



WHITELANDS
ACADEMY

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Parent Friday Five

Communication update for parents

Friday 19th April



Upcoming Dates

Monday 22nd April: Year 9 Options Deadline

Wednesday 24th April: Year 10 mock exams begin

Monday 6th May – School closed, Bank Holiday

14th, 21st, 22nd May – Years 7 & 10 Parents' Evenings

All Fridays in Term 5: Tuck shop open at lunchtime to fundraise for Thailand Orphanage.



Careers

We are expanding our careers programme at Whitelands and we are seeking industry professionals to come in and inspire our pupils and get them thinking about their future steps.

We are looking for any support or volunteers to educate and expand our pupils' careers knowledge. We are also running work experience for our year 10's this summer; if you or your employer would be willing to take on a pupil placement, then please do get in touch.

Please contact mcartwright@whitelandsacademy.org

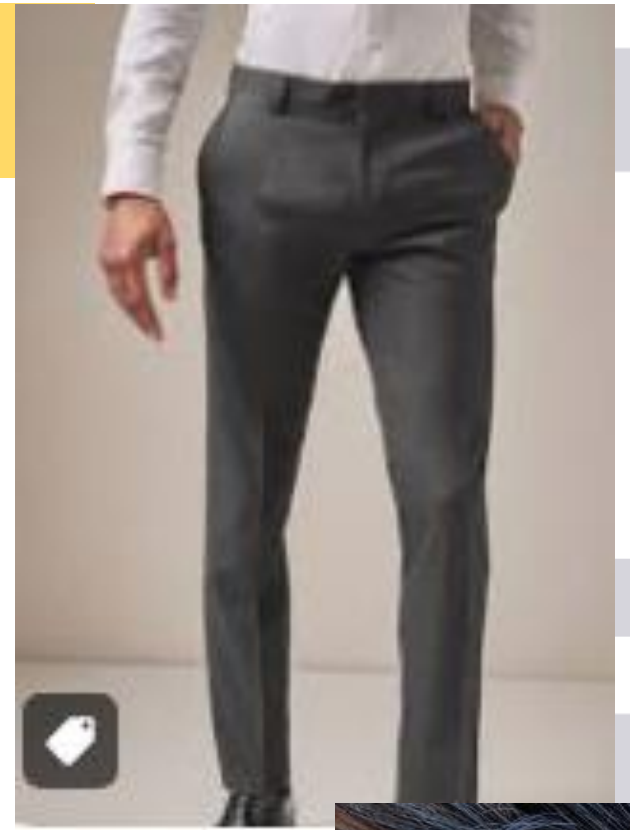


Uniform

Our school uniform is GREY trousers. In the last few days, quite a few pairs of black trousers have been spotted at school. Please can you check and ensure your child is wearing correct uniform.

We have also reminded students that hooped earrings are not safe for school. The corridors can become busy and we want to minimise any risk of hoops being snagged.

Jewellery is not permitted at school. This includes necklaces, rings and bracelets to avoid valuable items getting lost.



Anonymous Reporting

From time to time, our students experience things that they need to share with trusted adults. This could be a personal problem, an emotional issue, friendship disputes or experiencing bullying type behaviour in person or online.

Frequently, other students can be witnesses to this behaviour, but act as a bystander – they are there, they witness it, they don't speak up at the time or share it with an adult.

At Whitelands, we are a small community and we want to help keep each other safe. To support students (and parents and carers) in reporting incidents, we have an anonymous reporting form. This can be found in toilet cubicles in school and also on the homepage of the school website. If your children share information about incidents at school (or on the way to and from school), please encourage them to use this or report in person.

One day, they might need someone to speak up for them – please help them report and share to support their peers.

Cause for Concern Anonymous
Reporting Form



SEND Focus – SWIFT course for parents

This is an opportunity for parents to take part in a course specifically for parents that have children who are diagnosed neuro-diverse or are suspected to be neuro-diverse.

There are four sessions or 'modules' each of which focusses on one of the key areas of difference for children with Autism:

1. Understanding Autism
2. Communication and Interaction
3. Sensory Processing
4. Emotional Wellbeing

The course will be held in person at WLA and run over four consecutive weeks:

- Wednesday 12th June 1.00 - 2.45pm
- Wednesday 19th June 1.00 - 2.45pm
- Wednesday 26th June 1.00 - 2.45pm
- Wednesday 3rd July 1.00 -2.45pm

If you are interested in joining us, please register your interest by emailing swalkley@whitelandsacademy.org by Thursday 25th April 2024