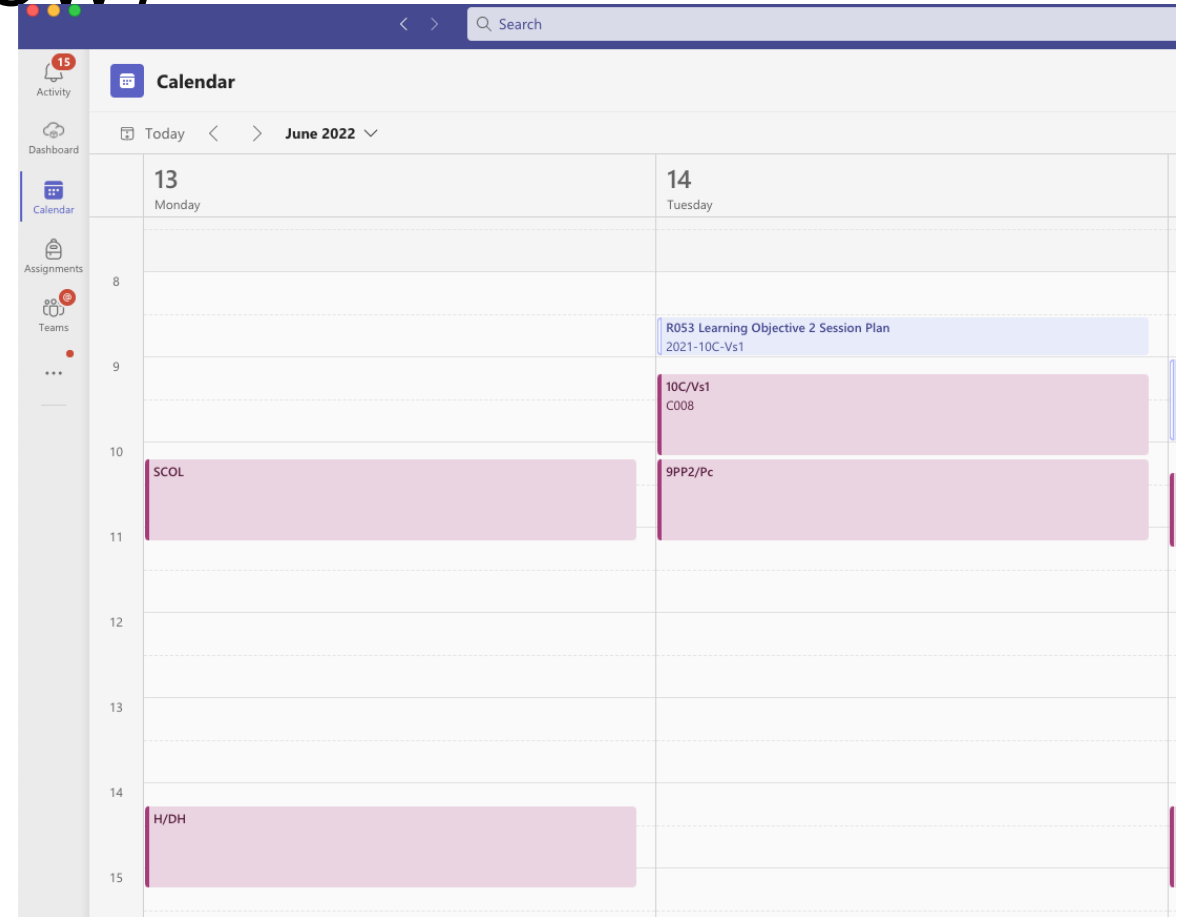
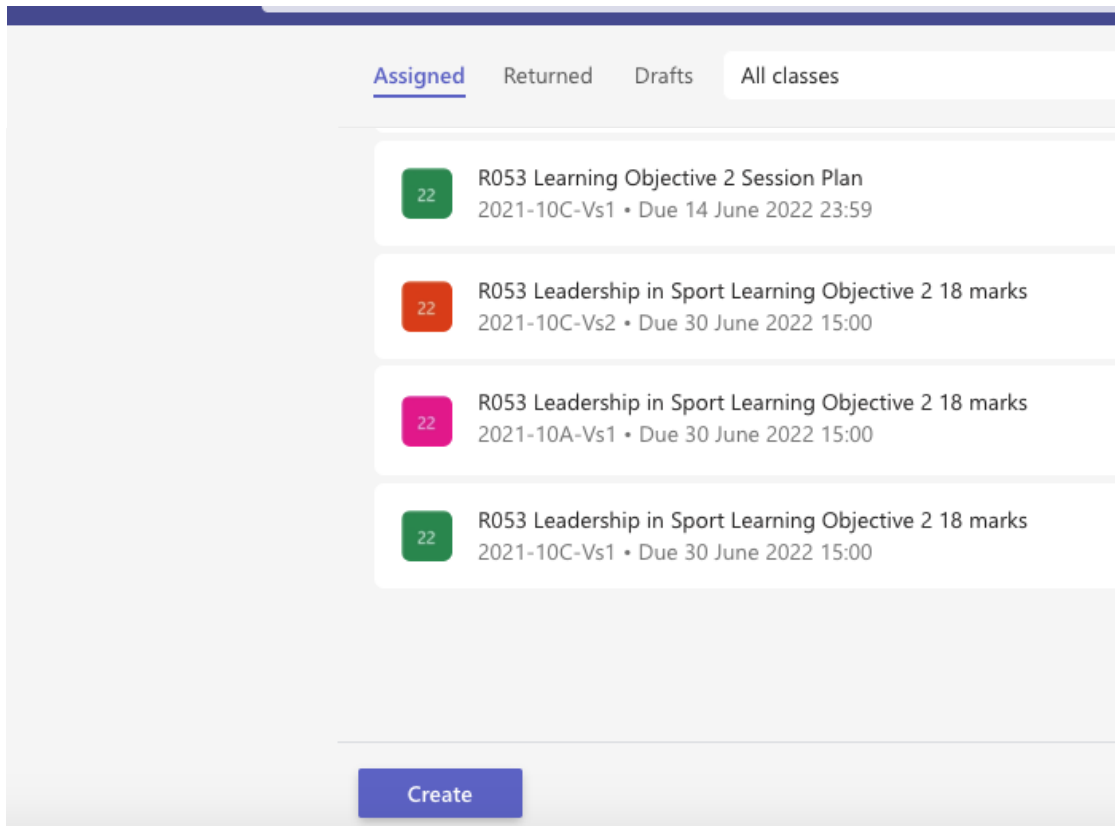
# Mobile Phones and Office 365

