



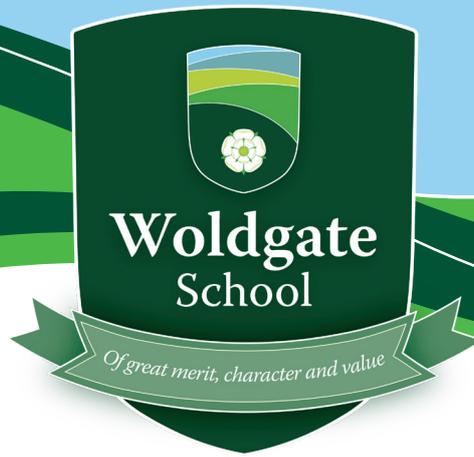
WOLDGATE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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

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SIXTH FORM VIETNAM EXPEDITION JULY 2019





HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Mr J BRITTON
HEADTEACHER

I am sorry to have to inform you that we were formally notified by Humberside Police on Wednesday 14th August that one of our pupils, Connor Emery, died in a road traffic accident. The news came as a terrible shock and is very upsetting to everyone in our school community.

Throughout his five years at Woldgate School, Connor was a friendly, popular young man who was liked and respected by pupils and colleagues. Over the last two years, Connor worked hard towards his GCSEs, and we know he had a bright future ahead of him. Our thoughts and condolences are with Connor's family and friends at this very sad time.



We have, over the summer period, provided additional support and counselling for his fellow Year 11 pupils and colleagues. In assemblies this week we have talked to pupils about how they can support each other and encouraged them to speak to their tutor, teacher or parent if they are feeling upset.

Over the coming weeks and throughout the academic year, we hope to support those charities identified by Connor's family and, in doing so, remember Connor by making a difference for other young children.

We know every pupil as an individual at Woldgate. This is the foundation for the strength of our Community as a Family: close, concerned for each other and caring for all. We are committed to each other. It shows in the pride that we all have for Woldgate, and in how we educate our wonderful children with all their many talents.

As with any community when tragedy strikes, the hurt that is felt by all is both personal and intense. In a Family as big as ours, it is also widespread. The loss of one of our own has touched us all.

If you or your child require additional support, you can contact the Winston's Wish Helpline on 08088 020 021 or Child Bereavement UK on 0800 0288840. These helplines are available for anyone who is supporting a grieving child, and provide advice and support.



Everything you do should be worthy,

Effort is the Path to Success

Potential. What a great word. It is all about possibilities. Think of the phrase, "He is not working to his full potential." Or "We will help your child reach her full potential." (I have used this phrase so often in the past without realising how limiting it really is.) How does potential become "full"? Is it something that can be checked off a list? You can do all these things so you have reached your full potential? Potential can never be "full"; it is never-ending and our possibilities are infinite.

Neuroplasticity: the ability of the brain to change, adapt, and "rewire" itself throughout our entire life

As a person grows, learning and experiences become more sophisticated and challenging, growth continually occurs, and potential is never reached because it is impossible to reach. It is limitless.

Believing that intelligence, talent, skills, and, yes athletic ability can be developed encourages these endless possibilities.

No-one is claiming that if you just try harder you can become the next Usain Bolt or Mozart. What we are saying is that you can always improve by degrees. Some people are more comfortable with more creative subjects, whereas others love the black and white logical approach but just because you find English easier, for example, it doesn't mean you can't do Maths.

At Woldgate we aim to cultivate that belief that effort is the route to success. We want our pupils to develop a growth mindset that fosters the idea that success doesn't always come easy but we should celebrate perseverance and resilience and embrace the small achievements along the way and recognise that 7 out of 10 is an improvement on 6 out of 10 a small step along the road to mastery that you should feel proud of.

We would like your help to encourage our children to recognise that effort is the key to success not innate ability. Through effort we can improve our skills one small step at a time and we may surpass the person who is 'naturally' talented because we put in the effort. So when your child needs a bit of encouragement to do the best they can do or even just to keep going when the going gets tough try talking through the criteria below.

Effort = Success

Seven criteria to make you think about your effort and how you work:

1. Have you thought hard about how to respond to challenges?
2. Have you kept going when the work became difficult?
3. Have you tried to take the easiest route? Is 'easiest' best on this occasion?
4. Is the work the best you could produce? Why?
5. Does the work suggest someone thinking hard and challenging themselves?
6. What do you notice happens to you when the task becomes hard?
7. What do you do when you find yourself becoming frustrated? Why do you think you react this way? Is it helpful? How?

