

# NEWSLETTER



Workington Academy News Update

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## WELCOME

With summer just beginning it is a great time to be starting my new role as headteacher- especially in a school with such marvellous facilities and great potential.

I am looking forward to building on my experience to help this school improve further, it really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a special educational facility and community resource.

I am fortunate in being able to build upon the successful foundations already put in place by CET. The commitment and professionalism of the staff body and courtesy of the students has been impressive - you have all made me feel very welcome.

As we go forward, I will be implementing further changes across a range of areas within the Academy, reflecting my belief that any school should provide quality teaching and a disciplined learning environment in which children are happy and engaged.

I am particularly keen to ensure we are in tune with the local business community, so that students leave us well equipped for further study, apprenticeships or employment.

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Des Bird, Headteacher

The motto of Cumbria Education Trust is to “be the best you can be”, which means everyone fully developing their potential at Workington Academy - whatever career choice they make in the future.

Although we can never guarantee good weather in a Cumbrian summer, one certainty in the summer term is exams. As exams rapidly approach for our year 11 and sixth form students, I am delighted by the commitment of students and staff alike, working hard to ensure this year’s exam results continue the overall journey of improvement we have seen at the Academy since it opened in 2015.

The exam season is long and often stressful, so I would ask that students do their best to remain calm, sleep and eat well, but most importantly work hard to achieve the results you deserve.

Finally, it was fabulous to see some parents at the ‘Meet the Headteacher’ events last week. Thank you once again for making me so welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday 23rd April we welcomed several guests and sponsors to the Academy to officially open the Minto Room. We would like to extend our thanks to Westfield Housing Association Minto Centre who have provided sponsorship and continued support to the Academy. We are delighted that we have this kind of support from our community partners.



Abigail, Keira and Lily with a resident

## EASTER TREATS AT ROSECROFT

Generous students at Workington Academy donated chocolates and sweets and made hampers of Easter Treats which were gratefully received by the elderly residents of Rosecroft Residential Home in nearby Westfield. They were presented by students Abigail, Keira and Lily from the academy.

### WHAT'S UP?

**2 MAY**

New Year 7 pre-admission evening

**16 MAY**

Y10 Progress Evening

**25 MAY**

Rewards afternoon for Y7 - Y10

**26 JUN**

Y6 Transition Day

**27 JUN**

Y5 Literacy Day

**28 JUN**

Y13 Summer Ball

**2&3 JUL**

Y12 Transition Days

**5 JUL**

Year 11 Prom

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## COMPUTING SUCCESS



Student success at the Bebra Challenge

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 ICT classes and year 10 Computer Science took part in the International Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. Five students achieved scores in the top 10% nationally and were

selected to take part in the TCS Oxford University Computing Challenge.

We are incredibly proud of them all, especially our year 7 team who all achieved a merit.

## A WORD FROM THE TRUST

We are delighted to welcome Mr Bird to Workington Academy. We waited a while to secure the right person for the post and he comes to us with a tremendous record of school improvement success. The future of Workington Academy is in safe hands.

Word certainly seems to be getting around the community that Workington Academy is **THE** secondary school to attend because we expect to be full in September 2018 for the first time – a milestone has been reached.

Thank you all – parents, carers, students, academy staff and the local community – for your continuing support and goodwill.

## OUT & ABOUT

Year 11s were at the Sands Centre to see the Blood Brothers; Year 7 students went on a 'uni-venture' to Newcastle and three Year 12 students attended Oxford and Cambridge University seminars.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our student council works with the senior leadership team giving voice to the students addressing any concerns and organising events and activities. The next meeting will take place on 21 May so if there are any issues you would like to raise please speak to a student council member.

## FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The Learning Support department recently helped to raise over £100 for Muscular Dystrophy UK and Down's Syndrome Awareness. Our school community celebrates all our students and we are thankful for the support from parents whose children are linked to the Learning Support Department and the students themselves.

## TALKING SPORT

The football podcast launched by four Year 12 students is attracting international listeners from South Africa, USA and Japan as well as Cumbrian locals who want to be kept updated with the premier league round up and the Workington Reds. Named the 'Popular Side Pod' after the stand at Workington Reds stadium the podcast can be found on the Apple Podcasts app.



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