



# WORKINGTON ACADEMY

## Information for Admissions September 2018

RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
RESILIENCE



*'Be the best you can be!'*





**Cumbria Education Trust was formed in May 2015, following an invitation from the Department of Education. Cumbria Education Trust is a growing multi academy trust for primary and secondary schools in Cumbria.**

At Cumbria Education Trust, students are at the heart of all decision making - they always come first. We fundamentally believe that each child is unique. We know that a first class education improves the life chances and choices of young people and we are committed to providing an engaging learning experience for all our pupils and students, regardless of their background. Our values mean that we are truly inclusive.

We work as a partnership that respects, sustains and supports. Our model is about creating interdependence; schools that are self-sustaining compared with stand-alone academies. We all subscribe to a set of shared values, principles and operational processes that ensure high quality education for all our young people. Our ambition is to enable every young person to reach their potential and to achieve the success they deserve. For staff, we want to be the employer of choice in Cumbria.

At the same time, we believe that each academy must reflect the needs and social aspirations of the local community it serves. This is a very important principle.

Our aim is for each Cumbria Education Trust academy to demonstrate consistent year-on-year improvement. We believe in the importance of working with others to share knowledge and best practice and we want all our pupils and students to develop a passion and thirst for knowledge. We are passionate about putting young people first and equipping them for success in the future.

Collaboration is integral to the way Cumbria Education Trust operates. The Trust places considerable importance on school-to-school support. Academies within the Trust are active partners, helping to decide policy as well as taking part in school-to-school support activities. Our unwavering belief in the power of collaboration to support our staff has led to us working successfully with a network of associate schools through the Cumbria Alliance of System Leaders (CASL). We are also involved with a wide range of local authorities, universities, further education colleges and business organisations.

All staff are actively encouraged to support and challenge one another and to share best practice. At all times we want our staff to be outstanding role models for our pupils and students; to lead by setting a great example and to deliver the very best outcomes for all.

Cumbria Education Trust believes in the importance of creating strategic opportunities for schools and students through strong relationships with industry, commerce, higher education and the sectors involved in children's care, the promotion of sport and the arts.

Cumbria Education Trust provides complete access to innovative resources, approaches, professionals and services. These range from leadership, teaching for learning and curriculum expertise through to full finance, HR and operational support from our own Business Leadership Team or the partners who work with us.





# WELCOME

I have worked in education for 27 years, having moved from Edinburgh following my teacher training. I had not intended to stay in Cumbria long, but fell in love with the area and what it has to offer and have been here ever since. I believe I have the best job in the world!

I am passionate about inclusion and believe that all children deserve a high quality education – children firmly sit at the heart of all our decision making. All our academies will look to deliver outstanding outcomes for the pupils they serve – pupils come first at all times.

My vision is to build a family of schools within the Trust. I strongly believe that schools are better working together and that collaboration makes us stronger. Our values are Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, our motto 'Be the best you can be'. I expect that to be modelled by all pupils and staff routinely. We will look to build effective partnerships with our parents and the local community.

As CEO I work closely with the Headteachers in our schools, and like nothing better than spending time in the classrooms with the young people. I am a teacher first and foremost and will work tirelessly for all within the family. I hope to be a visible presence around the schools but please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of provision.

*Yours sincerely*

Lorraine Hughes

CEO



Lorraine Hughes





# Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Workington Academy. We are an 11 - 18 comprehensive school serving the community of Workington. We have 3 core values – ***Respect, Responsibility, Resilience*** and our mission statement is ***Be the best that you can be***. We are part of a family of schools sponsored by the Cumbria Education Trust and in February 2017, we moved into our £17 million, state of the art, brand new building.

We are proud of our students and we are proud of our school. We want our students to be confident, happy, hard-working and to achieve well. Personal attributes are equally important to us and developing positive character traits is essential for students to be successful in their life beyond school. We work closely with our families and our community to do this and we are proud of our successful community partnerships.

