

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



Well done to all of our Year 11 pupils!

We are delighted and proud to announce another great set of results for our Year 11 pupils this year. Our pupils' results reflect the hard work that they have demonstrated throughout their journey at Woldgate School over the last five years, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Mrs Atkinson
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Our Year 11 pupils have worked so hard and shown so much determination. It has been fantastic to welcome so many of our Year 11 pupils back into Sixth Form on Friday and we wish all of our pupils the very best for the future.

A majority of Year 11 pupils go on to study at Woldgate Sixth Form. Pupils study a range of A Level and Applied courses and continue to receive outstanding academic and pastoral support from their teachers and our Care & Achievement Team. Woldgate School Sixth Form does welcome applications from Year 11 pupils from other schools, so please do contact our Head of Sixth Form, Miss Smith, on ksmith@woldgate.net or **01759 302395** if you would like further information. We would like to wish all of our pupils the very best for the future, and we know you will all go onto achieve great things in the years ahead.





Sixth Form Results

We are delighted and proud to announce another great set of results for our Year 13 students, with the number of students achieving grades A to A* increasing from the excellent results achieved last year.

These excellent results reflect our Sixth Form students' ability, determination and resilience during their courses, as well throughout their time at Woldgate School. Our Year 13 students have clearly demonstrated our school motto; that 'everything we do should be worthy, of great merit, character and value', and these results reflect this.

Particular highlights included Harriet T, who achieved three A* and one A grade, and is heading to Durham University to study maths.

Although the majority of our Year 13 students are going onto continue their studies at university, including medicine and Russell Group universities, these results will ensure that all our students have the best start in their adult lives, and are able to access the next stages of education, training or career they choose. We are immensely proud of them all and wish them the very best for the future.







Headteacher's Welcome

I do hope you and your family have had a great summer and a chance to rest and spend time with friends and family.

As we return for an exciting new year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their families as they join our school. Our pupils are at the centre of our school community, and knowing and understanding every child as an individual is at the very core of our ethos. Our school is a kind, safe and supportive community, and it is with the support of families that we are able to offer our pupils such a unique education.



Last week, it was a pleasure to welcome our Year 7 pupils, and with the support and care of Ms Minton, Mrs McDonough and their Form Tutors, they have already begun to settle into school life and routines. They already began making friends in the summer and I look forward to following their achievements over the coming year. It was also a pleasure to welcome back so many of our previous Year 11 pupils into Sixth Form as Year 12 students, and I look forward to watching them grow in confidence over the coming year. On Monday, we welcomed all of our pupils and students back into school, and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

We are also looking forward to building on the huge number of events and

activities that took place last year, with lots of other exciting events and developments, in particular opportunities to extend our successful Enrichment programme for pupils and building upon the opportunities for our pupils and students to extend their learning beyond the formal curriculum. We have a range of events and visits taking place this year, including Berlin, Iceland, New York, Paris, Andalusia and the battlefields of Belgium and France to name a few. I look forward to sharing these and other Enrichment opportunities, events and developments with you over the coming weeks.

Every year, the start of a new school year represents a new beginning, and an opportunity to make adjustments to our approach, set ourselves goals and consider aspirations for the coming year. It is a chance for pupils to put into practise new resolutions, and to challenge themselves both in and outside the classroom, in Enrichment and other opportunities. I know that our pupils will make the most of these opportunities, and I am looking forward to celebrating their achievements with you over the coming year.

Mr Sloman
Headteacher

Flu Vaccinations — Year 7

Vaccination UK are visiting Woldgate School for the flu vaccinations this term on October 22nd and 27th November 2025.

If you would like your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form online ASAP.

If for any reason your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray vaccine, the **injectable NON PORCINE** flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to receive a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

<https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/eastriding>

The Flu information leaflet has been sent out on ClassCharts and also contains the consent link and other useful information regarding flu vaccinations.

You can also complete a consent form via the website www.schoolvaccination.uk

If you have any queries or are unable to complete the consent form online, please don't hesitate to contact The Immunisation Team, Email: hullandeastriding@v-uk.co.uk Tel. 01482 453690

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 16th Sept.** Form and individual photographs will be taken throughout the day.

