

Thursday, 18 March 2021

Re: Whitley Academy Year 12 Provision from September 2021.

Dear Parent / Carer / Student,

If you attended or watched the recorded Post 16 Parent Forum for Year 11 applicants, which was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March then you will be aware that our plans for our Year 12 provision in September 2021 were limited to an offer only across the Multi Academy Trust. In these plans we outlined our intention to work collaboratively with secondary schools within Finham Park MAT. This type of collaborative approach ensures that the widest range of subject choices and extra-curricular opportunities are available for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their feedback and comments. These have been invaluable to us in ensuring that we shape our offer to meet the needs of all learners. Based on this feedback, we've been able to cross reference student choices with the staffing and curriculum model for 2021/2022.

I'm now delighted to announce that due to the overwhelming enthusiasm for the continuity of teaching (and indeed the pastoral support) at Whitley, we are able to consider offering Year 12 provision in the following 6 areas (subject to sufficient numbers):

- A level Maths
- A level Biology
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Sport

Students who have chosen to apply for one or more of these options are now *highly likely* to be able to study these subjects at Whitley Academy in Y12 next year. Where the subjects chosen do not fit a student's timetable due to a clash, or staffing is not available, alternative provision will be offered at a partner MAT School or alternative choices may need to be considered. If students have applied for subjects which are not in the list above, then these lessons will be delivered at one of the partner schools within the MAT.

This week we started the process of interviewing all Year 11 students who have made an application to Whitley Academy to continue into Post 16. These interviews will conclude on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. It's been incredibly inspiring to hear the wide range of career aspirations amongst Year 11 students and to appreciate how focused and keen they are to demonstrate being *the best they can be* in lessons in order to meet the Level 3 entry criteria. I look forward to concluding the interview process by sending out conditional offers in **April 2021** following the Easter break. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly: [p.edwards@whitleyacademy.com](mailto:p.edwards@whitleyacademy.com)

Yours Sincerely



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