





P7 Transition Parents/Carers' Information Event 12th June 2024

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Background



- •Opened 1979
- Approx. 840 pupils
- Around 70 teaching, 20 support staff
- •4 associated primary schools







Strengths



- Attainment
- Inclusive Ethos
- Young People
- Learning Experiences
- Partnerships
- Leadership









Our Vision, Values & Aims

- At Westhill Academy, our vision is of an inclusive school environment where each individual is safe, valued and achieving.
- We are a place where learning and teaching is at the heart of everything we do.
- Our aim is to prepare all young people for life by enabling them to become:
- Successful Learners; Confident Individuals; Responsible Citizens; Effective contributors

Our Principles

Be Safe

Help Learning & Teaching

Consider All Others







Communication



Working together....

- Contact person
- Timescales
- Sharing information
- Outside agencies
- Attendance
- Appointments
- Contact details
- Praise/Concern/Step forms





Parents as Partners

What you can expect from us:

- · A positive school ethos and high expectations
- · Effective, clear and respectful communication
- A commitment to do our very best and strive to get it right for every child in our community within existing resources
- A commitment to work with parents and other professionals to ensure that together we can support your child to achieve their best
- We will operate within Aberdeenshire Council's policies and guidance taking account of parental rights and responsibilities

What we expect from you:

- · Support the school's ethos and expectations
- · Effective, clear and respectful communication
- A realistic understanding that schools need to support all their young people within the constraints of available resources
- That you will work with us and other agencies to support your child to Achieve their best
- Your support and understanding of our policy framework and professional standards







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Attendance

190 school days; 27.5 hours per week

- 95% = 10 days' absence 90% = 20 days' absence 85% = 27.5 days' absence
- Average 90% over school career = equivalent of a school year by S3
- A two-week holiday in term time = 95%
- <90% = progress, attainment and achievement affected (Scottish Government (2019a) Included, engaged and involved part 1: promoting and managing school attendance)
- 1% increase in absence = 3% decrease in post-16 qualification tariff scores (Klein et al, 2022)







First Year Classes and Courses



How are classes made up?

- Mixed ability and schools (maths)
- Information passed on from primary schools
- Specialist advice
- •Siblings' Guidance Teacher/ House (one family one phone call)
- Overall Caseloads







Transition



- •Guidance Teachers have visited each primary school
- Individual pupils discussed by primary and secondary teachers
- •PT ASL working with primaries
- •Extended transition has taken place for some young people









Houses and Guidance Teachers











Arnhall Ms Bradford Brimmond Mr East Carnie Mr McEwan Denman Ms Stewart Echt Mr Barclay











- •5 Houses
- •1A1, 1A2, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E
- •6 non-practical sets registration groups
- •10 practical sets
- •Time split 60/40 between sets











Non Practical (Up to 30 pupils)

•English, Maths, French, Humanities, PE, RMPS, PSE, Drama, Music

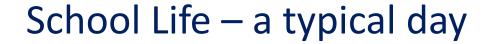
Practical (up to 20 pupils)

Business and IT, Science, Technology, Art, Home Economics

























The school runs from 9.00 am -1 2.05 pm and 12.45 pm - 3.30 pm

9.00 – 9.10 am: Tutorial (Registration)