Key dates

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

- Tuesday 16th September:** School Photos (all day)
- Year 8 Welcome Evening (6pm to 7pm)
- Wednesday 17th September:** Year 13 Future Pathways Evening (6:30pm to 7:30pm)
- Thursday 18th September:** Year 9 Welcome Evening (6pm to 7pm)
- Tuesday 23rd September:** Year 10 Welcome Evening (6pm to 7pm)
- Thursday 25th September:** GCSE Art visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Year 11 Careers Information Evening (4:30pm to 7pm)
- Thursday 9th October:** Year 11 Study Skills Evening (6pm to 7:30pm)
- Friday 10th October:** Learning Support Coffee Morning (10am to 12pm)
- Tuesday 14th October:** Open Evening (Kilnwick Percy Golf Club 6pm to 8pm)
- Wednesday 15th October:** Open Evening (Kilnwick Percy Golf Club 6pm to 8pm)
- Thursday 16th October:** Open Evening (Kilnwick Percy Golf Club 6pm to 8pm)
- Restart a Heart Day
- Year 7 Form Tutor Parents Evening (4pm to 7pm)
- Wednesday 22nd October:** Personal Development Day
- Year 11 NEA Day 1 (Block A)
- Thursday 23rd October:** Year 11 NEA Day 1 (Block B)
- Friday 24th October:** End of half term



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School**

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Part of the Family



Wonder
Learning Partnership
Educate | Empower | Engage | Enrich



Open Evenings

14th, 15th and 16th October 2025

6pm-8pm

Kilnwick Percy Golf Club, Pocklington

- > Every child is known and cared for as an individual
- > A top three school for pupil progress in the East Riding
- > New state-of-the-art DfE school rebuild

**Everything we do should be worthy,
of great merit, character and value**

KILNWICK PERCY
GOLF CLUB



Safeguarding

Safeguarding refers to the process of protecting children to provide safe and effective care. This includes all procedures designed to prevent harm to a child, including:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

At Woldgate School, we recognise that listening to young people is an important and essential part of safeguarding. If a pupil is feeling upset or has concerns, they should tell someone they trust, such as their Form Tutor, teachers, Support staff, their Care & Achievement Coordinator, 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 and support them.

All our staff receive regular training in effective safeguarding and understand how to identify and support pupils where concerns are raised. We place great emphasis on the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils, and we also 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. We can arrange for pupils to meet with Peer Mentors on a regular basis to support them whenever needed.



Our weekly pupil briefings and newsletters also regularly remind pupils and parents about how to stay safe, including online, how to manage their mental health and wellbeing. Weekly assemblies also remind pupils on how to be an effective and active member of our caring school community. Our Care & Achievement Coordinators are trained to identify and support pupils, to ensure pupils feel supported and looked after during the school day, and to contact parents and carers and work with other agencies where necessary.

If we have any concerns about a pupil, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Handley, and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Wright will work with Form Tutors, Care & Achievement Coordinators, other staff, pupils, parents and carers to ensure pupils receive the support they need, and to work with supporting agencies.



More information, including links to support organisations, can be found on our school website:

[Safeguarding |
Woldgate School](#)

If your child has any concerns, they should speak to their Care & Achievement Coordinator or any member of staff as soon as possible so we can support them. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please do contact Mrs Handley or Mrs Wright for more information.



SEND & Attendance

The Importance of Starting the Year with Good Attendance

As the school year begins, one of the most important things that pupils can do for their education is to attend school regularly. Good attendance means being present in school every day, and it plays a crucial role in their success as a pupil at Woldgate School.

1. More Learning Opportunities

When pupils attend school every day, they have the chance to learn new information, participate in discussions, and engage in classroom activities. Each lesson builds on the previous one, and missing even a single day can make it harder to catch up. By starting the year with good attendance, they ensure that they won't miss important lessons that could affect their understanding of the material.

2. Better Grades

Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly tend to earn higher grades. This is because consistent attendance allows pupils to absorb the material more effectively and keep up with assignments. When pupils are in lessons, they can ask questions and clarify uncertainties, which leads to a deeper understanding of the subjects. Good attendance helps pupils achieve the grades they want and deserve.

3. Building Relationships

School is not just about academic content; it's also a place to make friends and build relationships with teachers and classmates. When pupils are present in school, they can form connections that may last a lifetime. These relationships can provide support during tough times and make their school experience more enjoyable. Starting the year with good attendance gives pupils the opportunity to bond with their peers and teachers.

4. Developing Responsibility

Showing up to school regularly teaches pupils important life skills, such as responsibility and time management. When pupils commit to attending school every day, pupils are practising accountability. These skills will benefit them not only in school but also in their future career. Employers value individuals who can show up on time and fulfil their commitments, so developing these habits early on is beneficial.

5. Setting a Positive Example

When pupils attend school regularly, they set a positive example for their peers. Commitment to being present can inspire others to do the same. A classroom filled with engaged and present pupils is a more productive environment, which can lead to better learning outcomes for everyone. By prioritizing their attendance, pupils contribute to a positive school culture.

