

15 September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Information for September 2024 Year 7 Admissions

In September 2023, Workington Academy was again oversubscribed and welcomed a record number of students into Year 7.

We look forward to welcoming even more Year 7 students into the Academy in September 2024.

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. Tours will be available from Monday 25 September, following our **Virtual Open Evening** taking place on **Wednesday 20 September at 6.30pm**.

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."*

This summer, Workington Academy received its **best ever GCSE results**. The school achieved a positive progress score which shows that **students on average are attaining above their target grades**.

We are so proud of our students, with the vast majority going on to an exciting range of new opportunities from the West Coast Sixth Form, to College and high-quality apprenticeships.

Attendance at the school has improved significantly over recent years and we are now well above national averages for this and also **won a National Award for our whole school attendance last year**. 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.

Virtual Open Evening – 6.30pm, Wednesday 20 September 2023

Our 30-minute Virtual Open Evening is 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 Virtual Open Evening can be accessed via our website and social media sites or via scanning the QR code below from 6.30pm on Wednesday 20 September 2023;



Personalised Academy Tours – Available from 25 September – 19 October 2023

Following our Virtual Open Evening, 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.

Further information about our personalised tours can be found here;



Personalised tours can be booked via completing the form at the link below;



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.

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 Miss N Tweddle – Assistant Headteacher & Primary – Secondary Transition Lead – ntweddle@workingtonacademy.org

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Mr M Bedford
Headteacher

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Miss N Tweddle
Assistant Headteacher &
Primary Liaison & Y6-7 Transition Lead