

JOHN WHITGIFT ACADEMY

The academy of choice

THE progress made by John Whitgift Academy over the last five years has been exemplary.

Outcomes for all learners at GCSE continues to be way above national average in every subject and for all learners. The number of parents selecting to send their children to John Whitgift Academy continues to rise with more than 500 people attending a recent open evening.

The academy is part of Delta Academies Trust and prides itself in being the most successful secondary academy in this multi-Academy Trust, being top of the league table for outcomes, attendance, behaviour, and its rapid growth.

The principal of John Whitgift Academy, Rob Spendlow, who has been at the helm since 2016 said: "I am exceptionally proud to be the principal of this amazing academy, our students, staff, Delta colleagues and our Governors are so supportive and share completely our standards and expectations."

"I stand by the changes made to this academy in 2016 and will make no apology for expecting the highest of standards from all students and teachers at all times, just look at what we have all achieved."

Refurbishment

The academy is now due to undergo a major three-year refurbishment plan, updating the existing building in all areas. This will enable the academy to broaden its curriculum offer further, introducing and in some cases extending subjects such as Drama and Performing Arts and Computer Science.

Once complete, each subject will have its own modern suite to accom-



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Approach to leadership

All senior leaders at the academy from the assistant principals, the vice-principal, and the principal himself, walk around the academy visiting every lesson, every day.

Their visibility at all times, Mr Spendlow claims, "makes a real difference to both our teachers and students; we are always accessible to support and ensure the quality of teaching and learning from our teachers and attitude to learning from our students, remain exceptionally high."

"Despite our rapid growth, we

remain proud of the fact we know the strengths and areas of development of all of our students and the leadership team are with our students at the chalk-face every day."

Success post-John Whitgift Academy

The school has been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard by Prospects.

The national Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school.

John Whitgift Academy is a 'Good' school, but tirelessly working towards outstanding and improving the chances and opportunities of all the students. Recognising the importance of preparing students for their future careers, the school began working towards the national Quality in Careers Standard.

Achieving the national Quality in Careers Standard shows the principal, governors and leadership team at John Whitgift Academy embrace, promote and endorse quality careers education and recognise the part it plays in the overall success of the school and its students.

The school offers a range of activities to introduce students to the world of work and help them make decisions about life after school.

Paul Tuffnell, learning manager and operational lead for CEIAG at John Whitgift Academy, said: "We are thrilled to have achieved the national Quality in Careers Standard awarded by Prospects."

"At John Whitgift Academy we recognise the important role school plays in helping students develop

their knowledge, skills and experience so they can go out into the world and achieve personal success.

"This award has provided a flexible framework that enabled us to audit our work on careers and ensure our students are receiving advice, practical support and experience so they are prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training."

Careers director Paula Thompson added: "I am delighted to inform you that it has been decided that your institution will receive the National Quality in Careers Standard, which recognises the high standard of your careers provision. It is a real achievement to go through this accreditation process, and I know how much hard work Paul Tuffnell put in, so many congratulations."

The Prospects award meets the exacting validation criteria of the national Quality in Careers Standard. This award stands for three years until December 2023.

The award is a clear indication of the progress made at John Whitgift Academy and the achievements over the previous years has resulted in all students being engaged in either employment, education or training.

This is an essential element towards the delivery of a careers programme and the academy is delighted to continue in this success of 0% NEETS (meaning 100% of our students leave John Whitgift Academy entering education or work - no one is left behind) for the previous two years.

Relationships have been built with regional post 16 providers and continued support is offered to all stu-



dents from the academy until the age of 19 should any student wish to seek the support being offered.

Paul Tuffnell, the operational lead on CEIAG, stated: "There have been huge changes in the way careers education is delivered throughout

secondary education and we at John Whitgift are proud to be at the front of this drive towards an outstanding careers programme."

"Careers education is not a stand-alone part of education but delivered as part of the curriculum and

allows students to have a balanced decision on their future pathways."

"The spine of careers runs throughout the academy with a fantastic governor lead, SLT support and delivery in all elements of the academic day."



Why choose John Whitgift Academy?

About Us

We are a relatively small Academy that has a team of enthusiastic, well-qualified teachers that have proven in 2019 and in 2020 that they can achieve the best results in Grimsby and the whole of North East Lincolnshire - every child really can reach their full potential. Your child will never be lost in the crowd unlike larger academies, instead, we know every child, their strengths and their areas for development. You are very welcome to come and see us, have a look around and sense the calm purposeful working environment this academy has to offer your child. In addition, real information on our website and watch our virtual tour on the transition tab.

- A visible and approachable Senior Leadership Team that know all students
- For progress, we are the highest performing academy in Grimsby and North East Lincolnshire
- The highest maths progress out of all Delta secondary academies
- Progress in maths, English and science being way above national average
- FREE Year 7 transport to and from JWA from four locations in Grimsby - putting your child's safety first
- Outstanding learning resources
- We have a 202-seat cinema
- We have two swimming pools and outstanding sports results
- We have our own engineering plant with partnerships with Franklin College and HETA
- FREE - complete uniform including: trousers, skirt, shirt, tie, blazer and PE kit

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