

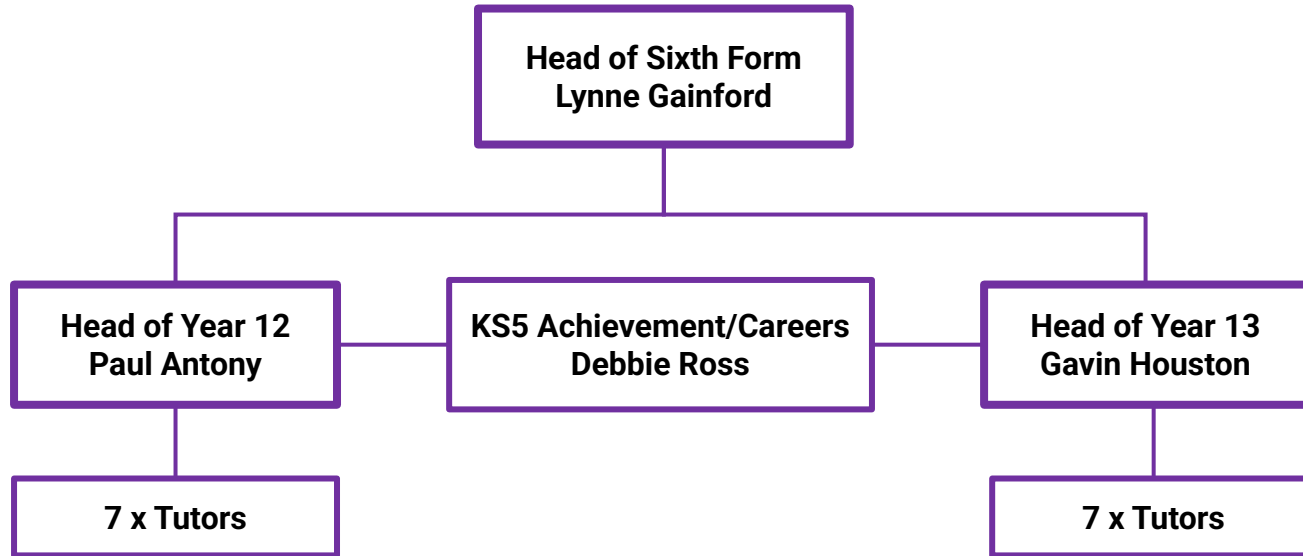
Year 12 Parents Information Evening

Monday 15th September

- Welcome and introductions
- Expectations
- Academic support
- Pastoral support
- Enrichment and wider opportunities
- Beyond Whickham Sixth Form
- Q&A



The Sixth Form Team



Expectations - Code of Dress

Sixth Form students are required to dress in a manner that would be acceptable within a professional workplace. The Code of Dress below is for the gender which you identify as.

Male	Female
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formal/smart shirt and tie▪ Formal/smart trousers▪ Formal shoes▪ Sixth Form lanyard <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plain jumper over shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formal/smart top to cover shoulders.▪ Formal/smart trousers or skirt or dress, of a suitable length▪ Formal shoes▪ Sixth Form lanyard <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain jumper/cardigan

Hoodies, crop tops and casual footwear e.g. plimsolls and trainers are not permitted.
Tattoos (over 18's) must be discreet and inoffensive.

[Full information can be found on the Code of Dress webpage](#)

Expectations - Code of Dress

- The Sixth Form lanyard must be worn.
- Students are allowed a single facial piercing and 2 earrings per ear.
- No elaborate makeup, hair adornments, unnatural hair colours or extreme hairstyles.

Students completing practical courses:

All students are required to come in Code of Dress but can change into specialist clothing for lessons using school changing facilities.



Expectations - Attendance

- There is a clear link between **attendance and academic success**: Holidays in term time have a significant effect on education
- If absence is planned then please ensure that either:
 - You call the school in advance (ext 204) *or* A note is brought in by students
- For unplanned absence (e.g. illness)
 - Please call the school each morning (ext 204)
- Attendance target for each student is **98%**
 - A meeting with parents will be held where attendance is a significant concern. (90% = 1 day off a fortnight).
 - A formal attendance contract will be drawn up if attendance falls below 80%.

How big a difference does being in lessons make?

