



**Woldgate
School**
Of great merit, character & value

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Newsletter

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Reflecting on a great half term

As our pupils reach the first half term of the year, they can proudly look back upon eight weeks of learning and achievement. Visiting lessons throughout each day and week, I am struck by the focus, effort and engagement of our pupils in their learning, and the calm and purposeful atmosphere in each classroom. This is reflected in the number of Rewards our pupils have already earned this year; over 200,000 Rewards in total.




Mr Sloman
HEADTEACHER



Headteacher's Welcome

Beyond their lessons, our pupils have engaged with the wide range of Enrichment activities and opportunities our school offers. Our Subject Ambassadors dedicate their time, ideas and suggestions to subject departments throughout the year. Similarly, our pupils and Sixth Form students admirably represented our school during the evening, and proudly showed our guests around the school and each department.

Our school sports teams regularly attend fixtures with other schools. They should be proud of their efforts and teamwork, and they represent our school ethos at each and every game. A range of Enrichment activities are now taking place each week at lunchtimes and after school, including a range of sports clubs, chess, board games and needlecraft clubs. These activities are open to all our pupils and students, and they can sign up for Enrichment activities via our Pupil Homepage.



Our pupils are also working hard in their rehearsals for our school musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Twice each week, our pupils are staying at school after the end of the school day to practise their singing, dancing and acting, and they are looking forward to the opening night show.

No matter what our pupils have achieved so far this year, it is clear that every pupil truly does represent our school motto; that everything you do should be worthy, of great merit, character and value. Well done to all of our pupils, have a good holiday and we are looking forward to celebrating your achievements in the coming half term.

Mr Sloman | HEADTEACHER



Notices

Immunisations – Flu nasal spray vaccine

Please can we remind you that children with consents will be called for nasal flu vaccine on Friday 8th Nov at Woldgate School.

With so many children to get through before 3pm and depending on the number of immunisers they send us; it may be possible that your child will not be included in this round. We will obviously try to get through as many as we can on the 8th, but should your child not get called, the Immunisation Team are coming back on 21st November to catch up on any missed or absent pupils.

Partial Road Closure

28/10/24 – 8/11/24

Due to essential drainage works traffic control will be in place at the top of Clayfield Lane on Kilnwick Road.

Key dates

To find out more about upcoming events and visits, please view the [Woldgate School Calendar](#).

Monday 4th November: First day back after half term

Wednesday 6th November: Personal Development Day

..... Year 11 Non-Exam Assessment Day 1 (Option Block A Subjects)

Thursday 7th November:..... Year 11 Non-Exam Assessment Day 1 (Option Block B Subjects)

Friday 8th November: Girls into STEM workshop

Monday 11th November:..... Year 13 Parents' Evening (4:30pm to 7:00pm)

Thursday 21st November: Woldgate Sixth Form Open Evening (6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Tue 3rd to Thu 5th December:..... Little Shop of Horrors the Musical (7:00pm to 10:00pm)

Mon 9th to Thu 19th December:..... Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams

Friday 20th December: School Christmas Service at Pocklington All Saints Church (9am to 12:00pm)

..... Last Day of Term (school finishes at 12:15pm)

WOLDGATE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP

OF

HORRORS

Tickets on sale after half term - more information coming soon!

Book and Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE NPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR)
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY BY THE NPA THEATRE,
DAVIDGEFFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION

THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE
INTERNATIONAL ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI
WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS WAS ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY HOWARD ASHMAN
WITH MUSICAL STAGING BY EDIE COWAN

ADULTS £9 / Pupils and concessions £6
Tues 3rd Dec / Weds 4th dec / Thurs 5TH DEC
7:30pm main school hall



Subject Focus

Food Technology

It is an honour to return to Woldgate ready to inspire future generations in the amazing world of "Food", just as my teachers did for me not too many years ago. In some ways it's as if I never left and I have felt so welcomed by both staff and students and look forward to many exciting years ahead.

