

Personal Development at Walton High School

Ofsted guidance	Walton
The curriculum extends beyond the academic, technical or vocational. It provides for learners' broader development, enabling them to develop and discover their interests and talents	1
The curriculum and the provider's wider work support learners to develop their character – including their resilience, confidence and independence – and help them know how to keep physically and mentally healthy	2
At each stage of education, the provider prepares learners for future success in their next steps	3
The provider prepares learners for life in modern Britain by: equipping them to be responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to society; developing their understanding of fundamental British values; developing their understanding and appreciation of diversity; celebrating what we have in common and promoting respect for the different protected characteristics as defined in law	4

Extra Curricular Activities and Trips (1, 2)

At Walton we recognise that the engagement of students within their own learning is fundamental to our ethos. Our extra-curricular programme supports our curriculum in aiming to give students the opportunities to development engagement in the wider school life, enjoyment in an activity and their confidence and resilience.

Clubs and trips provide students with the opportunity to try something new to develop their sense of curiosity and have experiences outside of the classroom which are vital for developing those important skills for life beyond Walton High School.

Students have had the opportunity to take part in the following extra-curricular clubs and activities this year. Sports clubs such as; netball Club, Football Club, Rugby Club, Swimming club, Basketball club, dance and Gymnastics club and Archery club. Music and Drama clubs such as; Choir, young voices, music lessons, instrumental practices, drama and acting club.

From these clubs, students have taken part in the following competitive events, representing the school:

- Sports fixtures including netball, rugby, football, swimming, cross country.
- Expressions Dance Show
- Christmas Concert – Open to all students
- Pyramid Concert – Open to all students (2 nights)
- Summer Concert – Open to all students
- School Show – Joint with Drama – Open to all students

We have also had throughout the year Movie club, Creative Writing club, dungeons and dragons club, knitting club, art club, homework club and book club. Four our GCSE and A Level classes we have revision sessions and catch up sessions across all subjects.

To further ensure our curriculum extends beyond the academic we use trips and visits to provide learners' broader development and enable them to develop and discover their interests. These are integral to developing the whole child and creating a sense of intrigue within a subject area.

Trips and Visits

<p>MFL</p> <p>Trip to Lake Constance Yr 10 German this year-summer term.</p> <p>Trip to Nice, France Oct of Year 11</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Y13 Academy of Rugby Trip</p> <p>Ski trip annually Y9-11</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>Yr 7 Lichfield</p> <p>Yr 10 carding mill valley</p> <p>Yr11 Stafford</p> <p>Yr 12 Salford quays, fallowfield. Carding mill valley and Lichfield</p>	<p>ART</p> <p>Yr 10 Gallery visit October</p> <p>Yr 12 and 13 gallery visit November Art and Photography</p> <p>Yr 9 Visiting Art (careers focus)</p> <p>Yr 12 2nd gallery visit June Art and Photography</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>Y12 STEM – Cosford STEM visit</p> <p>Y12 STEM – Trip to lotus factory for one of the STEM groups</p> <p>Y12 Forensics – Various visits to staffs university throughout the year</p> <p>Y13 Forensics – (Same as above)</p> <p>Y10 Astronomy – Greenwich observatory visit</p> <p>Y13 Forensics trip to the Courts in London</p> <p>Y7 Ecology trip to Trentham Gardens</p> <p>Y12 Biology trip to the Cranedale Centre</p>	<p>Music and Drama</p> <p>Year 12 and 13 A-Level Drama and Theatre students to see Bonnie & Clyde at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre</p> <p>Year 10 Music and Drama students to see a live theatre production</p> <p>Young Voices, Birmingham – Open to all students</p>

Personal Development Opportunities at Walton (1, 2, 3, 4)

These opportunities are open for all the school to get involved in and are encouraged through the tutor group programme to develop our student's character. Many of these leadership roles are designed to build confidence, resilience, independence and develop students' leadership skills throughout their time at Walton. Our Charity Events are designed to promote our core values of pride, respect and kindness and ensure that students contribute positively to society.

Leadership and Charity events

- School/House Councils (All Year Groups including 6th form)
- Prefects (Y11)
- Peer Mentors (Y10)
- Primary Sports Leaders (Y9)
- Primary Ambassadors (Y7)
- School Ambassador (Y8)
- Charity Bake sale
- Food donations for Salvation Army
- Christmas gifting project

Competitions

<p>Science</p> <p>Y9 – 3 Engineering sessions with GE</p> <p>Y9 – Girls in engineering competition (civil engineering) 6 select students</p> <p>Y10 triple – Engineering competition run through JCB</p> <p>Y12 STEM – Big Bang Competition</p> <p>Y12 STEM – Crest award</p> <p>Y12 Physics – Senior Physics challenge</p> <p>Y12 Physics – Engineering challenge</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Junior Mathematics Challenge (Y7.8)</p> <p>Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (9,10,11)</p> <p>Senior Mathematics Challenge (11,12,13)</p> <p>Maths Feast Team Competition (Y10)</p>
<p>Media</p> <p>Year 12 and 13 students the opportunity to apply for a range of British Film Institute courses, these are highly sought after as there are so few places across the country.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Staffordshire Young Musician – All Musicians</p> <p>Staffordshire Young Composer – All Musicians</p>
<p>Whole School</p> <p>Pumpkin decorating competition</p> <p>Christmas door competition</p> <p>Sports Day</p> <p>House Day</p>	

Assemblies and tutor time (2, 3, 4)

Our tutor time programme is different for each year group and gives students the opportunity to access character development as well as mental well-being support. Students love of reading is also activity encouraged through tutor reading programme with our GCSE cohort also working on independence and study skills. Our younger students work on their resilience and confidence through our Maths Ninja programme.

Weekly assembly's are designed to prepare learners for life in modern Britain by including safeguarding and well being topics but also promote key events in our year e.g. National Space week or Black History Month, to further develop our students understanding and appreciation of diversity. Assemblies are not stand alone and tutors will complete work with their students following an assembly to embed principles discussed or further create intrigue or enthusiasm for a topic area.

Personal development light bites at the beginning of every assembly focus on aspects of character that are align with our values of respect, kindness and pride but also allow students to consider their roles within the wider community and beyond.