



Whitmore High School Year 9 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** from 2022/23.



Aspire: A Huge Success

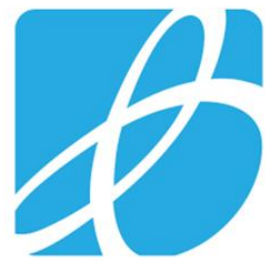


Pupil attendance and engagement

Staff involvement

Also **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"

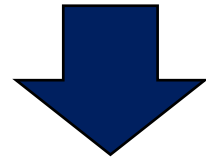
"Aspire helps them (pupils) to develop into **ambitious, knowledgeable and inquisitive** young people."

"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 (Key Stage 3)



“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

- Visits and **guest speakers**
- 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.

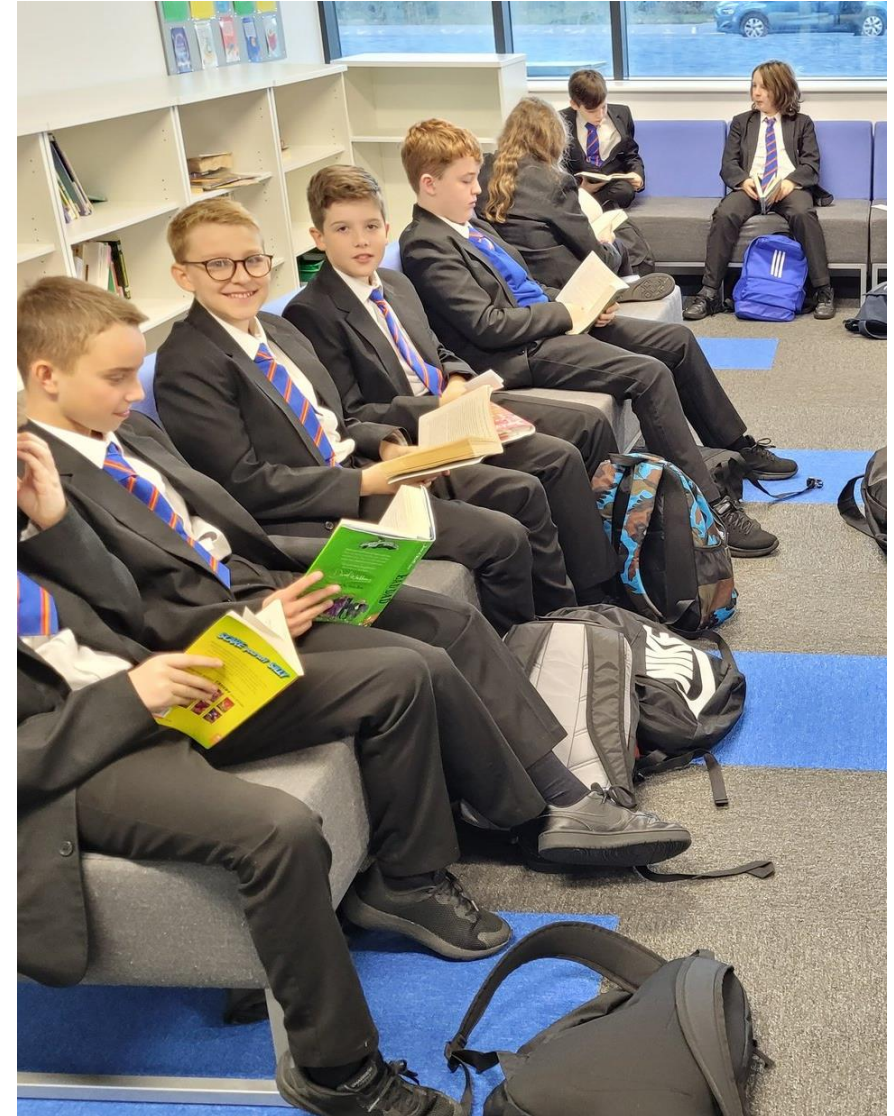


Impact of ASPIRE



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**



Year 9 Aspire – Finance (L.I.F.E)

Finance (Lessons in Financial Education)

Tuesday and Friday 8.00am-8.30am*

Led by
Mr Steve Jones

*Doors open at 7.45am

Sessions will run from
w/b 7th October 2024





Aspire Finance (L.I.F.E)

The course content encourages learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of all matters relating to finance. This includes:

Handling money and understanding personal finances

Money, Wages, Salaries, Payslips, Taxation, National Insurance, Benefits, National Living Wage

Managing Money

Insurance Products, Mortgages, Savings Accounts, Current Accounts, ISA's, Borrowing and more

Financial Careers and Financial Sustainability

Making your way within the financial sector, Budgeting, Debt Relief, Bankruptcy, Charitable concessions and Financial Advice

Aspire Finance (L.I.F.E)

Each student will also complete three on screen examinations during the Aspire.

Outcomes lead to a GCSE equivalent qualification graded A* to C in LIFE.



Aspire: Parents and Guardians



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Encourage

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Twitter page for pupils involved in the ASPIRE program at Whitmore High School.

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.



Year 9 Aspire Further Information



Any enquires about the Aspire programme should be directed to:

General questions about the Aspire programme:

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Questions specifically about the Aspire Finance Programme:

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