I left Woldgate after 7 years, in 2011, and attended university in Manchester, continuing with my enthusiasm for Food; studying BSc Human Nutrition. Back to the present day and I have 5 years experience teaching in various local schools and have enjoyed sharing my passion with every student who has passed my way.

A fresh start means a fresh curriculum and I have enjoyed revamping what Woldgate have to offer in our classroom kitchen.

- Year 7 focus on the basic skills of cooking during their Food rotation and make Couscous Salad, Pancakes, Cheese Scones, Carrot Cake Muffins and Pasta Bake during their time in M3. These dishes provide our Year 7's with a strong foundation of knife skills, knowledge on working safely and a variety of preparation techniques that are easily transferrable to a large repertoire of dishes. They also learn how to eat healthily and sustainably.
- In Year 8 we build upon this foundation and start to explore more advanced techniques such as doughs, sauces and cooking with raw meat. Students have the opportunity to make Bread Rolls, Jam Tarts, Macaroni Cheese, Bean Chilli, Chicken Fajitas and Chocolate Crinkle Cookies. Their theory lessons focus on functional properties of ingredients alongside the factors affecting food choice.



- Year 9 are learning all about macro- and micro-nutrients in detail and have begun their year-long practical theme of “fake-aways”; so far making American-style cookies, Pot Noodles (from scratch) and Homemade Pizzas.
- Year 10 are focussing on how we cook food and ensure it is safe for all, with practical’s such as Chocolate Orange Drizzle cakes, Focaccia and Curry on the menu this term.
- Finally, Year 11 have been gearing up to complete their Non-Examined Assessment during which they will have 3.5 hours to create 2 masterpieces alongside a portfolio of written evidence. I am so pleased with what they have demonstrated to me so far and look forward to seeing the amazing dishes they create in the final practical.

Looking to the future I can’t wait to expand and offer enrichment within Food, have guest speakers and/or demonstrations and plan trips to experience new and exciting culinary sensations.

My vision for Food is that each and every Woldgate student will leave school confident that they can cook a selection of dishes that can easily be adapted to suit a wide range of needs... and hopefully do the washing up at the end too!

Mrs Saltmer

Halloween Cooking Competition

Closing date: 4th
November 2024

Open to all years – let your imagination run wild!!

Create your pumpkin-packed
(or other flavour of choice..)
dish and snap a picture making sure to send
it to Mrs Saltmer (rsaltmer@woldgate.net)





A snapshot of what we've been up to this term:

Year 7's first time cooking and they impressed me with their focus and knife skills.



Year 9 started their KS4 journey focussing on their knife skills – Great work Year 9!



Year 10 learnt how to make butter in a jar, with one student pushing themselves further and making a garlic and herb butter.



Year 11 were challenged to impress me with a multicultural dish in an hour – some fantastic outcomes





SEND & Attendance

Being punctual is an important quality for life. It shows you are reliable, dependable, trustworthy and it shows respect to other people and for their time.

Of course, modern day living can provide many challenges and, as a rural school community, we are aware of this. There are occasions when things can get stressful, things go wrong, or unforeseen circumstances can cause a family to be a few minutes late. However, our role as teachers, in partnership with parents, is to also prepare pupils for the next step in their school careers and beyond.

At Woldgate School, we have an incredible team of Form Tutors who have contact each morning with pupils and help them to start the day in calm and organised way. They know and care for each pupil as an individual. Form Tutors deliver key messages for the day and help to recognise any issues which might arise. They will check that pupils have everything they need for a successful day including the right equipment. Assemblies where key messages are delivered also take place one morning per week at the start of the day.

