



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome To Students

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year! It has been wonderful to see all our students back on site this week. A big thank-you to parents and carers for ensuring your children returned to school looking so smart in their WCHS uniforms. We've especially enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7 students, who have already made a great impression on their teachers. When I spoke to the new cohort about the importance of first impressions, they truly rose to the occasion—showing excellent behaviour, speaking politely, and putting genuine effort into their lessons. What an incredible start to the year!

Building Updates

Lots of work went on in our new(ish) school building over the summer break. We've had some wall art installed in maths, some paint protectors in the dining hall and lots of additional notice boards have been put up so that we can easily communicate key messages with students. Externally, the steps at the back of the building have been re-built and the top field has eventually been seeded properly; we now need to patiently wait for the grass to grow and settle. The biggest change has been to the heating system in the main school building which has been overhauled during the holidays. Hopefully, the changes will mean that our new building will be able to operate at a temperature that is fully conducive to learning.

GCSE Examination Results

Congratulations to our class of 2025 who achieved some really impressive GCSE results. In fact, the class of 2025 broke all of our previous records! The Attainment 8 score for the school was 50.3. This is a figure that we are all immensely proud of as it puts us amongst the top performing schools in Lancashire. A very impressive 80% of students achieved grade 4+ in both English and Maths (equivalent to A* to C) and 63% of students achieved grade 5+ in both English and Maths (equivalent to A* to B). To top off our brilliant outcomes, 71% of students achieved grade 4+ in five subjects including English and Maths. These positive outcomes meant that the vast majority of our students were able to pursue their first choice college courses or apprenticeships. Some have even gone straight into employment. We wish them all the very best in their chosen careers and we look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the next chapter of their lives and to celebrating with them at GCSE Awards Evening on the 12th November.



Welcome To New Staff

As well as welcoming our year 7s, we have also been delighted to welcome several new members of staff who will be joining our team:

- Jade Robinson - Business Support Officer
- Adele Chilton - Business Support Officer /Reprographics
- Mark Whyborn - Pastoral Manager
- Jaya V'Thoppae - Teacher of Maths
- Annete Doyle - Teacher of Spanish
- Abdullah Malik - Cover Supervisor
- Kate Johnson - Piano Teacher

Dates For Your Diary

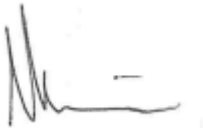
- Thursday 9th September - School photographers will be visiting to take photos of Y7 and Y11 students
- Thursday 18th September - Open Day/Evening - school closed to students, apart from those volunteering to help out on the day/evening
- Friday 19th September - INSET day - school closed to all students
- Wednesday 1st October 6pm - Y11 Revision Evening (for year 11 students and their parents/carers)
- Wednesday 8th October 6pm - Y7 Settling In Evening (for year 7 students and their parents/carers)
- 15th, 16th, 17th October - School Production of One More Time

And Finally...

The last academic year was a great success for our school, and my goal is to make this year even better. As always, I am committed to doing everything I can to ensure our school is the very best it can be for your children. While there may be times when I make decisions that you might not fully agree with, please know that every choice I make for our school community is made with the very best of intentions, in good faith, and with the needs of our students at the heart of it.

I wish you and your children every success in the year ahead, and I look forward to working in partnership with you and my colleagues to deliver the highest-quality education and opportunities for all students at Whitworth Community High School.

Best wishes



Mr A Oliver
Headteacher