Commitment, determination, a positive attitude and resilience in the face of difficulty make a successful student, a good leader and a valued citizen. At Workington Academy, we support and guide students to develop these characteristics and as they do, we watch them grow, achieve and thrive.

In addition to a good all-round education, we offer a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities, including house competitions, music lessons, sports teams, maths challenges, dance, drama, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and subject clubs as well as volunteering opportunities, outdoor pursuits, overseas trips and charity work. Whatever your child's interests and talents are, we will have something to support and encourage it.

We are ambitious for our students and want them to do well. We identify and nurture their talents and encourage them to aim high. As teachers, support staff and school leaders, we continually strive for excellence ourselves. We are deeply committed to our work and our measure of success is the success of our students.

At Workington Academy, we offer a broad and balanced education underpinned by traditional values. We expect good behaviour, we offer strong pastoral care, we expect hard work and we offer good teaching and learning, we expect a commitment to being the best that you can be and we offer lots of opportunities for students to demonstrate that. We expect the best from everyone.

By working together, we make sure that all our students succeed.

Mrs Colette Macklin  
Interim Headteacher



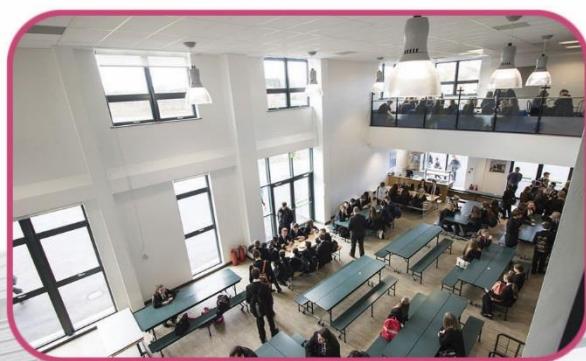
# Brand New Academy Building

In February 2017, we moved into our brand new **£16.5 million state-of-the-art academy building**. Built as part of the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme by construction company, Sir Robert McAlpine, is on our existing school site with much-improved facilities. We now have space for 1200 students, including our 6<sup>th</sup> Formers and the building includes two wings of two storeys and a central section of three stories. The new building provides first class facilities for students, staff and our community users.

Our new school benefits from an innovative design, vibrant interiors, multi-use spaces, up-to-date equipment and modern technology in spacious classrooms. Our students really enjoy the improved dining facilities, dance studio, theatre space and gym.

Our large main hall has automatic bleacher seating and other new spaces include the activity studio, purpose built drama studio, meeting rooms and seminar rooms. Many of our facilities are available for hire. A gym with cardio and weight machines will soon be available to the local community on a membership basis.

The Academy has also introduced 'cashless catering', providing parents and carers with the opportunity to pay online or in advance for school meals. Parents are also able to use the online system to see what their child has bought for lunch and during break time.



# Academy Curriculum

At Workington Academy we offer a broad and balanced curriculum for all of our students. Our regular and accurate assessments ensure that students are placed in classes appropriate to their learning needs and abilities. We ensure that work is fully differentiated at all levels, so that students receive high quality learning opportunities and are challenged to achieve their very best in every subject area.

## Key Stage 3 Curriculum

Students in Year 7-9 study the following subjects; English, Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Music, Drama, ICT, Religious Education / Personal Development, History, Geography, Design and Technology and Physical Education.

## Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Within Key Stage 4, our focus on academic success ensures a continuation of core subjects studied at Key Stage 3 including English Language, English Literature, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. All students have the opportunity to study subjects making up the English Baccalaureate, (EBACC). However, our KS4 curriculum also broadens to ensure that students of all abilities have the opportunity to succeed across a range of disciplines. Our KS4 curriculum is ever evolving to meet the needs of all learners. At present, we offer a range of GCSE subjects including; Art and Design, Photography, Business Studies, Geography, History, French, German, Performing Arts, Child Development, Health and Social Care, Sports Science, Design and Technology, ICT and Computing.