We want our children to understand that they do not have to get all the answers right to be successful they just need to persevere and one small effortful step at a time their abilities will grow.

Mrs Smith

f great merit, character and value.'





LOWER SCHOOL

Mrs Minton Writes:



MRS A MINTON
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

It is a real privilege to be taking on the role of Head of Lower School at the start of what I am sure is going to be another highly successful academic year for the Woldgate community. I am excited to work alongside such an inspiring team of dedicated staff in nurturing, supporting and inspiring our Lower School pupils to fulfil their potential - both academically, and, in further becoming well-rounded, kind and considerate young people.

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new cohort of Year 7 pupils and their families. I wish them every success in their time here; moving to secondary school is a big change, but one that we will endeavour to make as enjoyable and memorable as possible. Your child is a highly valued member of our community, and we look forward to getting to know them and to see them further blossom this academic year.

In order to make the most of every learning opportunity, I would greatly value parental support in ensuring our Lower School pupils are practically equipped to succeed. With this in mind, I would ask that you ensure children are arriving at school each morning wearing the correct uniform and having all necessary equipment. The Pupil Planner contains a full list of this, along with other important information regarding your child's school day. Please take a moment to study this information and to discuss with your child the boundaries that are put in place within school to ensure a purposeful learning environment is maintained. If you have an urgent query or concern, please contact our Care & Achievement Coordinator Mr Elwers, on 07790 351283.

In closing, thank you in advance for all the support you give to the school, and I look forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed next week for stocktaking. Orders can still be placed but will not be sent home until the following week.

KEY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

4TH SEPTEMBER - 25TH OCTOBER

4TH NOVEMBER - 19TH DECEMBER

SPRING TERM 2020

6TH JANUARY - 13TH FEBRUARY

24TH FEBRUARY - 3RD APRIL

SUMMER TERM 2020

20TH APRIL - 22ND MAY

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8TH MAY

1ST JUNE - 17TH JULY

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

20TH DECEMBER 2019

14TH FEBRUARY 2020

20TH JULY 2020





UPPER SCHOOL

Mrs Atkinson Writes:



MRS I ATKINSON
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

I am Mrs Atkinson and am the newly appointed Head of Upper School, Some of you will know me in my former role, as Head of Care and Achievement for Year 8 last year. My time as Head of Care and Achievement has been very rewarding, guiding pupils from their arrival in a new school in Year 7, to seeing them leave as confident young adults in Year 13. This has been achieved by allowing every pupil the opportunity to learn in a safe environment with the support of our pupils, staff and parents. Pupils are challenged to reach beyond what they consider their abilities to be.

Time and time again, our pupils rise to the challenge and continue to achieve their full potential. In my new role, regardless of academic ability, I want every child to feel valued as an individual and given as much opportunity as possible, to develop in a safe and supportive environment.

As Head of Upper School, I am responsible for the academic progress, achievement and care of the pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11. This includes developing and implementing strategies to support and develop our pupils academic development, attitude for learning and attendance. To achieve this, I will be working closely with our dedicated Care and Achievement team, Form Tutors and our Inclusion Team. I also look forward to working with parents and carers, to ensure that all our pupils development achieve their full potential.

I believe 2019/2020 will be another great year for Woldgate School and Sixth Form College and I will be proud to be a part of it.

REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that Form Group and individual photographs will be taken on Monday 9th September. If you have a child in Year 7-11 please note that they should ensure they are wearing summer uniform (shirt, tie, blazer and skirt/trousers) - no jumper is required on this occasion. Students in Years 12 and 13 should wear smart casual clothing.

Although there is a small disruption to the school day it will provide an opportunity for you to purchase a school photograph (details will be sent into forms in due course), and once your child has had their individual photograph taken they will be asked to return straight back to their lesson.





Our bodies and minds are very closely linked, so things that we do to improve our physical wellbeing can help our mental wellbeing as well.

As parents and carers, we can play a very important role in our child's health.

At Woldgate School, we recognise that listening to young people is an important and essential part of safeguarding. Our BeeKind posters are all around the school, and remind our pupils to:

- *Watch their thoughts, for they become words*
- *Watch their words, for they become actions*
- *Watch your actions, for they become habits*
- *Watch your habits, for they become character*
- *Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.*

If a pupil is feeling upset, they should tell someone they trust, such as friends, teachers, parents, carers or other family members.

