



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 12 Visit to Northumbria University

Dear Parent/Carer

We have secured an opportunity for all Year 12 students to attend a bespoke day of activities hosted at Northumbria University on Alternative Curriculum Day, **Friday 10th November 2017**.

The day has been built around the themes of study skills in the morning to include sessions on note-taking, presentation skills and writing attractive applications; and introducing Higher Education in the afternoon to include choosing a course, choosing a university and a session with current students. All students will also be able to take part in a campus tour during the day.

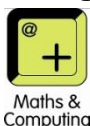
This is an invaluable opportunity to visit a leading local University which announced last year it had doubled its research funding, securing the fourth largest rise in the HE sector. The visit will enable students to see what life on campus is like and will help in their decision-making process. We recognise that some students at this stage do not intend to progress to University and we have built the day to reflect this, ensuring that most sessions will be enjoyable and informative whatever their intended destination.

As is common with many Sixth Form visits, we will be asking students to make their own way to and from the venue. We believe this is part of their journey towards full independence and becoming 'University-ready'. We would obviously encourage students to travel in small groups where possible. **Students should meet their tutors for registration at 9:15am prompt outside Newcastle Civic Centre which is directly opposite the Haymarket Metro station.** Students will be taken across to the University for the day's sessions and will be able to purchase lunch at the University's catering outlets or they can bring a packed lunch. **Students will be dismissed after the final session around 3:15pm to make their own way home.**

We would remind all students that they are ambassadors for the Academy. Our current Year 13 students made a first-class impression at the University last year and we expect Year 12 students to be similarly enthusiastic and take a full and active part in this day.

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Having previously signed the '**Consent for Educational Visits taking place during the school day**' form there is no need to give your consent for this visit. You will always be informed of such visits with a letter sent via Secondary Contact. For those new to it, 'Secondary Contact' is an email contact facility. Please contact Miss McAneny in the Sixth Form Office to check or update your email contact details.

If you have any queries about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Main Academy Office.

Yours faithfully

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

L M Craggs
Head of Sixth Form