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Newsletter

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WOLDGATE
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

Student Sporting Success on the National Stage

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievement of our students and we really enjoy hearing about the varied sports and success of many of our students outside of school.



Mrs Smith
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

On this occasion, we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Year 12 student Maria who is competing at an incredibly high level in Synchronised and Figure Skating.

Maria is a member of Hull based team, Starlets - a mixed-age team who compete at national level. After just two years of competing, Maria has already achieved remarkable success. The team recently won Silver at the London Lea Valley competition, competing against some of the strongest synchronised skating teams in the country.

A dedicated figure and synchronised skater, Maria demonstrates commitment, resilience, and hard work both on and off the ice. Her progress in such a short time is a real credit to her determination and passion for the sport.

At Woldgate, we are proud to support and celebrate pupils' sporting achievements, and we wish her and the Synchronised Starlets the very best of luck in their future competitions.

Festivities in Sixth Form

The run up to Christmas is a very busy time of year within the Sixth Form. Our Year 13 students were focusing on completing and submitting their UCAS applications – many of whom have already received several offers. In addition, we welcomed our Year 11 students to experience life in the Sixth Form during Sixth Form Taster Day and our students were very busy planning and running our annual Sixth Form Charity Week. Prior to us finally hosting our traditional Christmas Sixth Form Quiz as a well deserved treat prior to us breaking up for Christmas.



Sixth Form Charity Week this year focused on raising money for Cancer Research and the events included fancy dress, bake sales, guess how many sweets in the jar and sponge the teacher. We are still in the process of collecting the final donations and look forward to revealing our final total which currently stands at over £350.

Special thanks for going above and beyond in support of Sixth Form Charity Week must go to Mr Mahoney who volunteered to be sponged. Unfortunately, for Mr Mahoney, the day of the event was one of the coldest days of last term with temperatures well below zero degrees.



Headteacher's Welcome

This week has truly showcased our commitment to ensuring that everything we do is worthy of 'Great Merit, Great Character, and Great Value.' From academic progress to personal development, our pupils and students have embraced opportunities to learn, reflect and grow. Their excellent manners and positive attitudes to school life continue to impress me and I have been particularly struck by how many pupils have stopped me in the corridor to ask about my day and wish me well—small gestures that make a big difference.



In terms of academic progress, Year 11 pupils have been given dedicated time this week to focus on their option subjects—many of which are practical or vocational in nature. These sessions are vital in helping every young person strive for excellence across a wide variety of subjects areas, and pupils have engaged exceptionally well throughout.

Looking ahead, next week marks an important milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils with mock exam results day. This is a time for reflection—an opportunity to celebrate successes, identify areas for improvement, and plan next steps. Following this, students will have interviews with staff to discuss their progress, and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our upcoming Year 11 Parents' Evening to continue these important conversations. For our Key Stage 3 families, you will now have received your child's progress report. This is a valuable moment to reflect on achievements so far and set goals for the term ahead. Thank you for taking the time to review these reports and support your child in aiming high.

Today has been an absolutely fantastic Personal Development Day for pupils in Years 7 to 10. The school has been alive with enthusiasm as pupils immersed themselves in a variety of engaging talks and thought-provoking lessons. These sessions included input from the Fire Service and explored important topics such as mental health and bullying.

Days like this truly bring our values of **Great Character and Great Value** to life—equipping our young people with the confidence, resilience, and skills they need to make positive choices and thrive in all aspects of life.

As we look to the weeks ahead, our focus remains on creating an environment where every pupil feels supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best. Thank you for your continued partnership in making this possible.

Mrs Adams
Headteacher

Key dates

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

Thursday 22nd January: Year 9 Options Information Evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday 27th January: Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm

Tue 27th – 30th January: Business Studies visit to Disneyland Paris

Thursday 29th January Learning Support Review Evening – Sixth Form

Thursday 5th February: Year 11 NEA Day (Option B subjects)

..... Inter Faith Day for Year 10

Friday 6th February: Year 11 NEA Day (Option A subjects)

Tuesday 10th-13th February: History visit to Berlin

Thursday 12th February: Year 9 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm

Friday 13th February: Break up for Half Term

Monday 23rd February: First day back after Half Term

Friday 27th February: Year 8 Careers Day

Thursday 5th March: Year 8 Options Evening



Year 7 and Year 8 Pupils Inspired by Author Katherine Rundell

On Thursday 8th January, a group of our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in an online webinar with award-winning author Katherine Rundell and The British Library. Rundell is best known for her **Impossible Creatures** series, **Rooftoppers**, and several other much-loved books—many of which are available to borrow from our school library.

