

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



A smooth start for our new Year 7

As we start a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Year 7s into Woldgate School and to thank all our parents for making their transition such a smooth and supported one.



Mrs Minton
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

Pupils have made a really positive start and staff have been hugely impressed by their focus and hard work. We hope pupils have enjoyed themselves and feel excited for what the rest of the term will bring!

It is really important that parents and pupils regularly check their ClassCharts parent and pupil accounts which can easily be downloaded onto phones if this is easier. ClassCharts is how we as a school communicate, and you will be alerted to new correspondence if you set this up via notifications on your phones. Pupils should be checking for any Home Learning that has been set on a daily basis and ensuring that they speak to their class teacher in advance of the deadline in person or via ClassCharts if they need any support.

Being prepared for learning is also crucial as pupils settle into secondary life – we would value parental support in helping pupils to ensure they have all the correct stationery and class books each day. This will become easier as pupils settle into a clear evening routine of home learning completion and preparation for the next school day.



Our Great Woldgate Bake Off

has had some incredible entries this year and I have been impressed with the high standard of baking!! I am only disappointed that I haven't been able to complete a taste test! I am sure you would agree from looking at our entries that picking a winner was almost impossible! I am however pleased to announce that our winner of the 2025 Great Woldgate Bake Off is Lauren whose creation for her sister's 13th birthday wowed both myself and Mrs McDonough.

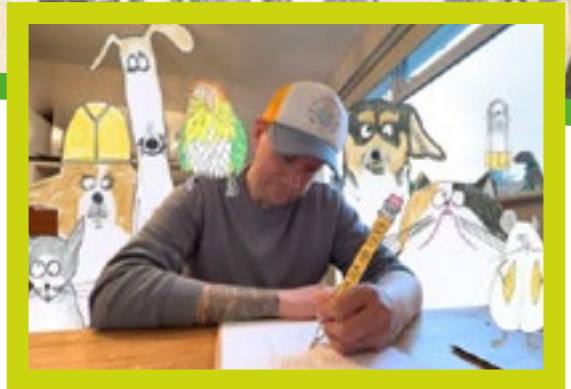
Well done Lauren – we hope you enjoy your well-deserved prize!







Year 6 Creative Day winners



Last term our new year 7 pupils joined us in school for our Creative Arts Days.

This was a brilliant chance for pupils to meet staff and get to know the school but also an opportunity to spend time taking part in a carousel of activities led by our Art, Dance, Drama, Music and PE departments.

As part of this day, pupils took part in a competition run by the Art department to create their own Pet Portrait or to produce work in the style of Kandinsky.

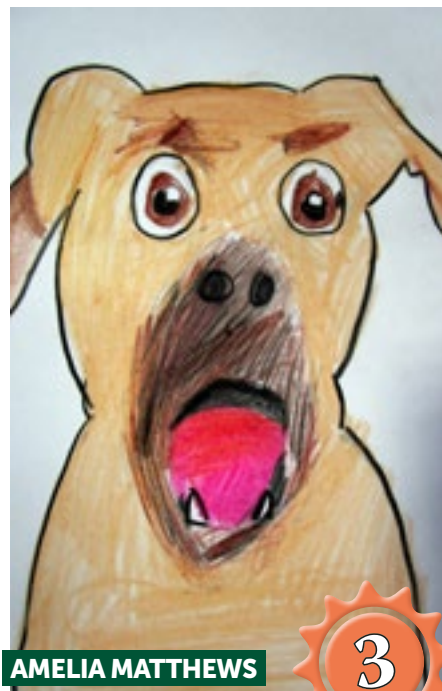
I think you would agree, that the entrees on the next pages were worthy winners!



FREYA JOHNSON



ISABELLE TOWNSEND



AMELIA MATTHEWS



Highly Commended



ARSENI



EMILY PILSON



HENRY ELLIS



**MARTHA
RUSHMER-BROOME**



CHARLIE HELME



LOLA MAI BYERS



Highly Commended



ABIGAIL WRIGHT



EDITH WALTERS



EVA SLATER



Headteacher's Welcome

We are looking forward to launching our Enrichment programme for this year and it is always a privilege to see the large number of pupils who are taking part in activities throughout the week. Enrichment and holistic education is an essential part of school life; it gives our pupils the opportunity to learn new skills; make new friends, extend their learning beyond the classroom and help to organise activities and events.



We are looking forward to our Open Evenings on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October from 6pm to 8pm. Like last year and due to the ongoing building work for our new school and the subsequent restrictions around our school site, we are hosting a series of Open Evenings at the Kilnwick Percy Golf Club, situated at the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds and only a five-minute drive from our school. There will be opportunities to meet our staff and find out about life at Woldgate School, whilst enjoying refreshments and wonderful views over the Vale of York. Parents and pupils from each of our local primary schools have been allocated an evening, and can book their arrival time of either 6pm or 7pm on our school website:

www.woldgate.net

Our Open Evenings are a wonderful opportunity for our school community to meet with our wider, local community and I am looking forward to welcoming our guests during the evening.



