



## Western House Academy



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11th December 2018

### **WHA Hour of Code Evening**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the interest shown in this event. It proved popular and was oversubscribed so we are looking at running another next term.

It was a well-attended and successful evening. Thanks to all who came. The parents and children who did attend reported great enjoyment at learning about computer code and solving problems. It was great to see so many families learning together.

Since the Federation motto is 'to question is to grow' it is appropriate to ask why we learn about coding in primary school? *Coding is a basic literacy in this digital age, and it is important to understand and be able to work with and understand the technology around us. Having children learn about coding and instructions at a young age prepares them for the future. Coding helps children with communication, creativity, maths, writing, and confidence. It is also an element in Computational Thinking which is made up of decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition and algorithms – all essential life skills.*

If you would like to further investigate the Hour of Code with your children here is the link to the website where there are lots of interesting tutorials and fun activities to try at home:

<https://hourofcode.com/uk>

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