9.10 – 10.30 am: Period 1

10.30 – 10.45 am: Morning Break

10.45 – 12.05 pm: Period 2

12.05 – 12.45 pm: Lunch

12.45 – 2.05 pm: Period 3

2.05 - 2.10 pm: Transition time

2.10 – 3.30 pm: Period 4









Stage: S1

Timetable

Register Group: 1C2

Reg	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2
Registration	French	French	Physical Education	Physical Education	English	English	Humanities	Humanities
School	CIE	CfE	CAE	CIE	CIE	CIE	CIE	CIE
Mr Busufzai	Miss McComnick	Miss McConnick	Miss Clements	Miss Clements	Mr Foy	Mr Foy	Miss Donegan	Miss Donegan
M14	M07	M07	GH	GH	M22	M22	T01	T01
Registration	Music	Music	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Science	Science	Mathematics	Mathematics
School	CSE	CSE	CrE	CSE	CfE	CHE	CSE	CSE
Mr Busufzai	Mrs Pirie-Smith	Mrs Pirie-Smith	Mr Reid	Mr Reid	Mr Harthill	Mr Harthill	Mr Challab	Mr Challab
M14	G02	G02	T02	TO2	G28	G28	M17	M17
Registration	Art	Art	Mathematics	English	PSE	PSE	Home Economics	Home Economics
School	CHE	CSE	CrE	CIE	CCE	CHE	CrE	CfE
Mr Eusufzai	Miss Macaskill	Miss Macaskill	Mr Challab	Mrs Pellington	Mr McEwan	Mr McElwan	Miss Watson	Miss Watson
M14	T10	T10	M15	M20	G18	G18	G08	G08
Registration	English	English	Physical Education	Physical Education	Drama	Drama	Humanities	Humanities
School	CEE	CEE	CRE	CEE	CHE	CAE	CXE	CIE
Mr Eusufzai	Mr Foy	Mr Foy	Miss Clements	Miss Clements	Mrs Stuart	Mrs Stuart	Miss Donegan	Miss Donegan
M14	M22	M22	GH	GH	DR2	DR2	T01	T01
Registration	French	French	Mathematics	Mathematics	Business Education	Business Education	Science	Science
School	CSE	CSE	CrE	CRE	CrE	CEE	CRE	CHE
Mr Busuffai	Ms Kiejdrowska	Ms Kiejdrowska	Mr Challab	Mr Challab	Miss Reid	Miss Reid	Mrs Lorinner	Mrs Lorinner
M14	M04	M04	M18	M18	T07	T07	G19	G19







Tutorial / Registration 9 – 9.10am Daily



- Meet with tutor
- Attendance check
- Daily bulletin
- Absence notes
- Appointments made
- Daily point of contact

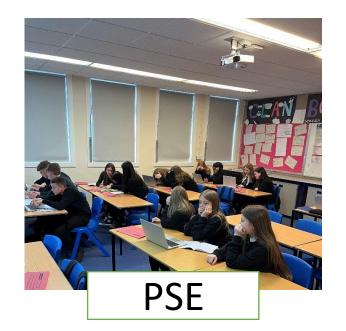


















Lunchtime



- Young Scot cards cashless
- Westhill pupils in the community
- •Extra-curricular
- Library









String group

Westhill Academy Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-2024



Day and Time Location

Friday

Activity	Day and Time	Location	
Art Club	Tuesday	T6, T8,	
	12.10 - 12.40	T10	
Christian Union	Thursday	G21	
	12.10 - 12.40		
Westhill GSA	Mon lunch	M10	
	(two weekly)		
Coding Club	Tues & Wed –	M12 &	
	12.15 - 12.40	M14	
Debate Club	Thursday	T4	
	lunchtime		
S1/2 Science	Tuesday	G23	
Club	lunchtime		
S1 Netball	Tuesday	Games	
	3.45 - 4.45	Hall	
S2/3 Netball	Monday	Games	
	3.45 - 4.45	Hall	
S4/5/6 Netball	Monday	Games	
	4.45 – 5.45	Hall	
S1-3 Basketball	Thursday	Games	
	8.00 - 8.45	Hall	
Senior	Friday	Games	
Basketball	8.00 - 8.45	Hall	
S2/3 Drama	Monday	Drama 1	
Club	lunchtime		
Senior Drama	Tuesday	Drama 1	
Club	lunchtime		
Cheer Club	Thursday	Small	
	3.30 - 4.45	Gym	
Rugby	Thursday	Playing	
	3.40 - 5.00	field	
Ceilidh Band	Thursday	Music	
	12.15 - 12.40	Dept	
Ukulele group	Tuesday	Music	
	12.15 – 12.40	Dept	
Singing for Joy!	Wednesday	Music	
	12.15 – 12.40	Dept	
Creative Writing	Tuesday	M22	
·	Lunchtime		
S5/6 Young	Thursday	M5	
Enterprise	Lunchtime		