In conclusion, starting the year with good attendance is critical for academic success, personal development, and social relationships. Making a commitment to attend school every day, pupils will set themselves up for a successful year. Remember: every day counts, and being present is the first step toward achieving goals!



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.*



Personal Development

Personal Development and Careers update

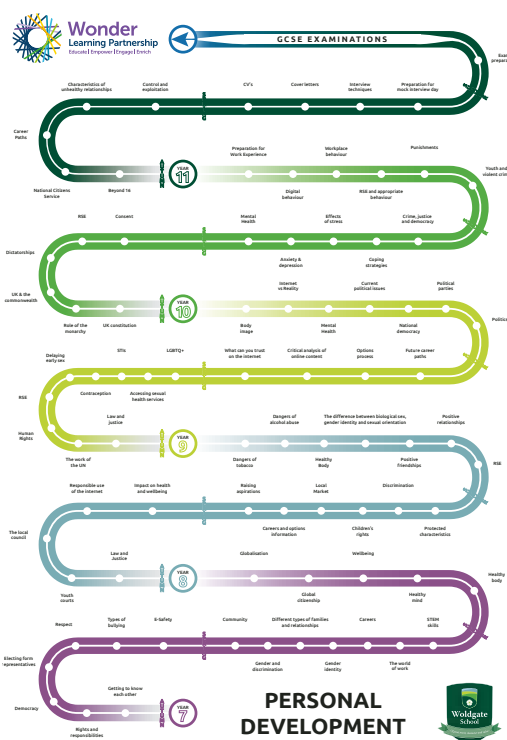
What is Personal Development?

Personal Development refers to the knowledge, concepts and skills that pupils need to learn to be able to navigate the world successfully and safely. Personal Development comprises of elements of Citizenship, PSHE, RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and Careers.

Year 8 are considering the themes of law and order, justice, and democracy this half term. Year 8 pupils started this term by exploring issues around young people and the law. They looked at the attitudes of some young people to the law and what happens to young people when they break the law, including the role of the Youth Court. In the last few weeks of this half term, Year 8 will look at the issue of local democracy. They look at the function of local councils and consider how they form part of the democratic system in this country.

Careers Update

On Thursday 25th September 4:30-7:00, We are hosting our next Careers Fair. Representatives from further and higher education, as well as industry, will be on hand to discuss their sector with Year 11 pupils and their parents / carers. Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Mason, will also be in attendance to be on hand to be able to talk through options for pupil's next steps.





Career Focus: The RAF

The RAF offers a range of career opportunities, including in areas people may not initially associate with the RAF. The RAF are also one of the biggest providers of apprenticeships in the UK. The RAF will also be attending our careers fair. The RAF are putting on a number of events over the autumn to help pupils and students, as well as parents / carers, to understand the range of roles within the RAF as well as the different pathways to those roles. Details for the following events can be found by pressing ctrl and clicking on the following link:

[RAF Recruitment | Events | Royal Air Force](#)

Hull Town Show – Join us at Queen Victoria Square from 19th to 21st September 10am to 4pm. A wide range of activities to try and many RAF personnel to talk to about their life in the RAF. Groups

RAF World – These are virtual events, the next being on 24th September starting at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to explore interactive 360 degree global operations through informative videos and insights. Jump into up to 10 different themed chat rooms based around our specialisations and career opportunities where our experts will answer all queries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits and how to start on an RAF journey.

Look at Life – A series of virtual events hosted on MS Teams. The next event is for those interested in enlisted aviator or apprenticeship roles and for those who are looking for commissioned or direct entry sergeant engagement. Individuals will have an opportunity to speak directly with specialists in their chosen field held each month. These offer an insider's perspective on life on base, a tour of the facilities and overview of benefits package; you'll also learn about opportunities for personal development, sports and so much more!

Webinars for Parents, Guardians and Gatekeepers – These events are held in an evening and are designed to engage with parents, guardians and gatekeepers of young people who might be interested in joining the RAF. They provide an ideal opportunity to gain knowledge about careers, lifestyle and benefits within the RAF and there will be an opportunity to have questions answered. The next event is due to be held at 7pm on 15 September with future events on 20 October, 17 November and 15 December.

Rewards

Total rewards for the last academic year

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.

496,907

MERIT

64,581

CHARACTER

36,647

VALUE

1,123,153

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.

467,790

HOUSE TOTAL



241,023



257,417



268,419



208,818



197,531

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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