Attendance to lessons	Average GCSE grade
95% or better	6.5
90% to 94.9%	5.2
85% to 89.9%	3.9
80% to 84.9%	3.3
75% to 79.9%	3.0



Expectations - Attendance

attendance
MATTERS



Entrance & Exit to School site



- New **turnstile system**, accessed by biometrics.
- Provides Sixth Form students with their **own entry and exit points** to the school site.
- Enables us to have '**live**' **data** on which Sixth Form students are on-site and off-site - **improved safeguarding**.
- Sixth Form students are treated like **young adults** and can leave the site during the school day when they do not have timetabled sessions.
- **Please contact us** if you have concerns over this.

Internal Exams - Key dates

Ongoing monitoring by subject staff -

- Classwork, homework, work ethic, progress tests etc.



Formal internal exams

- Mid year mocks WB 2 Feb and WB 9 Feb
- End of Y12 exams WB 8 Jun and WB 15 Jun
- Resits week after WEX (WB 6 Jul) - Students must pass Y12 exams to progress into Y13.

External Exams - Key Dates

- Resit Maths and English - November and May/June
- Vocational BTEC exams - May/June
- Further Maths exams - May/June



Academic Support

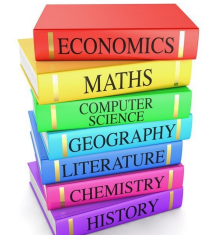


- **Independent Study** lessons - 2 per week, supervised by Mr Antony.
- **'Directed Tasks'** set by each subject, accessible via Google Classrooms.
- **Additional lessons** set by subject staff.
- **Detentions** for academic support.
- Additional **Supervised Study** lessons timetabled with Sixth Form Achievement coordinator.
- **Bursary support** - Stationary, textbook deposits etc.

Timetables - Independent study/ Free periods

1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1Mon:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Tue:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Wed:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Thu:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Fri:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Mon:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Tue:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Wed:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Thu:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Fri:Reg Tutorial JCS 37
1Mon:1 Sociology LPE G12	1Tue:1 EPQ LR A6	1Wed:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB		1Fri:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	2Mon:1 EPQ	2Tue:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	2Wed:1 EPQ LR A7	2Thu:1 EPQ	2Fri:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB
1Mon:2 Independent St	1Tue:2 Media RRO 31	1Wed:2 EPQ	1Thu:2 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	1Fri:2 Media SHN 39	2Mon:2 Independent St	2Tue:2 Media SHN 39	2Wed:2 Media SHN 39	2Thu:2 Media SHN 39	2Fri:2 BTEC Dance SWI ASB
			1Thu:3 Media SHN 39	1Fri:3 Sociology SH 51	2Mon:3 Sociology LPE G12	2Tue:3 Media RRO 31	2Wed:3 Sociology LPE G12	2Thu:3 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	
1Mon:4 Media RRO 31	1Tue:4 BTEC Dance SWI HALL	1Wed:4 Independent St	1Thu:4 Sociology SH 51		2Mon:4 Media SHN 39	2Tue:4 Sociology SH 51	2Wed:4 L2 Leadership MDN 18		2Fri:4 Sociology LPE G12
	1Tue:5 Sociology LPE G12	1Wed:5 Sociology SH 51					2Wed:5 L2 Leadership MDN 18		2Fri:5 Media RRO 31

Academic Support - Textbook Loans



- £5 deposit required per book.
- Check with each subject how many books are required/the titles of the books you require.
- Then go on the **ONLINE SHOP** (Not Parentpay) and pay the relevant deposit e.g. 6 books = £30.
- After deposits have been paid, you can collect and sign out books from the library.
- Books are available to collect during break times and lunchtimes and can be collected from **Monday 15th September**.
- Book returns are a compulsory part of the Y13 sign-off process.

Pastoral Support

Available from:

- Tutors
- Head of Year
- Head of Sixth Form
- Teachers
- Achievement Officer
- School counselling team

We support students with a wide range of needs. Please communicate any needs with us and encourage your child to speak to staff when they feel they need support.

Encourage students to be accountable and take responsibility for any issues . Adult / higher education mindset.



Enrichment & Wider Opportunities

- Wednesday pm enrichment sessions (Higher Ed)
- Tutorial and PSHCE programme.