## Key Stage 5 Curriculum

At Key Stage 5 our curriculum broadens even further, giving students the opportunity to study a range of both traditional academic and vocational A Level courses preparing them for Higher Education and the world of work. Many of our students go on to study at university or go on to an apprenticeship. We also offer students a range of enrichment activities including Young Enterprise, sport, art and music awards. Please visit our Sixth Form centre for further information.

## The Academy Day

At Workington Academy, students have form time and assembly sessions each morning followed by five 1 hour lessons throughout the day. A range of extra-curricular activities and clubs are also on offer at lunch time and after school.



| Start time: 8.40 am  |       |       |      |
|----------------------|-------|-------|------|
|                      | Start | End   | Mins |
| <b>Form time</b>     | 8.40  | 8.55  | 15   |
| <b>moving time</b>   | 8.55  | 8.57  | 2    |
| <b>1</b>             | 8.57  | 9.57  | 60   |
| <b>moving time</b>   | 9.57  | 9.59  | 2    |
| <b>2</b>             | 9.59  | 10.59 | 60   |
| <b>Break</b>         | 10.59 | 11.18 | 19   |
| <b>3</b>             | 11.18 | 12.18 | 60   |
| <b>Lunch</b>         | 12.18 | 12.58 | 40   |
| <b>4</b>             | 12.58 | 1.58  | 60   |
| <b>moving time</b>   | 1.58  | 2.00  | 2    |
| <b>5</b>             | 2.00  | 3.00  | 60   |
| Finish time: 3.00 pm |       |       |      |

# Extra-curricular Opportunities

At Workington Academy we believe that what goes on outside of the classroom is just as important as what goes on inside it. We pride ourselves on offering a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities for all students to get involved in and broaden their mind sets outside of lessons.

We offer a wide range of opportunities for all of our students to get involved in, both in and out of school. These include a wide range of sports clubs, sporting visits and links to community clubs and specialist coaches. Along with arts, music, science, ICT and radio, educational visits within the UK and abroad and the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award.

We also believe that it is important to empower our academy community and to give students of all ages the opportunity to become part of the Workington Academy Student Council and to get involved in charity, fundraising and sponsorship events. We have a social and competitive 'House' structure, which enables students to feel a sense of belonging within the academy and to represent, compete and contribute towards their houses in a variety of different disciplines.

We also offer specific Year 7 events and activities throughout the year, including Year 6-7 Summer Programme, '**Derwentwater Day**', (a team-building and problem solving day on the shores of Derwentwater) and the opportunity to attend a **Year 7 Outdoor Education residential**.





# Transition Information

**Get off to a flying start on your journey towards excellence!**

At Workington Academy, we understand that making the transition from primary to secondary school is an exciting time for both you and your child. We have a great deal of experience in helping young people join our academy and work hard to make sure that the process runs as smoothly as possible, taking any stress out of this change for all involved.

Be assured that your child's future is in good hands at Workington Academy – with our **broad and balanced curriculum challenging and engaging all abilities**, a high level of **dedicated pastoral support** designed to nurture your child every step of the way and an **exciting range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities** intended to give your child a wide range of valuable experiences in and out of the classroom.

We believe that the key to immediate success at secondary school is having a positive and supportive transition. Therefore, our **extensive transition programme for all students and parents** joining Workington Academy will support everyone in the move up from primary to secondary school, to get their journey towards excellence off to a flying start!

## **Our transition programme includes;**

- Visits to your primary school from key staff members and current students
- The sharing of key information between primary schools and Workington Academy
- Distribution of key information packs including everything that you need to know about starting at Workington Academy
- Opportunities to visit Workington Academy for students and parents
- Information Evenings at Workington Academy for students and parents
- Meet the Tutor Days for students and parents
- Transition Days – for students to spend time with their new form group and form tutor
- Other joint events between primary schools and Workington Academy
- Year 6-7 Summer School, which takes place during the summer holidays – giving students the opportunity to spend time at Workington Academy, familiarising themselves with the new building, spending time with new peers and Workington Academy staff whilst participating in a range of fun and interactive activities, (limited places available).