Let people help to make things better. Never do nothing! We want our pupils to remember they are never alone, and there are always people around who can help them.

We have a team of Peer Mentors who can help pupils by being a friend and someone to talk to, supporter, advisor, role model or source of new ideas and opportunities. The Peer Mentors can be found in B8 during lunchtimes, and we can also arrange for pupils to meet with Peer Mentors at other times of the day if necessary.

Peer Mentors cannot solve all your problems but if you are worried about something, need some help with your homework or even just want see a friendly face, call and see them. They're waiting to meet you!

If we have any concerns about a pupil, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Sloman, and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Wright, are available in school to pupils, parents and carers to ensure they receive the support they need. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please do contact Mr Sloman for more information.



WOLDGATE SCHOOL PE CLUBS LIST

	LUNCHTIME 12:35-1:20					AFTER SCHOOL 3:35-4:45	AFTER SCHOOL 3:35 -4.5PM
	FITNESS SUITE	E6	SPORTS HALL	J 17	GYM		
MONDAY	YEAR 9 AND ABOVE		BADMINTON KS4/5			NETBALL Y7&8	
TUESDAY			NETBALL		DODGEBALL Y7-9	FOOTBALL (GIRLS AND BOYS) Y7-10 NETBALL Y9-11	
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 9 AND ABOVE		HANDBALL			Y7&8 DANCE	
THURSDAY		PE DETENTIONS	BASKETBALL			FOOTBALL FIXTURES Y7-10	DUKE OF EDINBURGH Y10
FRIDAY			BADMINTON KS3		TABLE TENNIS		

All clubs are free to attend, no need to sign up - just turn up, bring your PE kit and enjoy!



SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Mr Hardie Writes:



Over the summer I had the pleasure of being in school as our outgoing Year 13 students received their exam results. It is obviously a nerve-racking experience for students receiving their results but also for parents and teachers who are hoping they have got the results they wanted. We had some amazing results this year which meant lots of happy faces as they opened their envelopes and found what they had achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them all on their results and to wish them all the best as they leave Woldgate to head towards University and work.

Seeing the end point of a student's seven-year journey, helps to remind us of the hard work and dedication that is needed to achieve success. Life in the Sixth Form is not always easy and it is quite incredible to see how much work does in to provide themselves with the platform to get to the next stage of their lives. I'm excited to welcome in our new Year 12 students who I'm sure will be looking to make a flying start to Sixth Form.

Current Year 13 students are now exploring their future options and should have some clear decisions made about Universities and courses or other alternative paths they may wish to take. If any student has not yet made these decisions then they should seek help and advice as soon as possible.





MRS S GEARY
HEAD OF INCLUSION

We are so excited to welcome Year 7! After the transition events last Summer and the planning for their arrival we are looking forward to getting to know pupils better and helping them to settle in at Woldgate School.

We would like to remind everyone about the warm welcome which is always on offer in B8. The brightly coloured chairs and furnishings welcome pupils of all ages and the atmosphere is at all times inviting. B8 is an area designed to be a safe and warm environment for pupils to do homework, make new friends and to develop older friendships through games like "Connect Four" and dominoes. There is a bank of computers which are much in demand, resources for revision and drawers which help some with their organisation. Pupils are always positive about going to B8 at lunchtime: "We like it because we get help with homework" "It is always calm" "We like playing Jenga". For some older pupils, B8 is a safe space where they can get support with problems or just discuss how their day is going.

If you haven't found B8 yet, I would really encourage you to drop in.

CARE & ACHIEVEMENT CO-ORDINATORS

				
Mr M ELWERS	MISS S BLACK	MRS C WRIGHT	MRS R BOURNE	MRS R O'BRIEN
YEAR 7 & 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10 & 11	SIXTH FORM	ATTENDANCE
07790 351283	07980 702715	07790 351281	07790 351276	07983 959031

Reporting pupil and student absence

If you need to report a pupil or student absence please contact Mrs O'Brien on 07983 959 031 or via email attendance@woldgate.net

It is essential that any absences are notified promptly as only then are we able to authorise them. The absence will remain unauthorised if we are not notified, which will affect your child's attendance record.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PUPIL LOCKERS

If you would like to arrange a locker for your child please contact Prefect Lockers on 0330 311 1003.

Lockers are situated in A Block (Main corridor) or J Block.

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