	12.15-12.40	
Brass group	Thursday	G4
	12.15 – 12.40	
S1 Boys	Wednesday	Playing
Football	3.30 - 4.30	field
S2 Boys	Tuesday	Playing
Football	3.30 - 4.30	Field
S3 Boys	Wednesday	Playing
Football	3.30 – 4.40	field
Volleyball	Wednesday	Games
	3.30 – 4.45	Hall
Badminton	Thursday	Games
	3.30 - 4.30	Hall
Table Tennis	Monday	Small
	3.30 - 4.30	Gym
Athletics -	Wednesday	Playing
Running	3.45 - 4.30	field
Eco Club	Wednesday	G20
	3.30 - 4.30	
Girls Football	Tuesday	Playing
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Languages Film	Tuesday	M7
Club	lunchtime	
S1 Lunch Drop	Thursday	Comm.
In	lunchtime	Centre
Sewing Club	Thursday	T10
	3.30 - 4.30	
Charities Club	Thursday	T7
	Lunchtime	
GeoClub	Wednesday	T3
	lunchtime	
S3 Practical	Tuesday	G8
Cookery	3.30 - 4.40	
Chess Club	Monday	Library
	lunchtime	
Books & Biscuits	Tues lunch	Library
Reading	(two weekly)	
Games Club	Wednesday	Library
	lunchtime	









Keeping in touch



- •Guidance
- Tracking report
- •Full report
- Parents' evening
- Attendance letters
- Praise/Concern/Step forms
- Website
- X (formerly Twitter)
- GroupCall











- Mobile phones and BYOD
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Online Safety:

https://westhillacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/cyber-safety/







Senior Leadership Team













Mrs Reid Head Teacher Mr Fitzgerald
Depute
Head Teacher
(SQA and
Curriculum)

Mrs Colville
Depute
Head Teacher
(Pupil
Support)

Mrs Taylor
Depute
Head Teacher
(Learning,
Teaching and
Assessment)

Acting
Depute

Head Teacher

(Pupil
Support –
Friday only)







Office Team















Lynsey Largue – School Nurse S1 settling in appointment

Stacey Green – School Nursing Assistant Daily 9.30am – 2.30pm







Resource Room

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Antibacterial wipes PE kit

Pencil cases - clear

Pet food – cat food, dog food

Plasters

Sanitary products

Shampoo/conditioner

Shaving kits (razors and foam) – razors

only available

on request from Guidance teachers

Shower gel

Socks

Sports bras

Stationery

Tights

Tissues

Toothpaste and brushes

Towels

Underwear

Uniform

Water bottles

Nail varnish remover

Notebooks

Blankets

Calculators

Cereal bars

Combs

Deodorant

Dried fruit snack

packets

Dried goods:

soups, noodles, dried pasta, UHT milk,

water, tea bags, coffee

Face Cloths

Facial wash

Facial wipes

Hair bobbles

Hair brushes

Hot water bottles

Lip balm

Microwaveable

hand warmers











Online Resources



School website: www.westhillacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

@WAberdeenshire

@GuidanceTeamWA

@ScienceDeptWA

@WesthillPEDept

@MathsDeptWA

@WesthillEnglish













https://westhillacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-council/











- Meet your child's Guidance Teacher
- •Hear about the school's Personal and Social Education curriculum
- Ask questions
- •Following this please join our Parent Council for refreshments in the Library
- Meet other parents and hear about our active Parent Council











1A1 and 1A2 – Staff room

1B - G13

1C - G16

1D - G18

1E - G11