**We also offer bespoke and extended transition programmes for students who require further support in making the step from primary to secondary school.**

A **'Team Approach'** is at the heart of everything that we do at Workington Academy and we strongly believe that by working in collaboration with students, parents and primary school staff, we can ensure that any anxiety, concerns or difficulties around the transition to secondary school can be minimised.





# Key Transition Staff Members



## **Miss Nicola Tweddle – Director of Learning – Year 7 & 8**

Our Transition Programme is led by **Miss Tweddle, Director of Learning –Year 7**, who will oversee your transition from primary school to Workington Academy. Miss Tweddle will liaise closely with parents, students and primary school staff to ensure that you get off to the best possible start at Workington Academy.

Once at Workington Academy, Miss Tweddle will oversee your academic progress and development in a range of areas and will ensure that you have every opportunity in and out of lessons to achieve your academic and personal potential.

## **Mrs Lesley Robertson – Student Provision Officer – Year 7**

**Mrs Robertson, Student Provision Officer – Year 7**, is responsible for overseeing your pastoral care at Workington Academy and will deal with any emotional or social concerns that you may have, as well as overseeing your attendance, behaviour and wellbeing. Mrs Robertson is always on hand to discuss any concerns or worries that students or parents may have and will do everything possible to ensure that your time at Workington Academy is happy and enjoyable!



Together, Miss Tweddle and Mrs Robertson lead a dedicated and experienced team of **Year 7 Tutors** who will support both students and parents to ensure that you have every opportunity to **become the best that you can be!**

You will have the opportunity to meet with and spend the day with your new Tutor, as well as Miss Tweddle and Mrs Robertson before starting at Workington Academy in September 2018.

### **Other Key Transition Staff Members:**

- **Mrs Sue Newstead – Director of Learning Provision** – will ensure that any necessary support and provision for children with additional SEND or PHYS-MED needs are in place prior to starting at Workington Academy and will work closely with students and parents to make sure that appropriate provision is sustained throughout their time at Workington Academy.
- **Ms Vera Agnew and Ms Jan Wilson – Learning Provision Assistants** – run our extended transition programme for students who would benefit from spending more time with us before joining in September 2018. Once at Workington Academy, Ms Agnew and Ms Wilson are always on hand to assist any Year 7 students who need any additional support or reassurance!



# Year 7 Opportunities

Here are just some of the opportunities on offer to our Year 7 students...







**Outdoor Adventure Trips**  
**Team building days**  
**Sports day at Copeland stadium**

**Social events**  
**Inter form competitions**  
**Camping Residential**

**Educational visits abroad**  
**University visits**  
**Rewards events**

**and much more...**



# Student Success

2017 saw Workington Academy students shine in a range of subjects at both GCSE and A Level. This year saw the introduction of new, much more demanding GCSEs in English and Maths. Our students rose to the challenge and excelled – meeting and beating national averages in both subjects.

Over 75% of students gained a grade 4 (standard pass) or better in English – equivalent to an old C grade. Maths was equally impressive, with 74% achieving a grade 4 or better. Large numbers of our students achieved the new grade 5 (strong pass), also meeting and beating the national average in both subjects.

As well as fantastic achievements in both English and Maths, we saw strong performance in a range of other GCSE and A Level subjects, including Art and Design, ICT, Sports Science, German, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Music.

In 2017, 100% of Workington Academy A level students went on to study at university, secured apprenticeships or are now in full time employment



# Frequently Asked Questions

## When do I apply? How do I know if I have got a place?

You should have received a booklet from Cumbria County Council – ‘Applying for a secondary school place in Cumbria September 2018’. This gives lots of details about the application process.

