

Welcome to Whitchurch High School Sixth Form Parental Engagement Evening





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And Standards



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Sixth Form
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KS4-5 Wellbeing
And Transitions
Officer

6th Form Team

Wellbeing / Form Tutors

Student Team

LEAD STUDENTS



LEAD STUDENT
Ewa Balogun



LEAD STUDENT
Marcello Fasano



DEPUTY LEAD STUDENT
Anest James



DEPUTY LEAD STUDENT
Alex Sullivan



DEPUTY LEAD STUDENT
Elen Diggins



DEPUTY LEAD STUDENT
Harminder Philora

6th Form Lead Students

How do Advanced Levels work?

- **Year 12**
- Students select 3/4 subjects and follow the 'AS' courses.
- End of year assessment/exams - grades awarded.

They return to school in June and July to start A2 courses

Year 13

- Students usually then 'drop' one subject and then follow the 'A2' course in 3 subjects.
- End of year assessment/exams - grades awarded based on results from both years.



Managing the Transition

- Independent learning
- Organisation and time management
- Taking responsibility
- Bridging Work

What can I do?





How can parents/carers help?

Encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of the help and support in school.

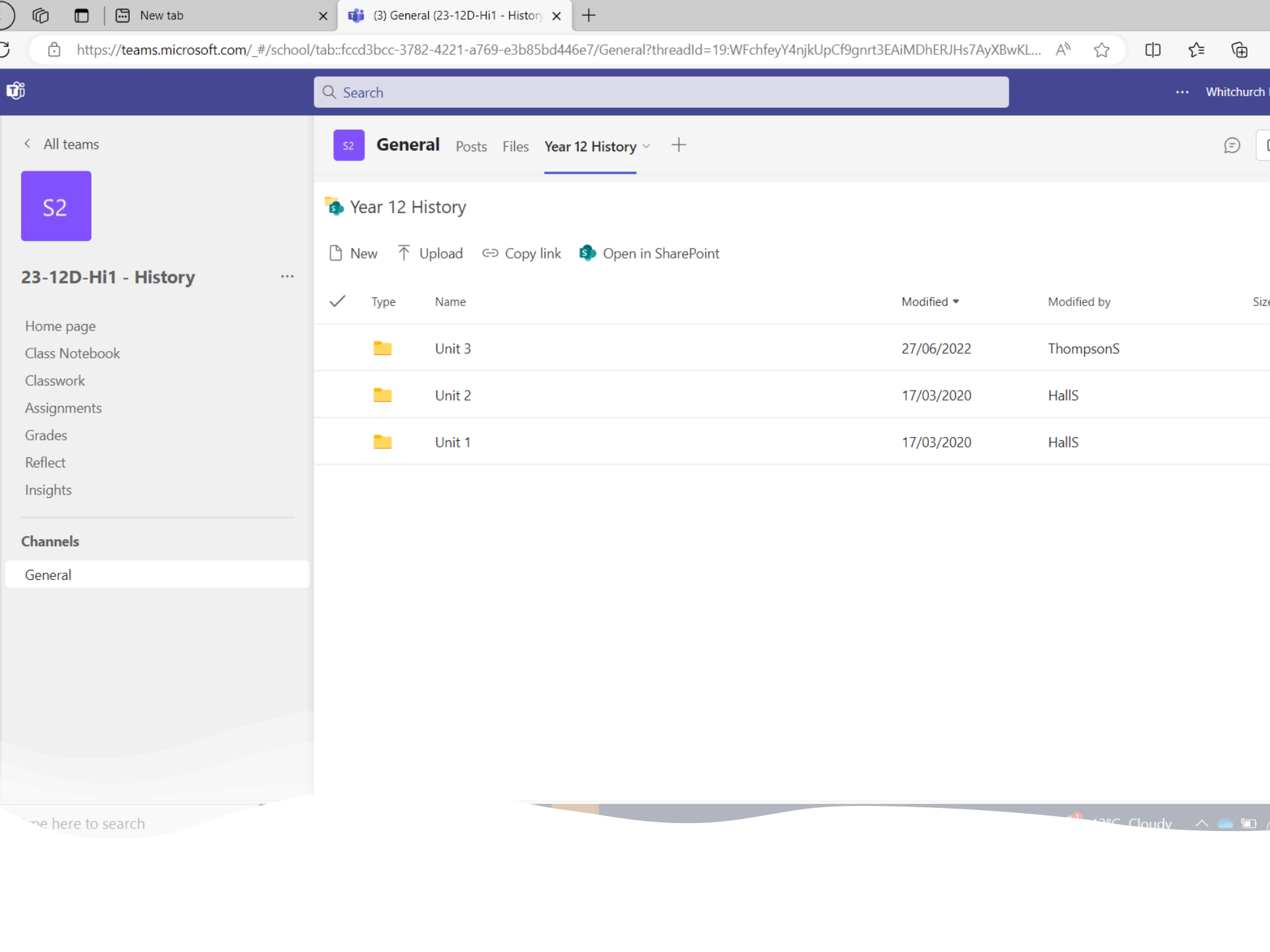
- Library/Study area
- Study periods
- Teams
- WJEC Resources



How can parents/carers help?