Our pupils also have a range of PE activities, clubs and opportunities to participate and compete in, thanks to the dedication of our PE department. Pupils can compete for the school in a range of team sports, including football, netball, cricket and rugby over the course of the year and pupils can also join our PE enrichment programmes during lunchtimes. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme continues to challenge pupils to excel, and pupils interested in taking part in this should speak to Mrs Painter in the first instance.

School is about far more than learning in classrooms, and our Enrichment programme opens doors to opportunities for all our pupils. If you would like more information about our Enrichment programme, please do contact us.

Mr Sloman
Headteacher



Flu Vaccinations — Years 7-11

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

Key dates

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

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

STAMFORD BRIDGE FC

U14's GIRLS



PLAYERS WANTED

Stamford Bridge Girls U14s (Year 8 or 9 in September) are looking to add players to our team. We compete in the CYGL on Saturday mornings, training on Wednesdays 6-7pm. Friendly group of girls and parents, new coaching team. For any information contact Chris 07565000291 or Jenny 07480940152



**Woldgate
School**

Of great merit, character & value

Part of the Family



Wonder
Learning Partnership
Educate | Empower | Engage | Enrich

Open Evenings

Tue 14 Oct Wed 15 Oct Thu 16 Oct

Attend 6pm-7pm or 7pm-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



**Book your place
by visiting
www.woldgate.net**

*This year, as the main learning block of our new build reaches completion, we are hosting our opening evenings at the Kilnwick Percy Golf Club in Pocklington.

[†] based on
published 2024
results

KILNWICK PERCY
GOLF CLUB

The Big Languages Quiz

Friday 26th September is the European Day of Languages. In celebration of the many languages spoken across the world, Woldgate School would like to invite its pupils to take part in a quiz competition.

Simply write your name and form on a blank bit of paper, answer the questions from the quiz and number your answers clearly.

Then, bring your entry to any MFL teacher by Friday 26th September at the latest.

A winner will be announced in the week commencing Monday 29th September and the winner will receive a prize.



European Day of Languages

Name:

Form:

The big languages quiz

1. How many languages are spoken in Europe?
 - a. approximately 230
 - b. approximately 270
 - c. approximately 290
2. Which is the only European language in which all nouns (names) begin with a capital letter?
 - a. Hungarian
 - b. Spanish
 - c. German
3. How many 'ogen' does a person usually have?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
4. The word 'pyjamas' comes from which language?
 - a. Chinese
 - b. Arabic
 - c. Persian
5. What percentage of all world languages, approximately, is African?
 - a. 33.3%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 66.6%
6. Which of the following is a Celtic language?
 - a. Cornish
 - b. English
 - c. Portuguese
7. The word 'bicycle' comes from which language?
 - a. Turkish
 - b. Italian
 - c. Greek
8. How many 'ujjs' does a person usually have?
 - a. two
 - b. 10
 - c. 20

So, what do you know
about languages?



The big languages quiz

9. Which language is spoken by about 120 million people?
 - a. English
 - b. Chinese
 - c. Japanese
10. 'Cookie' comes from which European language?
 - a. German
 - b. Danish
 - c. Dutch
11. Basque is primarily spoken in which European country?
 - a. Spain
 - b. Italy
 - c. Switzerland
12. How many letters are there in the Bulgarian alphabet?
 - a. 20
 - b. 25
 - c. 30
13. The English language is the most closely related to which of these European languages?
 - a. Danish
 - b. German
 - c. Norwegian
14. Romagnolo is a dialect of which European language?
 - a. Italian
 - b. Spanish
 - c. French
15. The word 'barbecue' has its origins in which language?
 - a. Aborigine
 - b. Spanish
 - c. Japanese
16. The United Nations has how many official languages?
 - a. two
 - b. six
 - c. ten





The big languages quiz

17. About what percentage of the world's population speaks English as a native language?

- a. 5.6%
- b. 50.6%
- c. 56.2%

18. What percentage, approximately, of players in the Premier League speaks more than one language?

- a. 10%
- b. 25%
- c. 50%

19. How many 'kuyruk' would you expect a dog to have?

- a. one
- b. four
- c. two

20. Which is the odd one out in each line, and why?

German	French	Spanish
Malta	Kenya	Italy
Canada	Japan	Switzerland



SEND & Attendance



Learning Support Updates

We are incredibly proud of the excellent start pupils have made to the academic year – well done!