VESPA , vision, effort, systems, Practice , Attitude

PEP-ME

Pathways

Effort

Precise Practice

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Management

Effectiveness

Theme 1- Pathways

Theme 2 - Skills acquisition

Theme 3 - Wellbeing

- Additional studies e.g. core Maths, EPQ, resit English/Maths
- Student Leadership opportunities.
- Charity Week
- Trips and visits

The A Level
Mindset

Revised Edition

40 activities for
transforming
student
commitment,
motivation and
productivity

Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin

Wednesday pm Enrichment

- Sports Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Football Academy
- Work Experience
- **Carousel** - The enrichment carousel offers a less specialised enrichment offer for those who prefer to experience a broader enrichment pathway. This year the enrichment carousel includes:
 - Recreational sport
 - First Aid
 - Debating
 - Preparing for overseas travel
 - RE



Sixth Form Leadership Team



Charity Week



- Charity week is an **integral part of the school calendar**.
- The event is **run annually by Year 12** and brings the whole school together for the common cause of raising money for a charity chosen by the year group.
- Traditionally Charity Week has included old favourites such as **Teachers Strictly, Variety show, Masked Singer and X Factor**. Lunchtime events include **tuck shops, lip sync battles** and **sponge the teacher**. Often **new events** are chosen by the year group.
- It is a great event to get involved with for **personal development** and this is a fantastic opportunity to **inspire others**. Students can join the **Charity Week Committee**.
- Some of the **best UCAS applications** have included leadership and organisational skills developed **during Charity Week**.

2025 Charity - Great North Air Ambulance



- Some **excellent presentations** delivered by students last week during our Y12 Induction Days to raise awareness of a range of worthwhile charities.
- **Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS)**
- Doctor-led critical care teams deliver immediate life-saving treatments.
- Not funded by the NHS, **purely Charity / donation funded**
- We hope you can all support Year 12 in whatever way you can over the coming weeks to **raise money and awareness for this excellent cause.**

Y12 Careers Programme



<https://www.whickhamschool.org/careers/careers-guidance/>

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Y12 Careers Programme



Term 1

- Independent Careers Planning
- UK University and Apprenticeship Event (1st October)
- Wednesday Afternoon Enrichment & Charity Week
- Careers Guidance Interviews - Pathway planning



Term 2

- Personal Careers Research
- Careers Guidance Interviews - Pathway planning
- Plan, research and source placement for Work Experience Week



Term 3

- Tyneside Exhibition - University and Apprenticeship Events (June)
- Begin UCAS process / Apprenticeship searches
- Work Experience Placement Week

1-2-1 Careers Guidance



- 1-2-1 Appointments are scheduled starting in **Half Term 2**
- Initial Appointment will be **30 minutes**
- Students can request **follow up appointments** (as many as they need)
 - **Self Awareness** - interests, skills, strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop an understanding of **personal career or study preferences**
 - Exploring a range of **Post 18 Options** available
 - Support **personal research** to inform decisions
 - Making a **careers action plan**
 - **Raising Aspiration** and developing self determination
 - **Managing difficulties** and setbacks - Plan B (or C or D. . . .)
- Group **Thematic Sessions** (medical / law / degree apprenticeships / Oxbridge)

1-2-1 Careers Guidance



- WB 29 June 2026
- Great way of developing **transferable skills & professional skills set**
- **Get a better understanding** of the world of work and if a career is right for them
- Building **networks, relationships and links** to potential employers
- Make students **more attractive to universities and employers**

Please ask your child to speak to Mrs Ross or Miss Gainford if they have a strong desire to do Work Experience as their Wed pm enrichment activity.



Beyond Whickham Sixth Form



- Around 70% of students continued into higher or further education in 2024
- Support is also provided for those who do not wish to pursue University
 - School leaver **engagement schemes** (e.g. EY, PWC, KPMG)
 - **Apprenticeships** Workshops
 - **Higher / Degree Apprenticeship** Search
 - **Personal Statement & Application** support
 - **Gap year** information and Guidance





Support for University

- **UCAS University & Apprenticeships** Convention (full year group 1st October)
- Programme for **Early Entry / Competitive Entry** - workshops / visits
- Presentations / Assemblies / Workshops from **North East Universities**:
 - Newcastle (Partners)
 - Northumbria (Destination Northumbria)
 - Sunderland (Sunderland First)
 - Durham (Supported Progression)
- **Thematic taster days** at North East Universities
- **UCAS Application Support & Personal Statements**
- Authorised Absence for students attending **University Open Days**
- **Student & Parent briefings** - including Student Finance Information Evening

Communication with Parents



- Classcharts - 'Live reporting' of positive and negative points.
- Module reports.
- Emails and letters.
- Phone calls home.
- Invitations for parent/carers meetings.
- Year 12 Parents Evening (Tuesday 24th March)

Questions



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