Encourage your son/daughter to:

- Plan out their time and their working week including study periods
- Find out any key deadline dates – PPE's, coursework
- Plan how they will meet work deadlines
- Organise work into folders
- Develop study skills that work for them
- Prioritise schoolwork
- Communicate concerns with us



< All teams

S2

23-12D-Hi1 - History

Home page
Class Notebook
Classwork
Assignments
Grades
Reflect
Insights

Channels

General

Search

S2 General Posts Files Year 12 History +

Year 12 History

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AS/A Level Business .

Teaching: Sep 2015 • Reference Codes ⓘ

Key Documents

Overview

Past Papers / Mark Schemes

Resources

Training

Contacts

Digital Resources

Books

Online Exam Review



Student Information

Welcome to the Whitchurch High School Student information page, please find useful links below:



Microsoft Teams

At Whitchurch High School we use Microsoft Teams to share work and set assignments. If you have not already downloaded Microsoft Teams to your device, it will be important to do so. Click the image for assistance in downloading. You will need to log in using your full school email address and password. If you cannot remember your password, or it has expired please email helpdesk@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk who will reset it for you, alternatively ask your ICT teacher or Librarian.



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2	Lw LL 116			Hi ACM 192	Po STH 192
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4	Wl JGR 204	Po KRD 158		Lw LL 196	
5	Hi KC 195	Po KRD 158	Ev KRD 121	Lw LL 194	

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ACM : Miss A C Smith
JGR : Mr JM Grieve
KC: Miss KE Collins

KRD : Mrs K A Davies
LL : Mrs L M Lawrence
STH : Mrs S C Thompson

They will have independent learning and homework to complete for all subjects.

This will include:

- 'flipped learning',
- revision,
- homework pieces,
- reading
- independently recognising what they need to go over things

Exams are in May and June



How can parents/carers help?

Encourage routines and support the 6th form Progress team with attendance

Attendance to all compulsory sessions:

- Subject lessons
- Wellbeing Tutorials (P4 Monday)
- Assemblies (P4 Monday)



- It is mandatory to always have Sixth Form lanyard ID on site with you
- Swipe **in** and **out** every time you leave or come onto site



Designated Digital Device **Free** Zones

- Designated Digital Device Free Zones have been established throughout the school.
- In these areas, the use of **all** digital devices - including mobile phones, audio players, smartwatches, tablets, and similar technology - is strictly prohibited. This policy is in place to protect privacy, maintain focus, and ensure a respectful environment for all. This applies to the following areas:
 - **Changing rooms**
 - **Toilets**
 - **Upper / Lower school canteens**
 - **Upper / Lower school libraries**
 - **Lower school - Dutch Barn**
 - **All Exam Venues**
 - **First Aid rooms**
 - **Faith spaces / Prayer rooms**



Sixth form areas and phones:

- You CAN USE phones in the common room
- You can use phones for EDUCATIONAL Purposes in the Study area and Side common room
- In lessons, same rules as the rest of the school apply – only when asked to use and educational purposes
- Around school no photos, no headphones, no social media, no videos and no using phones in the digital device free zones

Wellbeing sessions Mon P4

- Study skills and organisation
- Targeted support/mentoring
- Student voice session
- Healthy relationships
- Sleep
- Introduction to careers
- Introduction to Higher Education
- Wages/tax/ NI
- Driving and insurance
- Saving and Spending
- Dealing with stress and anxiety
- Revision tools and subject sessions
- UCAS applications
- Alternatives to University

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How can parents/carers help?

Communication

- Emails
- Subject teachers
- Sims Intouch
- Wellbeing tutors
- Check SIMS

What is SIMS used for?

- Tracker grades at various points
- Levels – no lanyard, three lates – level 2, lack of homework
- Homework recorded on there
- Timetables
- Updating personal information

Which skills are affected by executive functioning challenges?

Impulse control

Your ability to stop and think before acting.

Task initiation

Your ability to start tasks.

Self monitoring

Your ability to self evaluate your own behaviour.

Organisation

Your ability to keep track of information and tasks.



Attentional control

Your ability to regulate and direct your attention.

Emotional control

Your ability to manage your emotions to direct your behaviour.

Planning & prioritisation

Your ability to plan steps to reach your goals.

Working memory

Your ability to hold information in your mind to complete tasks.