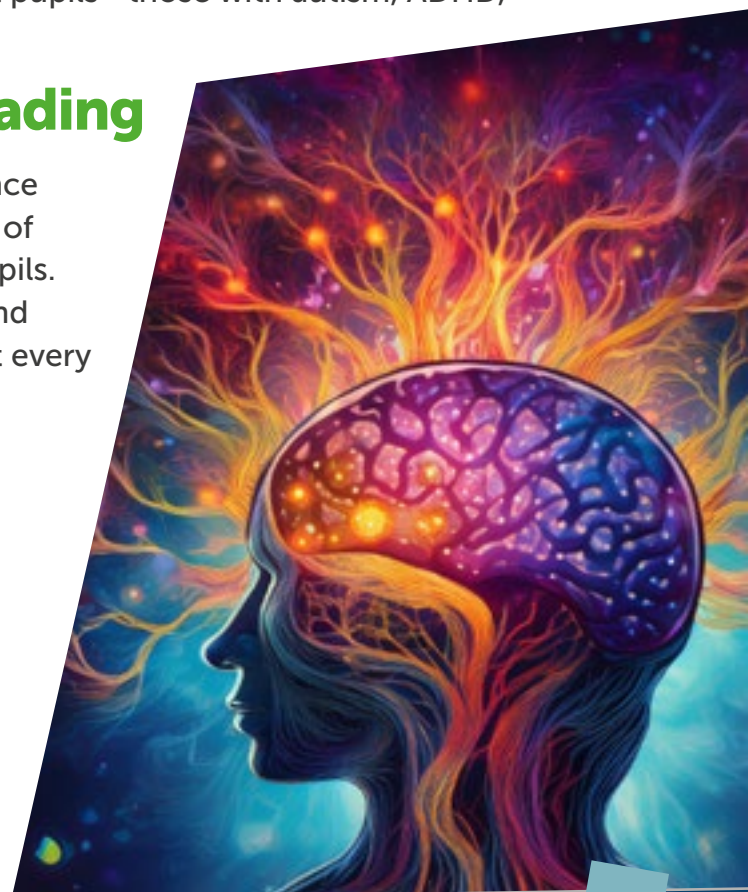
Celebrating Neurodiversity at Woldgate

At Woldgate School and Sixth Form College, we are proud to announce an exciting new partnership with Autism Arena, a community interest company dedicated to supporting neurodivergent children and their families. Together, we are launching a project aimed at improving the experiences of our neurodivergent pupils—those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other neurodivergent profiles.

Listening, Learning, and Leading

As awareness and identification of neurodivergence continues to grow, we recognise the importance of doing more to understand and support all our pupils. Many young people mask their feelings, needs, and differences in school, and we want to ensure that every pupil feels seen, understood, and valued.

This initiative is rooted in our commitment to creating an inclusive environment—one that not only acknowledges neurodiversity but celebrates it. Through this project, we aim to empower neurodivergent pupils by helping them develop self-advocacy skills and promoting a culture that honours their lived experiences.





A Call to Parents and Carers

We know that parents and carers hold invaluable insights into their children's experiences. That's why we're inviting families of neurodivergent pupils to share their views through a dedicated survey. Your feedback will help us reflect, improve, and tailor our support more effectively.



Please use the link below to complete our parent voice survey:

In addition, we'll be creating opportunities for pupils to share their own perspectives—either through group discussions or by completing a survey themselves. If your child is neurodivergent or is on the assessment pathway, please encourage them to take part; their voice is essential in shaping a school environment where everyone can thrive.

Meet Our Partner: Autism Arena CIC

Autism Arena specialises in helping families navigate health and social care, education, and leisure. They offer online peer support sessions, workshops, and individual consultations. To learn more or subscribe to their newsletter, visit www.autismarena.org.uk.

Please join one of their upcoming online peer support sessions, which will cover topics such as support with transitions, carer wellbeing and communication with professionals. Tickets are available via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-arena-cic-85286071533> for the following dates:

 Date	 Time
Mon 22nd September	9:30am
Tue 30th September	9:30am
Mon 6th October	9:30am

We look forward to working together to build a more inclusive and supportive school community—where every child is empowered to shine.

Key Staff Updates:

Alison Bramall (SENCO)

Charlotte Pegg (Assistant SENCO)

Marci Kay (ELSA/EBSA Lead)

Please do contact us at sen@woldgate.net should have any questions or concerns relating to additional support for young people with SEND.

Useful Links

[Local offer](#)

[East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum \(EYPCF\)](#)

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.

19,013

MERIT

2,988

CHARACTER

1,225

VALUE

31,113

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.

6,925

HOUSE TOTAL



6,952



6,814



6,024



6,396



5,069

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:	Martha Rushmer-Broome
Year 8:	Zac Temple
Year 9:	Leo Duncan
Year 10:	Oscar Romeniuk
Year 11:	Lola Higson
Year 12:	Janek Scrowston
Year 13:	Adam Brown

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:	Mollie Hind
Year 8:	Layla Sharp
Year 9:	Eveline Hargreaves
Year 10:	Eleanor Vaughan
Year 11:	Shay Brookes
Year 12:	Chloe Burke
Year 13:	Iona McTernan

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:	Alessya Bezede
Year 8:	Ralph Stuart
Year 9:	Alyssa Ferry
Year 10:	Harrison Best
Year 11:	Matilda Stewart
Year 12:	Ollie Baily
Year 13:	Maisie Page

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:	Isobel Coleman
Year 8:	Sam Graham
Year 9:	Charlee Friend
Year 10:	James Swales
Year 11:	Benjamin Wiggins
Year 12:	Saffron Bond
Year 13:	Leon Lindley

Meet our Pupil Care Team



**Care & Achievement
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**Care & Achievement
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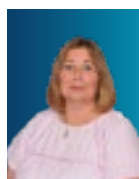
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