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- We allow mobile phone use for learning when students are given permission from their teacher.
- When students are not using a mobile phone, they must be placed in bags.
- Parents like the safety aspect a mobile provides.
- It is part of everyday life – using it responsibly is crucial.
- Students can participate in assessment.
- Office suite and apps are all available to use on the phone.
- 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.



# Student Assignments and Homework (Home Learning webpage to follow)



Students will be shown how to use Office 365 including Teams and Outlook as part of induction.

### Family Settings

Do you need help managing your children's accounts and devices? You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you.

#### Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

Further information available here: <https://families.google.com/familylink>

#### Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

Further information available here: <https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

### Netflix

Did you know that Netflix have parental controls available so you can restrict what your child is watching to suitable content only? You can set up a profile for your child and then set a maturity level to restrict titles to an age rating (for example 12+ or 15+). You can learn how to set up profiles here:

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

In addition, you can block/unblock specific TV shows and movies for your child. Find out here:

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/114276>



### Watch Parties

Have you heard of a Watch Party? This is where friends can watch programmes online together whilst chatting. You are able to do this within Amazon Prime or by using Teleparty, which adds group chat to Netflix, Disney Plus, Amazon Prime and a few others. The host can choose a programme and then share the link with others (up to 100 people). Each user must have their own subscription to the chosen platform. You can then chat and watch the programme together.

