

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



Year 11 Prom at Barmby Fields

Last Friday we celebrated Prom with our Year 11s. It is always lovely to see our pupils looking grown-up and stunning in their beautiful outfits. It is also great to see them surrounded by their families, peers and staff, who have shown them so much care and attention.

They had a lovely evening of food, rides, live music, lots of dancing and many opportunities to take amazing photos, many of which would have the beautiful sunset in the background.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the families for all the lovely messages, cards and gifts that they or their child brought in for us. Each act of gratitude was very well received and much appreciated. Thank you too for allowing us to be a small part of your child's journey.



Woldgate School Annual Awards Evening

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, including performances from this year's school musical, 'Little Shop of Horrors'. 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.



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.

This week we welcomed our newest pupils to Woldgate School during our Welcome to Woldgate week. During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 6 pupils from across all of our local primary schools came to Woldgate School to take part in a range of transition events and activities, including music, drama, dance and art activities. Pupils also met their form tutor, took part in a carousel of lessons, and enjoyed meeting other pupils and making friends. Our Welcome to Woldgate week ensures that our Year 6 pupils are excited about starting with us in September and are happy and confident in finding their way around the school, our expectations and routines, and building relationships with our staff and other pupils.

On Monday, our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to visit Helmsley Castle and Rievaulx Abbey as part of their History studies in medieval life. Throughout the week, our Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to visit Ripon Workhouse Museum as part of their English studies into the works of Charles Dickens, and the plight of the poor in Victorian England.

On Thursday, our Year 9 pupils took part in our 'Careers Day'. Representatives from a range of professions and industries met with our Year 9 pupils and talked to them about employment opportunities and how to access them. Our pupils had opportunities to ask questions and began to think about their own future plans.

In this final week, we look forward to our school walk on Friday. A great Woldgate School tradition, the walk in our local countryside is a great way for our pupils to end the year, walking and talking with friends and staff before departing for the summer holidays. For me it is always a highlight of the year as it represents Woldgate School's ethos and values; a rural school at the heart of the community it serves.



Also this week, 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

Notices

End of term

Just a reminder to check for an email from evolve.notifications@edufocus.co.uk for all details regarding end of term, including permission for your child to take part in the walk and to leave school site when they finish. Without this permission, your child will have to stay in school.

All funds raised from walk sponsorship will go toward Limbbo.

Please be aware that school transport will arrive at the usual time of 3pm, so no early pick ups for children who travel by school bus.

Lockers

Please can we take this opportunity to ask that all lockers are emptied before the end of term.

We cannot guarantee that belongings will be kept should they be left in lockers over the summer. We try very hard to label and keep contents until the end of the Autumn term but, with the pending move to the new build, storage for unclaimed goods will be difficult. So, if there is anything in your child's locker that they wish to keep please make sure they take it home by the end of next week. Many thanks.

Key dates

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

w/c 14th July: Performing Arts Visit to London

..... Year 9 History visit to WW1 Battlefields

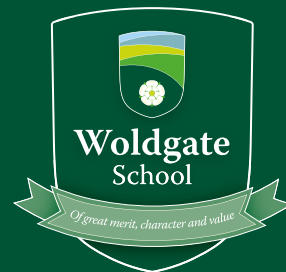
Friday 18th July: School Walk and Last Day of Term (12:15pm finish)

We recently held a competition to design next season's Year 7 football kit, and we're excited to share the winning entry!

This fantastic design was chosen by the PE department and was created by Sidney B. – well done!



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.*

Subject Focus

Food Technology

What a whirlwind of a 1st year it has been in Food at Woldgate! Lots of changes, with of course plenty of cooking, and I couldn't be prouder of how far we've come.

Summer term has been focussed on enrichment. Year 9 enjoyed a visit from Alexander Lim, an education outreach fellow at Leeds University. Alex delivered an engaging and food science focussed workshop on chocolate. After learning about crystalline structures and how tempering can affect the sensory qualities of chocolate, the Year 9's were let loose with some chocolate of their own to experiment with.





Year 10 gained some industry experience with a trip to Cave Castle Hotel. We were lucky enough to see behind the scenes and were able to develop a deeper understanding of how a hotel can be successful. It was very hands on, with opportunities to get involved with bed-making, napkin folding and a guided tour with plenty of opportunities for questions.

These exciting opportunities haven't stopped us being busy in class.

Year 9 have been exploring processing, making components such as ice cream and jam, with some pupils even applying their knowledge of labelling to create their own.



Year 10 have been practicing cooking to a brief in preparation for their NEA in Year 11.

The task was an Italian dish for a teenager and I was really impressed with what pupils were able to achieve in only 2 hours!



I am so excited for the future of Food at Woldgate and look ahead with anticipation for what else is to come... and a new kitchen!!

Wishing all my pupils a brilliant summer break. Keep practicing those cooking skills and I'll see you all in September!

Mrs Saltmer



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AGE
CATEGORIES

OCT 2025 – FEB 2026

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TTFast Format: 2 players per team, playing
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Wigginton Recreation Hall

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<https://york.ttleagues.com/page/ttfast>

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.

491,510

MERIT

63,355

CHARACTER

35,845

VALUE

1,091,576

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.

445,425

HOUSE TOTAL



233,847



250,693



260,385



203,121



192,880

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:	Aleks Lopsa
Year 8:	Katie Hallam
Year 9:	Freya Sanders
Year 10:	Connor Lovatt
Year 12:	Maisie Page

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:	Lilly Elliott-Masey
Year 8:	Olly Caldwell
Year 9:	Jake Morrison
Year 10:	Louis James
Year 12:	Lily Staveley

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:	Teodor Aranyosi
Year 8:	Chloe Graves
Year 9:	Yaryna Skyba
Year 10:	Riley Taylor
Year 12:	Gracie Cheshire

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:	Olivia Beck
Year 8:	Lewis Allan
Year 9:	Leo Chapman
Year 10:	Tristan Andrews
Year 12:	Luke Sissons

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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