



# WHITELANDS ACADEMY

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## Year 6 to 7 Transition Booklet 2022



## Welcome To **WHITELANDS ACADEMY**

We're looking forward to meeting you this September, but before we do, we'd like to let you know a little bit more about our school, what we do and what we believe in.

We would also like to find out a little more about you too.

At Whitelands Academy, we take learning very seriously and expect you to do the same. Before arriving in September, please make sure you complete this booklet. It will help us ensure you make a smooth transition into secondary school as well as give us information that will be important all the way through to year 11!

We will also be rewarding excellent effort with house points when you join us in September.

Aim to complete all of the tasks in the booklet, ready to hand in at your welcome visit.

Mr A Cush

Headteacher

## OUR TRAIT

At Whitelands Academy, we believe in developing lifelong skills and values that will help you to be successful in anything you choose to do in your future.

The 6 values that we expect our students to demonstrate both in school and out in the wider community make up OUR TRAIT.

**OUR Trait**  
**Tolerance**  
**Resilience**  
**Ambition**  
**Integrity**  
**Teamwork**

**CAVELL:**  
THE POWER OF  
COMPASSION

**MANDELA:**  
THE POWER OF  
EQUALITY







**FRANKLIN:**  
THE POWER OF  
DISCOVERY

**HILLARY:**  
THE POWER OF  
ADVENTURE

## Activity 1

It is important that you understand what our values are at Whitelands Academy, so that you are able to demonstrate them at all times.

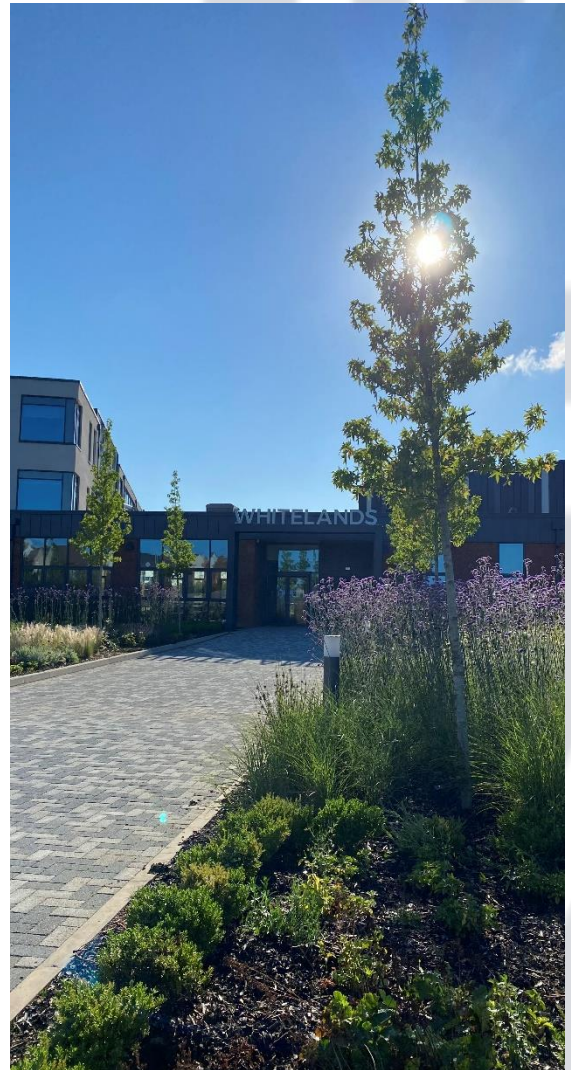
**Fill in the table below by defining each of the OUR TRAIT Values.** Use a dictionary or the internet to help you.

Value	Definition	Diagram
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Tolerance	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
Resilience	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
Ambition	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
Integrity	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
Teamwork	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

# Gallery Tour of Whitelands Academy

At Whitelands Academy you will have the opportunity to use a range of incredible facilities. Below is a collection of photos of our school environment.

## Entrance and courtyard area



## The Library



## Design Technology



## Physical Education



## Drama Studio



## Science





## Canteen



## Classrooms and Corridors



## The Hub



## Pupil Profile

We would love to know more about you! Please complete your pupil profile.

What is your name?

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What primary school do you go to?

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What is your favourite moment of primary school?

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What are you most looking forward to at Whitelands Academy?

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What are your favourite lessons?

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Do you have any hobbies?

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What achievement are you the most proud of?

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Can you name 3 people you would like to be in a form group with?

*(We cannot make any promises but we will try!)*

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## Moving to Secondary

Moving to secondary school is one of the biggest changes you would have faced so far and everyone feels differently about it. Lots of students tend to feel very excited and nervous at the same time.

