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# WOLDGATE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

‘EVERYTHING YOU DO SHOULD BE WORTHY, OF GREAT MERIT, CHARACTER AND VALUE.’

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A large photograph of a school sports day event. In the foreground, several male students are running on a grassy field. One student in a blue shirt is running towards the camera, while others in green and yellow vests are running alongside him. A large crowd of students and staff is visible in the background, watching the race. The setting is an open field with trees and hills in the distance under a clear sky.

## UNDER STARTER'S ORDERS SPORTS DAY 2018

Report By Caleb, Year 8

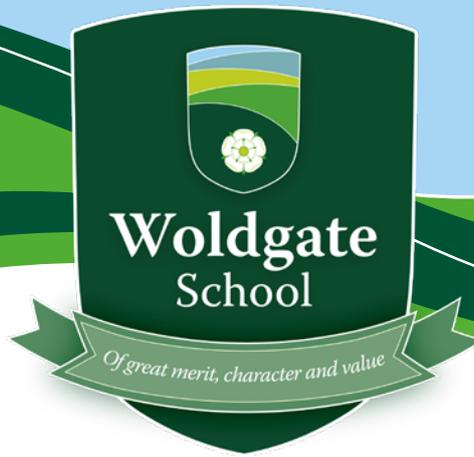
**D**uring Woldgate School Sports Day many events were held like discus, shot-put, running, javelin, high jump, triple jump and long jump. This very important sporting event took place on Thursday 5th July.

Most events took place on the school field which has many facilities like a running track, rugby pitch, football pitches, rounders pitches and long jump area. Years 7,8,9,10 and Sixth Form and some teachers took part to try and get as many house points as they could.

Throughout the day there were many sporting events and activities, but my favourite event was the Year 8 Boy's 400m, because I ran this race and came 3rd!

At the end of the day the winners were Millington Dale with the highest amount of points of all the houses.





## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Mr J BRITTON  
HEADTEACHER

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the Year 11 Prom last Friday at Barmby Fields Barns and to celebrate with our fabulous pupils the end of their GCSE studies. Mrs Wright had made the venue truly stunning and the barn looked simply wonderful, lit by fairy lights with white table cloths, centre pieces and gold chairs. The fairground rides were again, great fun, with a rather adrenaline racing high speed rotating ride, combined with the traditional bumper cars. Pupils, as well as enjoying having the opportunity to dress up for photographs, also enjoyed the music, spent a good part of the evening on the dance floor and enjoyed the freshly baked food.

The atmosphere from the very start was simply exceptional. Pupils were on the dance floor from the very moment they entered the barn and some remained there all evening. Although music has clearly changed over the last few decades, it was wonderful to see our pupils having great fun and enjoying the playlist, although I have to admit to only recognising two songs all evening, as I have not listened to Radio 1 for a while and prefer not to have my internal organs vibrating to the beat of music! I did though, especially enjoy joining Mrs Wright and Nathan as a passenger, both of whom are fearless when driving a Bumper car around a track. The absolute joy and atmosphere, inside or outside, was throughout, wonderful and our pupils made their parents and colleagues very proud.

The moment I will always remember, though, from these events, is when the cars arrive at the start of the evening. The long drive to the barn, with the fields in the distance, provides a beautiful setting to see all of our pupils arriving in sports cars, trucks and farm vehicles. What makes the arrival special is joining parents and seeing the huge pride and emotion, as their child becomes a young adult and embarks on that next stage of their lives. I think we never realise how quickly time passes until we have children. They change so rapidly and we give our very all, live for them and in what seems like a moment they change so much. It is these moments we're reminded, I feel, of how precious every moment is and how occasions such as this are a milestone not only for our children, but for parents. It is, truly, a privilege that you have chosen this school and community for your child and I am so very grateful, as a teacher, that I have had the privilege of coming to know these young people and to share these wonderful years with such exceptional individuals.

Our Sports Day last week was also a huge success. I loved seeing the morning activities and it was an absolute pleasure to see every single child in school participating in the numerous different events and competitions that had been organised. Mrs Fox and her fellow House Captains made the day a great success and the support of colleagues and our pupils, made the event thoroughly enjoyable. Thank you also to parents who ensured children had a drink, sun cream and a hat for the day – it was rather hot.

Finally, I do hope children and parents who attended our Summer Soirée had a fabulous evening. It was wonderful to see primary schools, our pupils and musicians from our local area performing. We are also very grateful to Manny Vass, a former pupil and now an international classical pianist, who returned to the school to perform. The evening was a real celebration of talent and a great way to end another successful year for our school and community.

Next week, our Newsletter, as ever, will be a celebration of the year and an opportunity to celebrate the academic year and the accomplishments of our pupils, colleagues, parents and our wider community.

Do have a good weekend,



*Everything you do should be worthy,*



## Schools' Shooting Stars

Following the success, in May, of the Sporting Clay Shoot for the North Wolds Gun Club Schools Challenge trophy, a second shoot was held at Derwent Valley Gun Club on Sunday 1st July, attended by participants from Woldgate School and Sixth Form College, along with smaller numbers from other local schools and colleges.

