



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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'Excellence for All'

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Year 13 Autumn Report and Parents' Evening

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 students are now well under way with their A Level studies and preparations for their final exams. Alongside this, they are making crucial decisions about the next stage of their careers. With these things in mind, and following feedback from parents and carers, we have arranged an early parents' evening for **Thursday 20th October 2016**. A report will be issued in advance of this evening and you will notice a slightly different format to the reports. We have asked staff to provide a 'subject reference' for this report and these will be used to form the bulk of the UCAS reference for those choosing to apply to higher education.

You will be able to view your son/daughter's 'Reference Report' on Go4Schools as well as current data relating to their progress. This will be the AS grade, either 'real' or 'mock' depending on what they chose to sit. Each report contains a 'Predicted Grade' which is what will be quoted in the reference section of any UCAS form. These predictions are based upon AS grades and any other relevant information. The report also shows students' attitudes to learning within each subject studied. Please be reminded that with attitudes to learning, the '1' grading is not the default, but is reserved for those who have shown dedication and **independence** above the norm. We would like to remind parents/carers about the importance of excellent attendance, as evidence suggests it is directly linked to examination success; for most students in Year 13 attendance is excellent.

On **Thursday 20th October 2016**, we will be holding a Year 13 Parents' Evening, which will take place in the Sixth Form Centre **between 3:30pm and 6:30pm**. This will give you and your son/daughter an opportunity to discuss any subject specific academic concerns as well as their current grades, predicted grades, progress and attitudes to learning in all subjects. Please note, there is limited parking on the Academy site. Spaces are available for 'Blue Badge' holders; please contact the Main Academy Office for further details.

Students will be given an appointment sheet and will make appointments with the relevant subject teachers on your behalf. We have used our strategic partnership with Sunderland University to arrange for a representative to be available during the parents' evening should you have any **queries about university applications, accommodation or finance**. We have also arranged a **separate university finance presentation for Thursday 3rd November at 5.30pm**.

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We are aware that this is an extremely important time for our students and that it can be a stressful time too. Myself and Miss Dickenson, Assistant Head of Sixth Form, will both be around on Parents' Evening and whilst we will have appointments booked with those who we teach, you should be able to catch one of us if you have any general concerns. We are very grateful for the continued support of parents/carers. We look forward to seeing you on our Parents' Evening. Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Sixth Form Office.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Craggs', written in a cursive style.

L Craggs
Head of Sixth Form



Viewing Pupil Reports – A Guide for Parents/Carers

The Academy uses a system for reporting progress, attainment, behaviour and attendance, called Go 4 Schools. In order to access your child's report, you will need to have provided the Academy with a valid e-mail address, which we can also use for other communications between the Academy and home.

Logging in: for parents/carers who are **first time users**:

1. Parent/carer - enter **www.go4schools.com** into your browser
2. Click on 'Parents' icon on the top right hand corner of your screen
3. Under 'First-time User?' enter your e-mail address as previously provided to the Academy, and click 'Please send me a password'
4. Go4Schools sends an e-mail to the e-mail address entered, with a password
5. Revisit the 'Parents' page on **www.go4schools.com** and enter your e-mail address and the password received under the 'Welcome' section.

Logging in: for parents/carers who have **already used Go4Schools**:

Parent/carer - enter **www.go4schools.com** into your browser

1. Click on 'Parents' icon on the top right hand corner of your screen
2. Enter your e-mail address and the password
3. **Note:** if you have forgotten your password, please go to the 'Forgotten your Password' section at the bottom of the page.

To view reports:

- Go to the bottom of the "Progress and reports" table and click on "view report"

Subject	24 Oct 2012	25 Feb 2013	08 Jul 2013	Current Grade/Level
Art	6b	6b	6a	6a
English	6a	7c	7a	7a
Geography	5b	7b	7a	7a
Head of Learning Comment	-	-	-	-
History	5b	6c	6c	6c
ICT	5a	5a	6b	6b
Maths	7c	7b	8c	8c
Music	7c	7b	8b	8b
Physical Education	6c	7c	8c	8c
Principal's Comment	-	-	-	-
PSHE	-	-	-	-
Religious Education	6b	6a	6a	6a
Science	6c	7c	7a	7a
Science Options Assessment	-	7c	-	7c
Spanish	5b	6c	6b	6b
Technology	5a	6c	6a	6a
Thinking Skills	8	8	8	8
Tutorial	-	-	-	-
Attendance	100.00%	99.50%	98.91%	98.95%
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Parents/Carers without email and Internet access.

If you do not have email and internet access, please contact the Main Academy Office.

Behaviour Information category:

This refers to your child's conduct and learning behaviours within school. It shows a record of the number of incidents (points) recorded for your child. Positive points could be awarded for a number of reasons including good work in class, helping others or contributing well to a lesson. Negative points might be recorded for example: for off task behaviour, homework not being handed in or poor behaviour outside of the classroom.

If you have any problems accessing your child's report, please contact the Main Academy Office.