Being punctual and present in Form Time and Assembly enables pupils to:

- Be organised;
- Build pupils' confidence;
- Reduces stress and anxiety by preparing them for the day, including any key information about changes and plans;
- Helps pupils to maintain their routine and focus;

Regularly being late can add up to a significant impact on pupils' lost learning time:

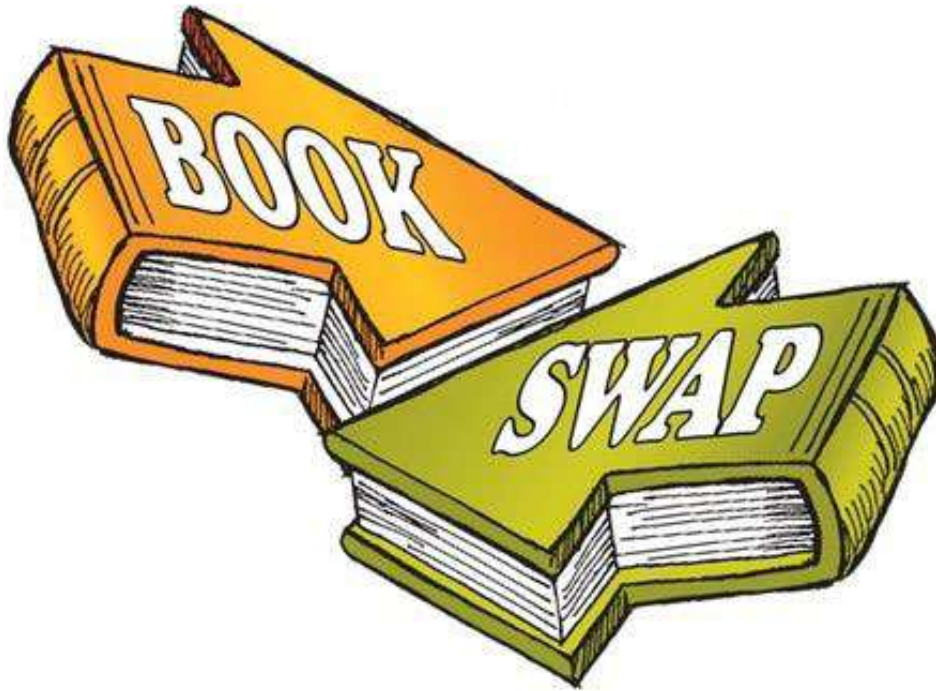
Minutes late everyday	Total learning time lost each year
5 minutes everyday	3.4 days
10 minutes everyday	6.9 days
15 minutes everyday	10.3 days

SEND & Attendance

- If pupils are oversleeping or getting up late, parents and carers should encourage them to go to bed earlier each night for a week. Reduce screen time before bedtime by up to an hour can aid improved sleep and bedtime routines.
- In terms of the recommended hours of sleep for pupils, 11-16 year olds should be getting 9-12 hours each night (as recommended by Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital)
- Uniform, lunches, homework and bags should be organised the previous evening to save time in the morning.
- For younger pupils, establishing morning routines to help them know what to do and in which order. This enables them to become more independent too. Visual prompts may help.

If you are aware that your child is struggling to get to school on time, please contact your Care and Achievement Co-ordinator or Head of School to discuss how we can support.





Book Swap

Do you have any previously enjoyed books at home to donate to our Book Swap areas in school?

Book swaps are a great way for pupils to find a new favourite and to try something different. Pupils often go into the library with a purpose, knowing what they want to borrow. But book swaps contain the books that someone else has chosen and read and once enjoyed.

By donating a book, and having access to the school's collection at the Book Swaps, pupils are likely to enjoy their next reading book but they're also being connected to the donor, someone they may pass on the street, that they may never know in person, but who is a like-minded spirit, who was once moved, thrilled or scared just like them, and linked by the book they have chosen to share.

If you have any books at home, which you think our pupils might enjoy, please drop them off in school reception, or ask your child at Woldgate to take them to Mrs Wellock in G2.

Good Attendance



Means being in school at least
97% of the time*



90%

19 Days
Absence

BELOW MINIMUM GOVERNMENT
THRESHOLD

93%

13 Days
Absence

VERY LOW

95%

9 Days
Absence

LOW

97%

6 Days
Absence

GOOD

100%

0 Days
Absence

PERFECT

*Across one academic year

Rewards

Rewards for the Week

Our school motto is **'Everything we do should be worthy of great merit, character and value'**, and every day our pupils' efforts, contributions and achievements are recognised with rewards that reflect these values.