The day was again very much enjoyed by all and it is good to see so much young talent emerging. All competitors and their families are indebted to the time and expertise given freely by numerous members of the gun club, along with their generosity in heavily subsidising the cost for all competitors as well as the excellent prizes.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP - SUMMER HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

During the school holidays, you will be able to come to Reception at Woldgate School to try on samples and place orders for uniform and PE kit between 1-3pm on the following dates:

Thursday 9th August, Tuesday 14th August, Monday 20th August, Wednesday 29th August.

Please note that once your order has been completed, and payment made, this will be processed and you will be given a date for collection (where stock is available).

Thank you



Claire from Year 8 took her Grade 6 trombone exam last week and has passed with distinction, achieving 92 marks out of 100!

She has worked really hard and the result reflects this!

Congratulations Claire

Thomas Brighton from Year 7 took part in a Stock Kart Race day in Stoke and came away with a number of trophies.

Thomas will take part in a big race over the summer at Skegness Raceway competing for the Junior Gold.

Good Luck Thomas!





# LOWER SCHOOL

*Mr Sloman Writes:*



Mr L SLOMAN  
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

**O**n Monday and Wednesday evenings, our Year 6 pupils and their parents had their first opportunities to try on their new school uniform. It was great to see our new pupils looking proud as they walked around in their new blazers, jumpers and ties, and some pupils even wanted to wear their uniforms home!

On Wednesday, we welcomed our Year 6 pupils to their 'Welcome to Woldgate Day'; a day of meeting new friends, teachers and taking part in new lessons. These days are always immensely enjoyable, and it is great for pupils, parents and teachers to begin to get to know each other before the summer holidays.

Also on Wednesday, our Year 7 pupils travelled to Bridlington to take part in the 'Big Sing' at Bridlington Spa, in which they sang a large repertoire of songs. The event was a great success, and our pupils enjoyed playing on the beach afterwards.

Finally, on Friday, our Year 6 pupils returned for an exciting day of Science and sport. After meeting in their Forms, pupils spent the morning in the Science department carrying out a series of fascinating experiments. They spent the afternoon out on the school field competing in their Forms in a 'three in a bucket' tournament. The afternoon provided another opportunity for our newest pupils to develop new friendships, skill and confidence. All our Year 6 pupils have made a great start to their life at Woldgate School, and we are looking forward to welcoming them back in September.

Also on Friday, our Year 9 pupils visited Hull University to learn about university life, and the wide range of courses available in higher education. Our pupils came away from the day equipped with lots of information about university, and are now focussed on making an excellent start to their GCSE studies in September.

## LOWER SCHOOL WEEKLY AWARDS

### GREAT MERIT AWARDS

**YEAR 7: RUBY WALLER**

**YEAR 8: CALEB OLIVER**

**YEAR 9: GEORGIE TAYLOR**

### GREAT CHARACTER AWARDS

**YEAR 7: OLIVER HOLMES**

**YEAR 8: MELANIE SISSONS**

**YEAR 9: AMY JAMES**

### GREAT VALUE AWARDS

**YEAR 7: EVIE BROOKS**

**YEAR 8: TOM HORWOOD**

**YEAR 9: SKY BOWMAN**

### FORM OF THE WEEK AWARD

**YEAR 7: 7BSC**

**YEAR 8: 8HLR**

**YEAR 9: 9SJE**





# UPPER SCHOOL

*Ms Longstaff Writes:*



Ms A LONGSTAFF  
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Last Friday, I was delighted to be able to accompany a group of our Year 10 pupils to take part in some activities at Allerthorpe Park. Our first challenge of the day was to put our wetsuits on, before swimming out to the aqua park area where pupils clambered, slid and jumped around the course. It was evident that pupils enjoyed themselves during this activity although my highlight was seeing the immense support that they had for one another, ensuring that nobody was left out and all were able to take part. Kayaking and raft building followed with challenges thrown in by the instructors for good measure. Throughout the day, I had some fantastic conversations with pupils, reflecting on how they had changed throughout Year 10 and looking ahead to Year 11. Our Year 10 pupils are now on their work experience placements and early feedback suggests that they are thoroughly enjoying the world of work even though they are exhausted!

After a quick turnaround, I spent Friday evening with Year 11 pupils at their Prom event. Once again, a large crowd of parents and other family members congregated at Barmby Fields Barn to welcome pupils arriving in a vast array of different vehicles. Mrs Wright had worked tirelessly during the day to ensure there were plenty of surprises in store for pupils, including the Dodgems and a Twister fairground ride. The atmosphere was fantastic and the enthusiasm infectious... I can't wait to see the photographs!

For our Year 11 pupils, the next time I see them will be when they collect their results on Thursday 23rd August and I look forward to supporting them into their next phase of education/training following the success that I'm sure we'll see on this day.

