

# Whitburn Church of England Academy Sixth Form Update July 2015



**Almost there!**



As you can see in the comparison above, this morning's photograph is looking very much like the architect's CGI of the finished building. We are now in the final phase with carpet fitting, ICT installations and furniture delivery taking place over the first weeks of the summer holiday ahead of the hand-over to the school in August. Some additional images below also show that we are now very much in the final stage of the construction process and our builders, Brim's Construction, deserve congratulations for their progress with the construction process to put it ahead of schedule.



Top: Atrium area with view down into ground floor social space and first floor with study area to the left. Below: First floor.



## **Sixth Form Taster Days**

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July, over 100 of our prospective Sixth Form students attended two taster days, designed to give them an experience of 'A' level lessons. Students attended lessons in up to six different subjects and staff were given the remit to deliver a 'typical' 'A' level lesson for their subject. Students also had information sessions on other aspects of Sixth Form life such as the enrichment programme and Extended Project Qualification.

Mr Hardie spoke to the students at an opening assembly and his message was that the two days would "demonstrate the ability of our outstanding teachers to deliver 'A' level lessons to the same outstanding level they have established over many years at GCSE". The feedback on the taster lessons completed by students was exceptionally positive about the quality of teaching they experienced. Over 97% of students indicate they are 'Equally likely' or 'More likely' to come to Whitburn Sixth Form after taster days with over half indicating 'More likely'.

## **Late Applications**

The near-completion of the building and word-of-mouth following taster days has led to a flurry of late applications. We are willing to accept late applications although priority will be given to students' who met February's deadline. There are places available in a number of subjects and we will have a clearer picture following August enrolment. If you are interested in applying you can download a form from the website and submit it electronically to [sixthformadmissions@whitburncofeacademy.org](mailto:sixthformadmissions@whitburncofeacademy.org)

## **Enrolment**

Information has been sent out this week to all applicants about Enrolment in August. We will be open for Enrolment on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am-3.00pm and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 9.30am-12.00 noon.

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