What do you feel excited and nervous about?

Things I feel excited about...	Things I feel nervous about...

## Solutions

At Whitelands Academy our values mean that we consistently help and support each other. Here are some ideas of what you can do if you need help when you are at school:

1. Talk to your tutor. You will see your tutor every day and will get to know them really well, they are there to help you.
2. At break and lunchtime there will multiple members of staff around the site on duty. They are all there to help you if you need it so make sure that you ask.
3. Before and after school there are always members of staff on the school gate to greet and dismiss you. Make sure you speak to them if you need help.
4. At Whitelands Academy we have a no mobile phone contract. This means that if you need help to contact home you need to speak with a member of staff who can help you to do so.

Remember at Whitelands we always show integrity. That means that we always do the right thing even when nobody is watching and we always stand up for what is right. As a student we would like you to always ask for help when you need it, and give help when you can.

## Letter to 16-Year-Old Self

Throughout your time at Whitelands you will learn invaluable skills that will help you to reach your goals for when you leave us in the future. When you leave us, we would like to give you a little reminder of the goals and dreams that you had when you joined us. Therefore, we would like you to write a letter to your 16-year-old self.

In your letter, try to be as creative as you can and write about the things that are most important to you. You should try to include the following:

- Good memories you have from primary school.
- Things that make you nervous and excited about joining Whitelands.
- What lessons and experiences you are looking forward to.
- What you hope to achieve throughout your time at Whitelands.
- What you would like to do when you leave Whitelands Academy.
- What you would like to achieve outside of school.

Use the next page to complete your letter in your best writing. We want to see your best work!

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## Reading List

Literacy is really important at secondary school so it is really important we practise as much as we can. When you join us at Whitelands, you will be a part of a very exciting guided reading programme. But before you start, here are some exciting recommendations for summer reading which will help prepare you for Year 7.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio



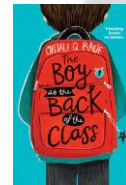
Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick



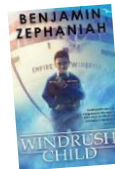
Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter



The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Raúf



Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah



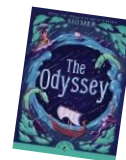
The Girl who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson



Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds



The Odyssey - Geraldine McCaughrean



Tales of the Greek Heroes - Roger Lancelyn Green





## Book Review and Reflection

We would love to know what you thought of one or more of the books from our reading list. Answer the questions below to let us know what you thought. If you read any other books over the summer you can review them too!

Book Title

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What did you really enjoy about the book?

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Who was your favourite character and why?

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Can you list any books that you hope to be able to find in our school library?

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## Next Steps and Career Paths

The availability of effective Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance is paramount to the future of our students.

All students engage in a weekly programme of careers education delivered in tutor time; the schedule of which is shown below.

	<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
<b>1</b>	Careers and Future	Career Interest	Understanding the Workplace
<b>2</b>	Transition Points in Life	Labour Market information	Jobs and Opportunities
<b>3</b>	Personal Qualities and Skills	Exploring Careers	Standard Occupation Classifications
<b>4</b>	Finding Careers Information	Making decisions for KS4	Business Structures
<b>5</b>	Careers Management	Options and Subjects	Work Hierarchy and Structure
<b>6</b>	Traits and Skills	Qualifications and Pathways	Diversity, Equality and Stereotyping
<b>7</b>	Action Planning	Qualities and Skills	All about Enterprise

In addition to the tutor programme, our careers related learning is designed to be both inspiring and developmental both in and out of the classroom.

All students have the opportunity to meet with a qualified Level 6 Careers Advisor throughout their years; with a special focus on exploring careers and making good choices Post 16 and Post 18.

Any Careers Related queries can be emailed to our Careers Specialist, Ceri Tranter on [ctranter@whitelandsacademy.org](mailto:ctranter@whitelandsacademy.org)

## Whitelands Check List

As a Whitelands student you will be responsible for making sure you come to school with all of the equipment you need to learn and engage in your lessons. Below is your Whitelands check list to make sure you are ready!

- Black and/or blue pens
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Colouring Pencils
- Calculator
- Maths set
- Reading book
- Transition booklet

Top tip – Check your timetable and pack your bag the night before school so that you are organised and at school on time.

You will need to make sure you come to Whitelands looking smart in your uniform. Please refer to the uniform policy on our school website.

<https://www.whitelandsacademy.org/>

## Contact Us

Thank you for completing your Whitelands Academy transition booklet, we are really looking forward to welcoming you to Whitelands Academy in September!

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact us via phone call or email using the details below:

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[admin@Whitelandsacademy.org](mailto:admin@Whitelandsacademy.org)

See you in September!



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