## KEY DATES

2018

### SUMMER TERM

4TH JUNE - 20TH JULY

### TRAINING DAYS

23RD JULY 2018

### AUTUMN TERM

5TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH OCTOBER

5TH NOVEMBER - 21ST DECEMBER

## ATTENDANCE, ACHIEVEMENT & CARE CO-ORDINATORS



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# SPORTS DAY 2018





## SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

*Mrs Lawson Writes:*



MRS K LAWSON  
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

**A**s we approach the end of term, I know that our Year 12 students are looking forward to the summer break. I have no doubt that the students heading to Tanzania will have an incredible and life-changing experience in their time on expedition. All the staff at Woldgate wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

It is always a pleasure to celebrate the end of term with students and, for our Year 12s, this is the year when they step up into the roles of marshals for their final ever school walk, which takes place on the last day of term. Students also have a day of Year group activities planned for the final Thursday of the term, which will be planned in part by our new Senior Prefect team.

The summer is also an opportunity to consolidate and prepare for the next challenge in our students' educational journey. Year 13 has its own unique set of challenges, not least the requirement to be able to recall and apply two years' worth of study in their final exams. It would be beneficial for students to take some time over the six weeks of summer to look over their Year 12 work, perhaps creating study resources such as flashcards to consolidate their knowledge, and therefore be confident as they begin Year 13 that they are secure in their understanding.

Above all, I would encourage students to relax and find time to do the things they enjoy the most over the summer, and wish you all a lovely summer break.

## BURNBY HALL GARDENS COMMUNITY PROJECT

*Over the last few months, subject ambassadors representing the History, Science and Geography departments have been working with Burnby Hall Gardens to create a display in school. The pupils, ranging in age from Year 7 to Year 9, undertook research about the wildlife and plants at the gardens, as well as the history Major Stewart, his travels around the world and his collection of relics and curiosities.*

*In March, our pupils visited Burnby Hall Gardens to select three objects that they felt best represented Major Stewart's travels, and the prevailing cultures of the time. They chose a porcupine fish, a passport cover and an ashtray fashioned out of a rhinoceros bone. As part of the visit, the pupils also wrote the information cards for each item.*

*On Thursday 5th July, the display was installed in J Block, with the three items placed on display in a custom-made display cabinet. Flanking the cabinet are three information boards, written by the subject ambassadors, summarising the history, geography and science of the gardens.*

*The display was unveiled and immediately triggered awe and fascination amongst our pupils as they walked to and from lessons, with the porcupine fish a particular favourite! Our subject ambassadors are justifiably proud of their display, and it will bring fascination to our pupils for months to come.*

*Mr Sloman*





MRS S GEARY  
HEAD OF INCLUSION

Over my career as a Head of Care and Achievement, I have felt pride many times and never more so than on Friday night as Year 11 arrived at their Prom in classic cars and expensive motors not to mention trucks and rally cars. The pupils, of course had risen to the occasion, with sophisticated dresses, suits and elegant (if a little impractical) shoes!

The pupils and parents (even me) had little idea of what to expect. Mrs Wright had kept everything “top secret” until the final unveiling. However, we were all “blown away” by the care and attention to detail which had gone to create such a fantastic event. Of course, the planning for the prom had started many years before when pupils first started to talk about this special part of their journey. The work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, but those who baked and sold cakes in the cold winter months of Year 10 should be proud of their contribution to the evening.

Mrs Wright had planned the whole evening in fantastic depth using the pupils’ ideas, from the décor and ice creams to the final fireworks. It was extremely hard work, but she wanted to “go the extra mile” so that each pupil got the best experience. We are so grateful for her dedication and commitment to the pupils.

Special thanks must also go to Ace Discos, Grazialouise Photography, Hart & Co Donuts, Duke Pizza Van, Annette Blanchard Ice Cream, Mum Party Pixies Selfie Mirror and of course Barmby Fields Barn for their amazing venue and support.

Looking around watching them enjoy each other’s company, dance to shared favourite songs and laugh together on the rides, was a little poignant as we realised this was the last time that they would be together as a Year Group. Hopefully, the evening will be a something that, in the future they will look back on with fond memories.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL



We are very grateful to parents for their support in helping to improve children's attendance at school. As a school we would like to remind parents, prior to the start of the next academic year that we are not permitted to authorise children a leave of absence from school to go on holiday.

To request leave for an ‘exceptional circumstance’ a criteria must be met and evidence will need to be provided.

As parents will appreciate, the removal of a child from school while they are studying for final examinations has a significant impact on their academic progress. Attendance of 90% will (based on school data) result in a child achieving a grade less in each of their subjects and even those pupils with less than 95% will, due to missing lessons, make less academic progress than their counterparts.

For pupils to learn effectively it is imperative they are at school and often missing one lesson has a significant impact on the lessons that follow and a child's ability to build on prior understanding. It is equivalent to trying to build a house, when the foundation is incomplete.

From September 2018 Woldgate School will, in accordance with our statutory duty, not authorise any request for a term time holiday for all children who are currently studying for their final examinations, this includes Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Should a request be made a Penalty Notice Referral will be automatically forwarded to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for consideration for a Penalty Notice, as per Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act.

We are very grateful to parents for your support and do understand that attendance may fall due to periods of illness, it is though always important to remember that when your child is absent, they will need to ‘catch-up’ with work by borrowing a book from a friend, to copy up the content of the lesson upon their return to school and by speaking to their teachers.

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