There will be an online or paper **SA3 application** for Workington Academy and the deadline for your application is **Monday, 31 October 2017**.

**National Offers Day is 1 March 2018** – if you applied online you will receive an e-mail, if you applied on paper a letter will be posted to you on this date.

## What happens after I gain a place at Workington Academy?

We will write to you in March welcoming you to our academy and ask you to fill in our admissions paperwork. We will also give you details of all the transitional events for both yourself and your child that we run to help make the transfer between primary school and Workington Academy as smooth as we possible.

## How do I apply for a place on school transport?

You can apply for a place on school transport via Cumbria County Council – full details are in the Secondary School Admissions Booklet or can be found at:

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/schooltransport.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/schooltransport.asp)

## What facilities do you have for Year 7 students?

We have a Year Group Team dedicated to supporting Year 7 and their transition into Workington Academy. The Year 7 Office and all Year 7 form rooms are located close to the Learning Provision hub, where new students can make friends with children their own age or be taken under the wing of an older Peer Mentor. We also have lots of extra-curricular opportunities, clubs, trips and social events for Year 7 students to get involved in and try new things.

## Do you visit the primary schools prior to my child starting in September 2018?

Yes, we visit all primary schools and all prospective Year 7 students. We work very closely with primary colleagues collecting academic data and other relevant information to ensure that their transition into Workington Academy is seamless.

## What do you do to make the transition from primary to secondary school a smooth transfer?

We have an extensive programme for students joining us in September 2018. We visit all of our students in their primary schools and Transition Team also visit students and invite them to Workington Academy before they join in September. We also have Nurture Groups that will be involved in extended transition to help some of our students to settle in. We also invite all of the students into school for an Induction Day in July 2018, as well as providing the opportunity for you and your child to meet with your child's Form Tutor and Director of Learning in July 2018. This marks the start of our home and school relationship and ensures communication with yourself starts early.

## How do you report on student progress?

We report to parents three times each academic year. We also have one Progress Evening per academic year where you have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers. We encourage all parents and students to attend even if your child has an excellent report because we think it is great for the students to hear how well they have done face to face. We also hold a Year 7 Social Evening in October, where you can come along and find out how your child is settling in to Workington Academy and discuss any concerns with your child's Form Tutor, Director of Learning or Student Provision Officer.

## Key Dates for your diary:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>31 October 2017</b>    | Secondary School Application deadline                           |
| <b>1 March 2018</b>       | National Offers Day   |
| <b>March - April 2018</b> | Welcome information and paperwork sent to successful applicants |
| <b>25 April 2018</b>      | Workington Academy Year 6 Pre-Admission Evening                 |
| <b>21 June 2018</b>       | Meet the Tutor Day  |
| <b>26 June 2018</b>       | Year 6-7 Transition Day   |

## What if I have some questions unanswered?

Do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff this evening or get in touch with us after the event.

Email: [ntweddle@workingtonacademy.org](mailto:ntweddle@workingtonacademy.org)








# WORKINGTON ACADEMY

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# Day Time Tour Booking Sheet

**Come back and see us during the school day!**

## When can I come?

We will be running tours during the school day from **25 September – 27 October 2017**.

If you would like to join us on a tour of Workington Academy, please fill in the details below and return this to the desk in the foyer this evening.

**We will contact you to arrange a date and time convenient for you.**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Name of Child</b>                            |  |
| <b>Primary School</b>                           |  |
| <b>Parent / Carer Name</b>                      |  |
| <b>Contact Number</b>                           |  |
| <b>Email Address</b>                            |  |
| <b>Siblings currently at Workington Academy</b> |  |

**Preferred Day (Please circle):**      **Monday**    **Tuesday**    **Wednesday**    **Thursday**    **Friday**

**Preferred Time Slot (Please circle):**    9.10 – 9.50am    10.10am – 10.50am    11.30am – 12.10pm

**Come and see our  
Academy in action!**