Our pupils understand these core values as being the foundation of successful learning, and a successful life, and each of the rewards holds a special significance.

98,105

MERIT

13,209

CHARACTER

6,741

VALUE

180,647

TOTAL

Our School Houses

Every pupil belongs to one of our five Houses, representing our local countryside. Pupils can be awarded House points for exceptional contributions to school life, and for participating in House competitions and events, and all rewards contribute to each House reward total.

56,535

HOUSE TOTAL



34,174



38,956



37,591



31,896



31,015



Awards

Headteacher Awards

The Headteacher Award is given to those exceptional pupils and students who achieve the highest number of rewards in their year group each week.

The recipients of the Headteachers Awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Tilly Edwards
- Year 8:** Evie Lyall
- Year 9:** Ellie Spink
- Year 10:** Gracie Rowlinson
- Year 11:** Kateryna Panasenکو
- Year 12:** Evie Dobson
- Year 13:** Joseph North

Acts of Great Character

The moral qualities that define an individual. For example, demonstrating kindness, offering support or actively engaging with the wider community.

The pupils with the most Great Character awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Phoebe Cabry
- Year 8:** Elissa James
- Year 9:** Donovan Hilton
- Year 10:** Harry Leeper
- Year 11:** Phoebe Giggins
- Year 12:** Gracie Cheshire
- Year 13:** Callum Glover

Acts of Great Merit

The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially deserving of praise or reward. For example, the production of an outstanding piece of classwork, home learning or an outstanding assessment outcome.

The pupils with the most Great Merit awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Freddie Bowes
- Year 8:** Isobel Wood
- Year 9:** Ethan Kemp
- Year 10:** Daisy Gavigan
- Year 11:** Oliver Peacock
- Year 12:** Finn Harland
- Year 13:** Chloe Massey

Acts of Great Value

The principles or standards of conduct we work to; those acts and skills that are valued by our wider society. For instance, the ability to demonstrate emotional intelligence, to communicate effectively or be a leader of a team.

The pupils with the most Great Value awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Hunter Playfair
- Year 8:** Amber Stanhope
- Year 9:** Harrison Best
- Year 10:** Taylor Wilson
- Year 11:** William Best
- Year 12:** Daniel Cole
- Year 13:** Eleanor Taylor

Meet our Pupil Care Team



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 7**

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**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**

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**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 8**

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**Care & Achievement
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Coordinator: Sixth Form**

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**Care & Achievement Coordinator:
Diabetic Care and First Aid.**

Mrs L Kendra

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Teach with Wonder

Paid Teaching Internship Programme 2025

£1,275
Teaching
Internships
available
now!

After an extremely successful internship programme in 2024, we are delighted to once again be able to offer more young people an opportunity to find out why teaching is such an inspirational career choice.

Our internship programme combines professional development, talks from external speakers, a visit to one of our primary schools, planning a trip and of course an opportunity to teach our pupils. You receive dedicated mentorship, support, and training over the three-week period and in your final week, you can choose to teach your very first lesson. It is simply a privilege to see our interns flourish and utterly amazing to see them stand in front of their first class after just three weeks.

In addition to all the great opportunities you will receive during this three-week programme, you will also receive a payment of **£1,275.00** funded by the Department for Education.

Our paid internships are available for people who:

- have a genuine interest in teaching
- have not already accepted a place on an Initial Teacher Training programme
- have not completed a paid internship before
- have (or are working towards completing) a degree or a related degree in mathematics, physics, chemistry, or modern foreign languages (French and Spanish)

We are recruiting for placements in maths, physics, chemistry and modern foreign languages starting on:

- 9th June 2025 to 27th June 2025
- 23rd June 2025 to 11th July 2025

Our internships are available at both:

Woldgate School and Sixth Form www.woldgate.net

and

Longcroft School and Sixth Form www.longcroftschooel.co.uk



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Recruitment now open!

To register and receive an application pack please contact:

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