



Writhington

CREATING

OPPORTUNITY

INSPIRING

ACHIEVEMENT

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY



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This year's results are proof that we are a continually improving school. We offer an excellent education alongside a wealth of opportunities that develop individuals who become part of the strong community of which we are proud.

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Mark Everett, Executive Headteacher.

Writhlington School creates opportunities for young people to achieve everything they're capable of... and more.

As a valued member of a diverse and exciting community, every student receives the outstanding support and challenge they need to become successful, happy, creative and confident young people with bright futures ahead of them.

We provide everything our students need to reach their full potential. Academic achievement and good conduct are paramount, but our primary aim is to inspire each and every student to develop the skills they'll need to thrive as adults. Our students will have the drive and determination to succeed, whatever the future they choose.

SUPPORT FOR EVERYONE

Writhlington maintains a strong commitment to the emotional health and well-being of everyone at the school.

We operate a system of rights and responsibilities designed to encourage a sense of ownership amongst the students, with clear rewards and sanctions to ensure high standards of behaviour.

At Writhlington we take a blended approach to teaching and learning, encouraging a high level of digital literacy alongside strong skills in traditional literacy and numeracy.

We aim to nurture confidence, adaptability and resilience under pressure. Our students are fully prepared to take their place in the world.

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Every member of staff is here to support your child, challenging them to excel and celebrating their achievements. Through a close partnership between students, their families and staff, we can make your child's ambitions a reality.

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Clare England, Deputy Headteacher.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Writhlington's staff are leaders in their field, supporting the development of teachers in other schools and working together to share best practice.

We have simple and clear measures of academic progress. Irrespective of ability, we push every student further and higher – we'll set challenging targets, rigorously monitor progress, develop aspirations and encourage your child to take responsibility for his or her own learning.

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Alongside academic achievements, my sons have taken from Writhlington interests and hobbies which will give them enjoyment into adult life and enable them to make new friendships wherever they end up in the world.

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Trudy, Year 10 Parent.

TOP MARKS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Results at the school have improved in the new harder English and Maths GCSEs and given the volatility of outcomes the Government has warned us about, 60% of students achieved 9 to 4 grades in English and Maths.

Students achieving the government's academic English Baccalaureate (EBACC) has increased to 25%. Results have increased across the board and early indications show a significant improvement in student progress which is now the Government's main headline measure. We are as always extremely proud of the progress our students have made.



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Throughout my time at Writhlington, I have had amazing support from the staff and due to their commitment I have been offered so many opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh, Ten Tors, National Citizen Service and CCF.

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Amy, Head Girl.



THEATRE ARTS

Passion and creativity is at the very heart of our Theatre Arts department, students are encouraged to take part in our extensive and varied programme of Drama, Dance and Theatre.

Specialist Drama and Dance teachers offer a thorough education in creativity and performance giving individual students opportunities within school and beyond... from Musicals, Dance showcases and Drama clubs to Sound, Lighting and Set Design, students gain a wealth of performance and creative skills that allow them to become skilled and confident young adults.

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I have had endless amazing opportunities at Writhlington – creating, directing and performing in many shows. All of this is thanks to my inspirational and fantastic teachers – I can't thank them enough.

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Patrick, Year 11 Student.

ART

We understand the importance of bringing Art to life and our cross curricular work and wide range of mixed media helps us to do just that.

Our students are encouraged to explore their creative side through a varied programme of study, that aims to capture and nurture each individual students strengths and skills whether they see themselves as the next Picasso, Banksy or Roy Lichtenstein our specialist teachers are here to support their journey.



SPORT



Writhlington Physical Education department is a hive of activity and achievement on numerous platforms.

We aim to provide opportunities for all abilities and ensure that ALL students continue with lifelong physical activity.

We are fortunate enough to have a combination of fantastic facilities, passionate students and knowledgeable, enthusiastic staff, all of whom are committed to both competitive fixtures and the participation of everyone during an extremely varied curriculum.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education at Writhlington has an exceptional reputation for offering students once in a lifetime opportunities.

From trekking over glaciers in Iceland, to leading expeditions across the Lake District, Brecon Beacons and the rain forests of Mexico, students are encouraged to push themselves to the limit. Adventurous students can also take part in nationally recognised competitions and awards including Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh.

We are proud to have one of the most active Combined Cadet Forces in the South West. As well as weekly training sessions, students have the opportunity to attend weekend camps and a range of accredited courses in activities including mountaineering, skiing and paddlesports.





MUSIC

Our students enjoy a wide and engaging programme of study that encourages them to explore different aspects of the Music Industry.

From our industry standard recording studio to visiting concert pianists and DJs, our students have access to some of the best brains in the business.

We make use of Garageband and Sibelius software and make sure that music learning is accessible for all students, they learn not only how to play the keyboard but also guitar in their lessons. We cater for everyone with our extra curricular clubs with Djembe drumming, strings, wind band, choir, Acapella group, DJ workshops, string orchestra, saxophone, clarinet and flute ensembles, music tech club and our Rock Mentor programme.

LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE

A great education is about so much more than classrooms and exams.

Every one of our students has access to fantastic resources, state-of-the-art technology and imaginatively designed courses which bring the curriculum to life.

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I love Writhlington because it has given me the opportunity to try lots of new things.

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Chloe, Year 7 Student.



WHAT WILL

You do?

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In addition to excellent academic teaching we offer an unrivalled programme of extra-curricular activities. From sports to the arts, there is something of appeal to every student, inspiring fitness of mind and body, an appreciation of team work, the expression of creativity and new experiences of the world outside our campus.

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NAVIGATE ACROSS DARTMOOR / ORGANISE A CHARITY EVENT / CONSERVATION WORK IN THE HIMALAYAS / LAY DOWN TRACKS IN THE MUSIC STUDIO / TAKE PART IN NATIONAL SPORTING COMPETITIONS / EXHIBIT ARTWORK AT A FAMOUS LONDON GALLERY / CLIMB MOUNTAINS IN ICELAND



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