#### What do I need to be aware of?

There is a chat facility within this service and you need to check if the age rating of the selected programme is suitable for your child.

More information available here: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/adlp/watchparty> or <https://www.teleparty.com/support>.

## Virtual Reality (VR)

Virtual Reality (VR) uses a headset such as Oculus Rift to immerse the user in a 3D environment. As an example, Oculus is designed for ages 13 and older: <https://www.oculus.com/safety-center/>



You can read more about VR and safety tips by accessing these two articles:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parent-guide-to-virtual-reality> and <https://www.connectsafely.org/metaverse-and-vr-tips-for-parents/>

# E-Safety

- Forms part of Personal Development Curriculum.
- When on the school Wi-Fi, students are controlled in what they can and can't access.
- Students do have access to contracts which use data and allow them to bypass the school security systems.
- You can as parents, restrict access through parental controls in conjunction with your network – this is recommended.
- We provide a monthly E-safety newsletter which aims to support families with appropriate device use. *This is in the Safeguarding and E-safety section of the website.*



Starting at high school is a new milestone in their education









Starting School





# The Year 9 Student – the biggest challenge for you!

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- Everyone else's parents ...
  - No-one except you ...
  - All my friends...
  - I'm the only one...
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- Hormones are all over the place and self-esteem take a pounding at this age.
  - Your self-esteem may also be at risk. It often appears to be the best and easiest option to back away.
  - But don't let them create a distance between you.





## Your challenge over the next year:

- Keep the relationship positive
- Maintain your interest and involvement in their school work.
- Try and maintain a relationship and never let them doubt you are their no. 1 supporter and friend.
- When things are going through a rough patch know that they will get better.
- Be absolutely assured that they need you more than ever.

Good questions – possibly!

- What was your best lesson today?
- Can you tell me one thing you've learned today?
- What are you learning about in Science at the moment?
- How can I help with your homework tonight?







# Priorities

- Maintain or start good study habits at home
- Homework in a communal area
- TVs, X-boxes, laptops in the bedroom!
- Phones
- Sleep

Start to have conversations about all of this

# Wellbeing at WBHS

- Whole school priority – both students and staff
- Mental Health Award
- Open door policy
- Experienced Pastoral Support Team including a learning mentor and school counsellor
- Education - assemblies, Personal Development, 'Wellbeing Week', student council, Wellbeing challenges, regular student emails and more
- Wellbeing First Aid Kit





# How can you help?

- Stay involved and talk to your child about how they are feeling regularly
- Keep an eye on potential times of the year where your child might feel stressed or overwhelmed
- Try to encourage your child to use self-care strategies and get involved!
- Let us know any ways we can help
- Use any of the suggested resources on the Wellbeing section of our website for any further advice or support





# KEY STAFF



**MR WILSON**  
HEADTEACHER



**MR SHERLAW**  
DEPUTY HEAD



**MRS BUCKLE**  
DEPUTY HEAD



**MISS LACKENBY**  
ASSISTANT HEAD



**MR MACKENZIE**  
ASSISTANT HEAD



**MRS FITZPATRICK**  
ASSISTANT HEAD



**Mrs Lawson**  
HEAD OF YEAR 9



**Mr Cockburn**  
ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 9



**Mr Yarde**  
ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 9



**EMMA CROW**  
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



**MARNI THOMAS**  
LEARNING MENTOR



**HELEN DAGLISH**  
STUDENT SUPPORT  
CO-ORDINATOR



**Nicolle Foulger**  
SEMH SPECIALIST



**Nina Livings**  
Attendance Officer

Support  
Teams

# WEEKLY ROUTINES



**Monday**

THOUGHT FOR  
THE WEEK



**Tuesday**

READING



**Wednesday**

TUTORIAL



**Thursday**

NUMERACY &  
QUIZ



**Friday**

ASSEMBLY

**YEAR 9**



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 & Abroad





# Extra-Curricular at Whitley Bay High School

- 53 clubs / groups and growing!
- In September Year 9 students will have a fresher's fair to introduce all of the clubs on offer to them!
- Parents / Guardians will receive a Clubs booklet over summer.

