

September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Information for September 2025 Year 7 Admissions

In September 2024, Workington Academy was again oversubscribed and welcomed a record number of students into our academy.

Here, at Workington Academy, we understand that choosing a secondary school is a very important and individual decision for each and every family. Following the incredibly positive feedback received from parents, carers and students in relation to our personalised approach taken to supporting their secondary school decision-making over the last few years - we are delighted to offer you the opportunity to attend a **Personalised Tour** of our academy on one of nine evenings, beginning w/c Monday 30 September.

This summer, Workington Academy achieved another pleasing set of **GCSE results**, supporting a three-year improving trend of **students on average achieving on or above their target grades**. We are so proud of our students, with the vast majority going on to an exciting range of new opportunities at the West Coast Sixth Form, college and high-quality apprenticeships.

Attendance at the academy has improved significantly over recent years and we are now well above national averages for this and also **won National Awards for our whole school attendance throughout the last two academic years**. Studies show that students with over 97% attendance achieve much better GCSE results than those below this figure. We work extremely hard to support all students getting into school every day on time.

Latest Ofsted Report

In March 2022, Workington Academy was graded as '**Good**' in all areas, by Ofsted, under their new and rigorous inspection framework.

Ofsted's report of Workington Academy was overwhelmingly positive and included the following comments;

- *"Leaders' improvements to the curriculum over the past two years have been tangible. Ambitious for all pupils, irrespective of ability or background, leaders have ensured that pupils study a broad range of subjects. Pupils achieve well."*
- *"Leaders and teachers have high expectations for pupils' behaviour."*
- *"In lessons, relationships between pupils and their teachers are strong. Pupils and students learn without disruption."*
- *"Pupils and students spoke passionately about the support they receive from staff in relation to their mental health and well-being. Pupils said that if they have any concerns, staff tackle these worries quickly."*
- *"Without exception, pupils, and students in the sixth form, are immensely proud of their school. They are eager to share with visitors all that the school has to offer."*

- *“The extensive personal development curriculum provides pupils with a plethora of opportunities that enable them to flourish.”*

Virtual Open Evening Video

Our 25-minute Virtual Open Evening is also designed to give you a detailed insight into our academy, giving you the opportunity to hear from a range of our current students and staff members and to find out more about our educational philosophy, comprehensive learning experience and exciting wider curricular and enriching opportunities.

Our open evening video can be accessed here; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v1saxmGpSI>

Personalised Tours available between Monday 30 September - Monday 21 October 2024

We are inviting parents and carers to book personalised tours of our academy – for your opportunity to visit our state-of-the-art learning environment, to meet members of our dedicated staff team and student body and to ask any questions about our Academy that you may have.

Further information will also be provided on your visit to Workington Academy regarding our very well received comprehensive and supportive primary – secondary school transition process.

For further information about our Tours and information on how to book, please visit our website - <https://www.workingtonacademy.org/2024/09/18/personalised-tours-for-2025-admissions/>

This is a very exciting time to be joining Workington Academy and to become part of our inclusive, student focused and high aspirant academy community.

Please note that in the likely event that we are oversubscribed again for 2025 admissions, allocations will be made using the oversubscription criteria detailed in our 2024-2025 Admissions policy. This can be found in the policy section of our website - <https://www.workingtonacademy.org/our-academy/academy-policies/>

If you have any further questions about joining Team Year 7 at Workington Academy or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us – office@workingtonacademy.org

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely



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