An opportunity for Executive Function Coaching

- 10 sessions
- Student led
- Strategies to improve executive functions
- Volunteers

Get forms from Mrs Ozturk

Demands on time and changes

- School work
- Revision
- Part time jobs
- Social life
- Gym and sports
- Family
- Old friends and new friends
- Learning to drive
- New rooms
- New schools
- New friends
- New routines
- New teachers
- New subjects



Wellbeing and Pastoral support



Attendance

A **parent/carer** must inform us of any absence. Please call the Main School number- **02920 629 700-** and listen for the option for **Sixth Form Absence**

We understand you may have concerns regarding the attendance shown on SIMS Parent App. Unfortunately, the App does not show Sixth Form attendance accurately due to 'free' study periods.

Where there are attendance concerns, we will contact students and parents to discuss.

If you have any concerns or questions with regard to Sixth Form attendance, please contact **Nicola Loudon or Naomi Williams.**





Does your young person qualify For Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)?

- EMA is for 16- to 18-year-olds living in Wales, who want to continue their education after leaving compulsory education. Whilst studying at Whitchurch High School, and if you're eligible, you could get **£40 a week**, paid every two weeks.
- If you think you may qualify to receive EMA, please scan the QR code for further information and an application pack, or ask your Sixth Form Team.



Wellbeing

Where to access Support

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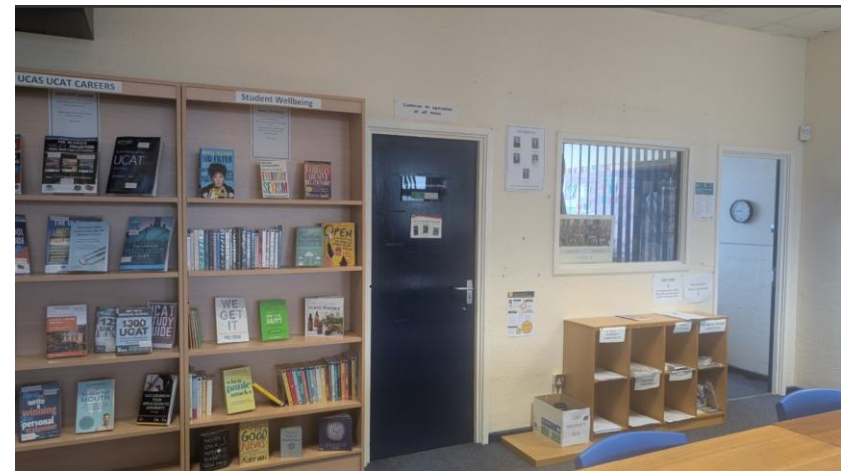
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Sixth Form Pastoral Office- Upstairs in
the Study Area



How can we support?

Everyday worries and concerns

Organisation

Exam/subject related stress- identifying pressure points

Advice/signposting/ referrals

Study Skills



General wellbeing- sleep, timekeeping, prioritising

Friendships and relationships

Future Pathways

Support following illness/absence

Overview of Wellbeing Support

- Enhanced transition
- Wellbeing drop in
- Wellbeing sessions
- School Counsellor
- BLOOM
- Outside agency support
- Young Carers
- Emotional and Wellbeing Mental Health Service



How can parents/carers help?

Supporting pathways

- Research shows that students manage their A level studies more effectively when they have a vision of what they want to achieve in the future
- Ask questions such as "Why are you studying A levels? What do you want to achieve? What are your goals when you when leave school? What are your ambitions?"
- Helps to develop a positive mindset



How can parents/carers help?

Supporting pathways

- Using Unifrog, UCAS and Careers Wales to research pathway options
- Seeking work experience if relevant
- Seek advice

UCAS

Universities and Colleges
Admissions Service

University Admission



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

unifrog



How can parents/carers help?

Supporting pathways

- Embracing opportunities for volunteering to develop skills
- Get involved in school life – Student leadership, societies, supporting school events

UCAS

Universities and Colleges
Admissions Service

University Admission



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

unifrog

Some key dates

Year 12

2nd October – Parent/Carer consultation with Wellbeing tutors

13th November - Progress Evening 1 (online)

Please note that AS exams start in May 2026 and the Year 12 students return to school after the half term 1st June to start Year 13 courses and Pathways days. This is not optional and students should avoid booking holidays during this time.

Year 13

21st October - Progress Evening 1 (online)

24th October - UCAS internal deadline

Year 13 PPE's: 19th-23rd January

Year 12 PPE's: 23rd-27th February

Independent Learning / Top Tips

- Encourage your young person to manage their own learning
- To get into a routine
- Stay in school
- Identify what works for them
- Keep track of deadlines
- React to Progress grades and feedback
- Think about the future - Plan / research for Higher Education and careers

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**We would appreciate your feedback. Please
complete this short form:**

**KS5 Engagement Evening 2025
Feedback**

