

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



An exciting half term for Lower School

It has been a busy but very exciting final term for Lower School. Last week saw the return of the Year 5 Stock Market Challenge with Year 5s from across a number of our catchment schools joining us.



Mrs Minton
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

The activity, led by a team from NYBep (North Yorkshire Business and Enterprise Partnership) replicated what it would be like to work on the London Stock Exchange with pupils buying and selling shares in order to make the most profit possible. Year 5s caught on to the mantra of 'buy low, sell high' very quickly and there was definitely a strong sense of competition in the room. A mix of our own Year 9 pupils, as well as local Employers formed the 'Trading Pit' where pupils queued up to buy and sell their shares. There was even a cyber-attack to contend with that sent the room into sheer panic! A big thank you to all our Primary pupils and their teachers, as well as the NYBep team for making this event such a success.



Mrs McDonough and I have also really enjoyed visiting all our Year 6s in their Primary Schools over the last few weeks. We have spent time preparing pupils for September and the transition from primary to secondary routines. We are looking forward to Transition Week in the penultimate week of term. Pupils will

spend a day with us centered around the Creative Arts- taking part in a carousel of activities delivered by the Art, Dance, Drama, Music and PE Departments. This will be followed by a full Transition Day where pupils will meet their Form and Form Tutor as well as take part in a taster timetable of lessons. We can't wait to welcome you to Woldgate Year 6!

Year 7 have continued to make me proud with some amazing performances in the Sports Day track and field events. It was lovely to see how much support our athletes received from the rest of their Year group. A special mention to 7ROW for smashing the relay! I know Mr Walker struggled to conceal his excitement!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to our Year 7 cohort of 2024-2025- you have grown so much in confidence this year and I look forward to seeing you flourish as you head into Year 8. Thank you also for all the continued parental support this academic year- it is very much appreciated, and I hope our parents and pupils have a wonderful Summer break when it comes.



Headteacher's Welcome

This has been a very busy week at Woldgate School, as we look towards the summer and the new year, and also reflect upon the year past.

On Thursday 3rd July, I had the privilege of attending our annual Awards Evening at Central Hall at the University of York. During the evening, our award-winning pupils and their families were entertained with a range of musical entertainment performed by our pupils. We presented our pupils with a range of awards, including those earned for 'Great Merit', 'Great Character' and 'Great Value'; awards which reflect our school motto. These pupils deserve the recognition that accompanied their achievement, and I do hope they and their families enjoyed the evening.



On Friday 4th July, our Year 11 pupils will be celebrating the end of their exams at the Year 11 Prom at Barmby Fields. The evening is a fabulous opportunity for our pupils to celebrate together led by Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Wright, Form Tutors and other colleagues. During the evening, pupils will have the opportunity to say 'thank you' to the staff that, in many cases, have supported them for the last five years. Amongst the various entertainment, including fairground rides, food and music, our pupils have a final opportunity to spend time together as a year group, before they go their separate ways in September. We wish them the greatest success.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to our pupils for all their dedication and hard work over the last five years – they have been an extraordinary year group and we have been very impressed by their maturity, focus and resilience over this year and previous years. Most of all, we have been impressed by how they supported and looked after each other.

I would also like to say 'thank you' to the parents and carers of our pupils, for all the support they have given our pupils, and the support they have given my colleagues in school. Without parental support we cannot put in place the support that our pupils need to succeed. Our school community is built upon the close, collaborative support between school, parents and pupils.

As our Year 11 pupils look back upon their journey through school, I hope they reflect upon the experiences, learning, friendships and opportunities they have had over the last five years. School is not just about learning; it helps to shape young people into adults. I do wish our Year 11 pupils all the best for the future, in the next stages of their education.

Over the next few weeks, many of our pupils will be taking part in visits, activities and events, and I do hope they all enjoy these. Many thanks again to all my colleagues for making these enrichment activities possible, and for the support of parents. These are experiences that they will carry with them for many years, and it is these opportunities for educational enrichment that I am excited to develop further in the coming year.

Mr Sloman
Headteacher

Key dates

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

w/c 7th July:	Year 6 Welcome to Woldgate Week
	Year 7 History visits to Helmsley Castle and Rievaulx Abbey
	Year 8 History Visits to Ripon Workhouse
	Year 10 Work Experience
W/c 14th July:	Performing Arts Visit to London
	Year 9 History visit to WW1 Battlefields
Friday 18th July:	School Walk and Last Day of Term (12:15pm finish)

How does your attendance impact your future?



Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSEs.

100%

82%

Achieved 5 GCSEs
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

OVER 95%

77%

Achieved 5 GCSEs
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

92%-93%

53%

Achieved 5 GCSEs
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

BELOW 90%

43%

Achieved 5 GCSEs
Grade 5+

(inc. Maths and English)

Research shows that for every 17 days you miss across your school career, your GCSE results go down by one whole grade!



Achieving 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 5+ has shown to increase your lifetime earnings by **41%**

There are
365 DAYS
in a year

175
are not spent
in school!

**That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games.*

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.

486,297

MERIT

62,658

CHARACTER

35,373

VALUE

1,768,895

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.

437,530

HOUSE TOTAL



230,443



247,239



257,066



200,145



190,762

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:	Paige Sidebottom
Year 8:	Ollie Dower
Year 9:	Ffion Bryan
Year 10:	Alyssia Kendall Bastow
Year 12:	Iona Mackay

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:	Pippa Wilson
Year 8:	Elliot Gwilliam
Year 9:	Ameira Todd
Year 10:	Charlotte Meek
Year 12:	Gracie Cheshire

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:	Joseph Jacob Fiorentini
Year 8:	Emily Burnett
Year 9:	Max Hewitt
Year 10:	Shay Brookes
Year 12:	Alex Doyle

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:	Kayla Alexieva
Year 8:	Aidan Adams
Year 9:	Archie Sissons
Year 10:	Bryan Jackson
Year 12:	Molly Munday

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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