



WHITBURN WORLD

WHITBURN CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY'S NEWS AND EVENTS UPDATE

Whitburn students and staff encouraged to get active!

We are delighted to announce that Whitburn Church of England Academy has been awarded a grant of £20,000 from the Youth Sport Trust to encourage greater participation in physical activities. The bid was successful thanks to the hard work of Mr Shaw and Mr Leggett, who put together the plans.

According to a national study, the least fit child in a class of 30 in 1998 would be in the top 5 fittest in a class of 30 in 2018. Our successful bid plans to reverse this decline and get our students (and staff!) to participate in more physical activity, with the aims of

improving physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We aim to raise awareness of the benefits of physical activity and encourage our school community to work towards the Chief Medical Officer's target of 60 daily active minutes.

To get our year of activity off to the best possible start, we have a number of activities planned for Tuesday 4th September and we ask that all of our students wear their PE kit to school on that day. Sports leggings and non-academy tracksuit trousers may be worn in addition.

To lead by example, I will be participating in the Great North Run on 9th September and will be raising funds towards a new school minibus, which is vital to taking our students to and from the many sporting events we participate in. Rather than asking for sponsorship, we will be running a 'guess the finishing time' prize competition—details to follow in September.

Thank for your support during this academic year. I hope that everyone enjoys a fantastic summer break.

Mr Hardie

Diary Dates

- **A level results 7.00am Thursday 16th August.**
- **GCSE results 9.30am Thursday 23rd August.**
- **First day of autumn term for students is Tuesday 4th September, 8.55am for Year 7, Year 12 and selected Year 11 Prefects, 11.15am for all other students in Years 8 to 13.**
- **Remember Tuesday 4th September is PE kit, normal uniform as from 5th September**

Sports Day Report

Our newly appointed House Captains completed their first task of leading their Houses in our annual Sports Day. After last year's rain interrupted event, the sun shone on a fantastic day of team work as Whitburn students encouraged their team mates to get the vital House Points. The winner of the House Sports Cup for 2018 was Lindisfarne House.



Uniform reminders

Summer holidays are traditionally the time where lots of new uniform is purchased and the 'pop-up uniform shop' was very busy at last weeks new Year 7 Induction evening last week.

In particular we would like to draw your attention to our expectations regarding acceptable haircuts and styles, appropriate skirt length (knee touch) and fitting (non-stretchy / lycra type materials are not acceptable).

Full guidance is available on the Academy website <http://www.whitburncofeacademy.org/school-life/uniform/acceptable-uniform.html>

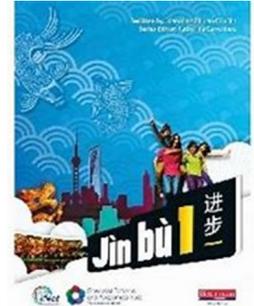
The 'pop-up' Uniform Shop will be set up in the library on Monday 23rd July 2018 2:30pm – 4:00pm and Wednesday 25th July 2018 11:30am – 1:30pm. There will also be an opportunity to purchase pre-loved uniform on Wednesday 25th July 11:30am – 1:30pm and Thursday 26th July 2:00pm – 4:00pm in Room 3 (next to the library).

Whitburn to become the first school in England to offer the Accelerated Mandarin programme

In September, 30 of our new Year 7 students will begin the Accelerated Mandarin Programme (AMP), the first of its kind in England. Unlike the Department for Education's Mandarin Excellence Programme, AMP is designed to accommodate a full class of 30 students, who will have 4 hours of timetabled Mandarin lessons each week, plus extra-curricular work and on-line homework. This is aimed at getting the students ready to take GCSE Mandarin in Year 10 and then progress to A level. The programme will also include the opportunity for a trip to China, with Whitburn planning to establish a long-term link with a Chinese secondary school.

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The Mandarin course is being delivered thanks to Whitburn's partnership with the Swire Chinese Language Centre, Newcastle. In addition to the GCSE course, students in Years 7 to 9 will be able to participate in a weekly extracurricular Mandarin Club. Students in Year 12 will have the opportunity to learn conversational Mandarin in their enrichment lessons and Mandarin and Chinese culture lessons will take place in two of our feeder primary schools.



Mr Hardie commented "We constantly review our curriculum at Whitburn to ensure that we offer our students a range of subjects which enhance their opportunities to succeed in this increasingly competitive world. We believe that by offering Mandarin we will give our students a cutting edge advantage. As China is now the world's second largest economy, the ability to communicate with Chinese people is becoming a significant advantage in employment. I'm delighted that we have a very experienced Mandarin teacher with a track record of outstanding results delivering the lessons thanks to the Swire Chinese Language Centre, who have agreed to support us for the next five years. Adding Mandarin to our curriculum is something we've been very keen to do for some time. As a World Class School, we want our students to enjoy the same advantages that students in many of the other World Class Schools in the South and Midlands already have access to".



House Captains receive generous donation

A huge thank you to Hero Healthcare, who visited the academy on Sports Day to donate some valuable medical kits and supplies to our PE department. This means that we have some fantastic resources for our first aid trained staff to take with them to sports events. Our House Captains were delighted to receive these very welcome gifts on behalf of the academy.



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