

John Whitgift Academy Curriculum Offer

CONTEXT & SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE

Delta Academies Trust has the mission statement “Changing Lives”, with the overarching aim being to improve educational outcomes for children in the north of England whilst creating a sustainable organisation that improves our society and the wider environment.

John Whitgift Academy serves the Grimsby community, with the majority of pupils living within walking distance and coming from five primary schools. The Key Stage 2 APS for every year group is significantly below national average on entry but primary performance is improving.

The academy is smaller than average with the smallest year group comprising 62 pupils. Due to recent successes and significantly improved results, the academy is over-subscribed and there are now 180 pupils in Years 7 and 8. The majority of students live in areas containing significant pockets of deprivation characterised by high unemployment, an inadequate employment base, low average income levels, poor physical and mental health and a degraded urban environment. 70% of adults in North East Lincolnshire suffer from obesity.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation in the local area is in the bottom 10%.

The proportion of disadvantaged students is significantly above the national average (46% v 29%) as is the number currently in receipt of Free School Meals (23% v 12%). Students within the academy are mainly White British, with only 3.6% of students having EAL. The number of students with an EHCP is 1.4%, and a very small number of students requiring behavioural and emotional support attend alternative provision locally.

We serve our local community and work closely with partners to plan a set of learning experiences that meet the needs of our students. In addition, we use local, national and international labour market intelligence to plan courses to best prepare our young people for life beyond school. The academy has recently actively sought and acquired new AAB members from local businesses such as Catch, HOP, MKM Building Supplies. We have the highest standards and expectations for all students and we strive to provide a curriculum that respects the needs of all students as well as one that encourages young people to seek continuous development and improvement.