



Whitmore High School Aspire

“Raising Standards at KS3”

History of Aspire

The Aspire programme was launched in **Autumn 2021**.

Over **100** pupils from Key Stage 3 participated in 2021/22 and this grew to over **150 pupils** every year since.



Aspire: A Huge Success

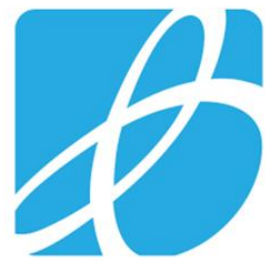


Pupil attendance and engagement is excellent

Staff want to showcase their subjects in Aspire.

Estyn were VERY impressed!





Estyn



"An **exemplary** feature of the schools work is the provision for more able and talented pupils through the 'Aspire' programme"

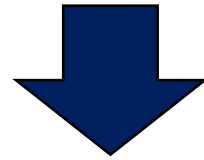
"Aspire helps them (pupils) to develop into **ambitious, knowledgeable and inquisitive** young people."

"The innovative 'Aspire' programme **challenges and inspires** more able pupils in Key Stage 3 in areas such as science, literature and economics."

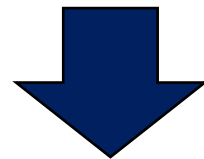
Overall aim of Aspire



“Provide **enriched and extended** opportunities across the curriculum”



Raising aspirations, expectations and standards in KS3.



To provide a foundation of **positive attitudes to learning** that will benefit pupils in **KS4** and in further education.



Identification of Aspire Pupils

A variety of information utilised for Aspire selection:

- * CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests)
- * English, maths & science progress tests
- * Welsh national reading & numeracy tests
- * Comparative Judgement writing tests
- * Accelerated Reader Star reading tests
- * **Ongoing classroom performance**



Benefits of being part of Aspire

Academic Benefits

- **Extra support and challenge** from subject specialist staff.
- Sessions focussed on ensuring solid foundations are laid for **increased** levels of difficulty.
- **Extending** curriculum content.



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Other Benefits

- Pupils will be able to enter the school building from **7.45am**
 - A free **Breakfast** will be available until **7.55am**.



Impact of Aspire

The programme focuses pupils on:

- Striving for **excellence** in academic development.
- Increasing their **motivation** to be the best version of themselves.
- Understanding that **hard work and resilience** will be rewarded.
- Understanding that **delayed gratification** is a concept to be valued.

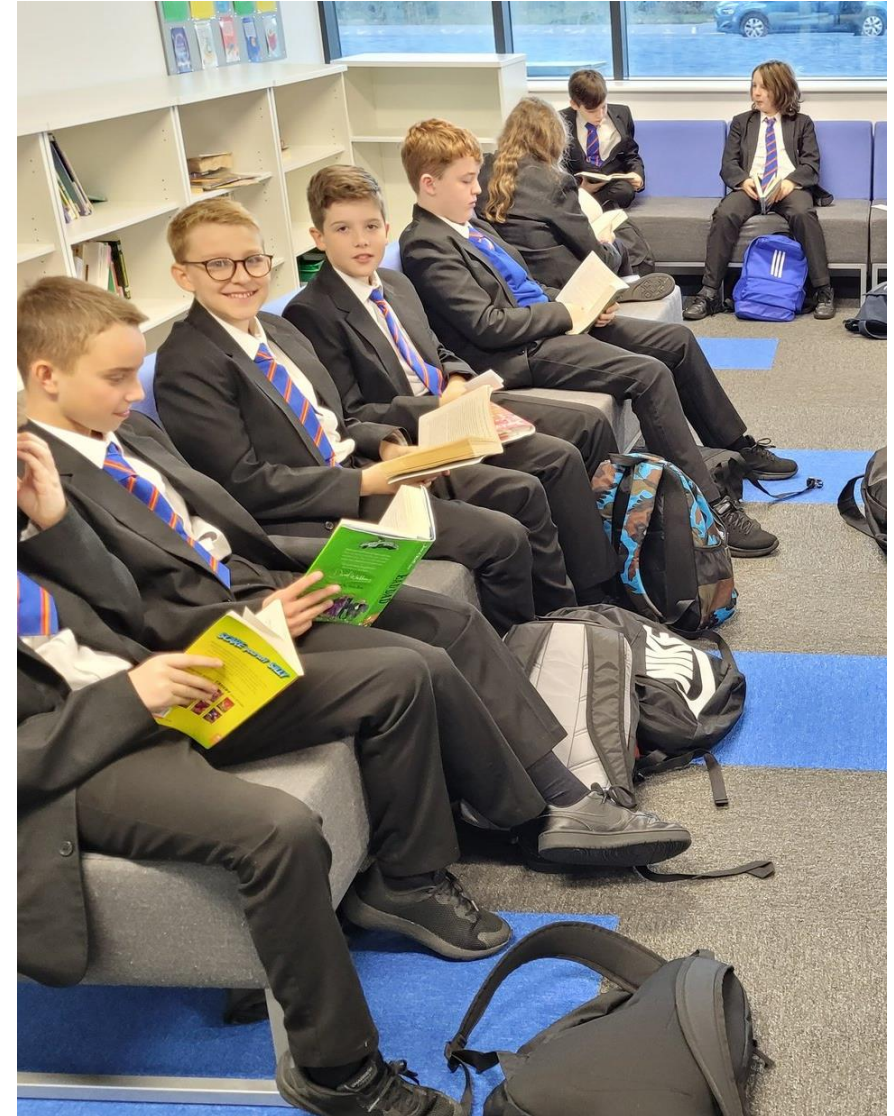


Impact of ASPIRE



Aspire aims to help pupils:

- Become **role models** for their peers.
- Develop **confidence** in different areas of the curriculum.
- Fully understand and uphold the Whitmore High School Values:
 - **Resilience**
 - **Hard work**
 - **Respect**
 - **Responsibility**



Aspire: Parents and Guardians



All we ask is that you support and encourage your child to engage positively with Aspire!



Aspire expectations

Pupils must have high expectations of themselves at all times

Academic Performance

Attendance

Punctuality

Behaviour

Effort

Uniform

What happens if pupils do not meet expectations of Aspire?



Accepting an invitation to the Aspire programme is **not compulsory**.

An acceptance of the invitation means a **commitment** to being part of the Aspire group and benefitting from it.

We have set **high expectations** and if they are not maintained, we will support pupils to help them.

However, consistently falling below the standards set will lead to **other pupils** being given the opportunity to be part of Aspire in their place.