Club/activity	Time	Location	Staff to contact
<b>MONDAY</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Trampoline	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Mrs Kennedy
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
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
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Year 9 -11 Debate club	Lunchtime	H001	Mr Rule
Year 13 LitTok	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
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.

<b>Music Department</b>		
Weekly extra-curricular activities from September 2021		
	Lunch	After school
Mon		Brass Ensemble (D005, 3.20pm)
Tues	Music Theory Support Drop-in (D004, 12.25pm)	String Ensemble (D005, 2.20pm)
Wed		WBHS Singers (D004, 3.20pm)
Thurs		Jazz Band (D005, 3.20pm)
Fri	Music GCSE/A Level Coursework Support Drop-in (D004, 12.25pm)	

- **Brass Ensemble** – open to anybody who plays trumpet, horn, trombone or tuba.
- **Music Theory Support** – Need help with hemidemisquavers or augmented 4ths? This is a drop-in session for students requiring help with music theory (particularly suitable for students working toward Grade 5 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 10-13 music students requiring support with coursework.
- **Other Ensembles** – Would you like to start your own string quartet, clarinet trio or rock band? See Mr Baldwin who will be pleased to arrange a practice room and time slot for you to rehearse.

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

<b>PE Extra Curricular Timetable</b>					
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 Wrigglesworth	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 Connelly	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
Thursday	After School (3:15 – 4:30)	Volleyball	All Years	Mr Anderson	Sports hall
	Lunchtime (12:25 – 1:15)	Badminton	All Years	Miss Wrigglesworth	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
Friday	After School (3:15 – 6:00)	Football Fixtures	All Years	Mr Burton	Field
	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/Astro
	After School	Sports Leadership	Year 10	Miss Wrigglesworth	Sports hall

# Induction days

BOARDING PASS	✈️ YEAR 9 BOARDING PASS	WBHS
<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>FROM:</b> _____ <b>TO:</b> Whitley Bay High School <b>ON:</b> Tuesday 5th July 2022 <b>AT:</b> 9:15am In A-Block Hall 	<b>Favourite Book / Film / TV Show?</b> <b>Hang out with anyone famous for 24hrs. Who do you pick &amp; What are you doing?</b> <b>What is one thing you do everyday without fail?</b> <b>You can go on any adventure, what are you doing / where are you going?</b> <b>If you could download a skill into your brain instantly, what would it be?</b> <b>Is there a hobby, club or skill you'd like to start this year?</b>  <small>No 83174040187371</small>	
Mrs Lawson, Mr Cockburn & Mr Yarde		

Every adventure is **unique**. For some, it might mean scaling mountains and flying to far off lands, for others, it might be something much closer to home.

Your child is about to take the first step on their ultimate Year 9 adventure at WBHS.

This might be the first time they've taken a big step out of their comfort zone, but together, they'll quickly realise that this is where the most fun, excitement and change happens.



# Overview of the days



- Students will take part in a wide range of activities including whole year group assemblies, tutor time, a Maths, English and Science lesson plus a PE and extra-curricular session

## **Tuesday 5th July**

Students should arrive for a **9.15am** start for a welcome assembly in **A Block hall**

## **Wednesday 6th July**

Students should arrive for a **9.15am** start in their **tutor rooms**

**Both days finish at 3.00pm**



# Reminders for Induction



There will be a break both days and so students may wish to bring in a small snack



PE Uniform for both days



Lunch is provided for all students but some students may wish to bring a packed lunch



Boarding Pass - to bring in on Tuesday



# The New 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.