During the session, Rundell shared her creative process and encouraged pupils to explore their imaginations through three fun activities:

1. Mapping a New World

Rundell explained that for her Impossible Creatures series she began by creating the map, suggesting that books can be new worlds for us to escape to. What would our pupils' new worlds be like?

2. Inventing a Fearless Chef

Next, they created daring chefs who combined the most delicious and the most bizarre ingredients. Rundell gave an example from her own book—a jam and sardine soufflé! Our pupils came up with some wonderfully wild ideas, including:

- Worm gut spaghetti with raw meatballs in fried frog juice (**Grace**)
- Roasted rat tail with mashed mushrooms (**Bertie and Harry**)
- Deep-fried pigs' eyes with sardines, rotten prawns with mustard, and wet cat food (**Layla and Beth**)

3. Imagining Flight and Movement

Finally, pupils considered what it would feel like to move through the worlds they had created. Rundell even shared a fascinating fact: clouds taste different! Darker clouds, she explained, have a metallic flavour as you descend through them in an airplane.

Rundell also spoke about the importance of the question that drives every story—the “What if?” Pupils were challenged to come up with five “What if” ideas in five minutes. Here are some of their brilliant suggestions:

- What if chocolate was a vegetable? (**Grace**)
- What if you went on an amazing adventure, but it was a dream—and you had to convince everyone it really happened? (**Caitlyn and Scarlett**)
- What if you became king for one day? (**Bertie**)
- What if dogs appeared every time you were sad? (**Freya and Lilly**)

Rundell encouraged pupils to make their worlds feel alive by including animals—whether real or mythical—and reminded them that editing is where the magic happens: “Redrafting is like building a castle from sand.”

Pupil Feedback

Our pupils were full of enthusiasm after the event:

- “I would like to ask Katherine Rundell which is her favourite book she has written and why.” (**Layla and Beth**)
- “I found the event really inspiring.” (**Harry**)
- “I really liked how enthusiastically she talked about her writing.” (**Caitlyn and Scarlett**)

As part of the National Year of Reading, we'll be hosting a series of author webinars in the school library on Wednesday lunchtimes, beginning with Anthony Horowitz on 21st January.



WORLD OF RHYTHM SAMBA WORKSHOP

11AM SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY - POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE

JOIN US FOR A ONE HOUR SAMBA WORKSHOP TASTER

LEARN THE DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS OF A TYPICAL SAMBA BAND
AND LEARN HOW TO PERFORM LAYERED RHYTHMS AS AN ENSEMBLE.

NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. ALL AGES WELCOME.

BOOKING RECOMMENDED TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
CONTACT POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE - £8 PER PERSON



A.L. SCHOFFELD MUSIC

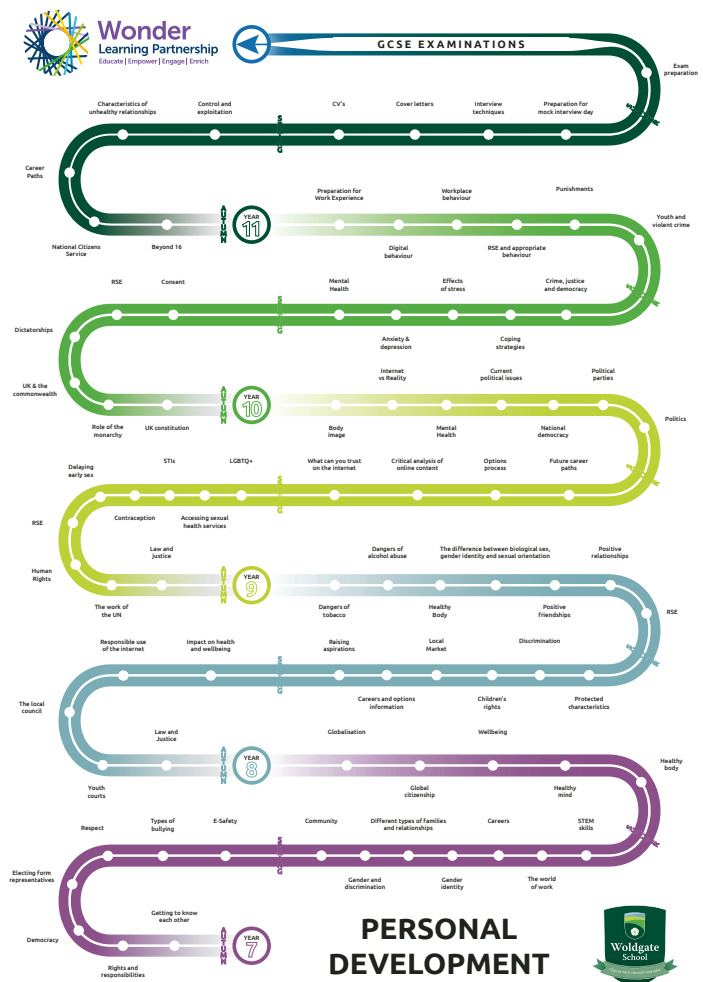


Personal Development

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.

This week, I would like to update you on what Year 9 are exploring in Personal Development this half term. A big problem of our time is how much 'fake news' there is on the internet, the impact of trolling as well as online scams. One of the aims of Personal Development this half term is to help pupils develop their critical analysis skills. It is more important than ever that young people can question the trustworthiness of what they see on the internet as well as being aware of the ever-evolving strategies of those involved in carrying out online scams.



Careers Update

This term:

- National Apprenticeship Week Feb 9-15 2026
- National Careers Week 2-7 March
- Year 11 Mock Interviews 13th March

Local Market Information

Local Market Information provides pupils and students with information about different employment sectors in the Hull and East Riding area. The information will inform pupils and students what jobs there are in that sector in the local area, as well as provide information career pathways, salaries and trends in employment. This week, we look at the Public Sector.

Approximately 5% of the Humber workforce jobs are in the public sector, with the largest employer being East Riding of Yorkshire Council (excluding Health and Social Care). There are likely to be huge opportunities in this sector over the coming years as many of the people currently employed in some of the bigger public sector employers in the region are approaching retirement age. There are a number of routes into these careers, with many of the roles being accessible via apprenticeships.





Public Sector

5% of employment in the Humber is in the Public Sector.

Public sector organisations provide a service for everyone: for example education (schools) and security and safety (police and armed forces). These services are paid for via taxation.

(Please note NHS and other health care services are covered with the Health & Social Care sector factsheet)

Will there be opportunities available?

- East Riding of Yorkshire Council is the largest employer in the East Riding employing Over 6,000 staff within the local authority and over 5,000 in schools. The organisation has an aging workforce with 57% of the workforce aged 45 and over and 27% of the workforce over 55. They need to start recruiting young talent into the organisation in order to fill the gaps to replace those leaving the organisation and to deliver services.
- Local authorities report they are struggling to recruit to a variety of roles including; Social Workers, Care Workers, Engineers, Construction Professionals at all levels, Drivers & Refuse Collectors, Environmental Officers, Licensing Officers, Lifeguards, Swim & Gym Teachers and Instructors.

Did You Know?

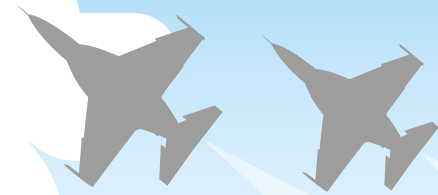
- The Public Sector accounts for 5 % of the region's workforce, employing around 21,000 people
- There are a variety of different career opportunities within Local Authorities ranging from solicitors, accountants, marketing/media, Engineering, IT and conservation.
- Part of the recruitment process for the armed forces, police and fire services involves assessing physical fitness, literacy, numeracy and communication skills.
- In Hull & East Riding the largest employers are East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council.
- Nearly all public service organisations offer apprenticeships.



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Types of Job	National Average Salary
Economic Development Officer	£22,000 to £50,000
Civil Engineer	£24,000 to £80,000
Police Community Support Officer PCSO	£17,500 to £23,250
Facilities Manager	£17,500 to £23,250
Payroll Administrator	£15,000 to £28,000
Highways Maintenance	£16,000 to £40,000
Trading Standards Officer	£19,000 to £90,000
IT Support	£16,000 to £35,000

Skills/qualities

- Communication and literacy
- Team working
- Attention to detail
- Customer awareness
- Good with numbers

Useful subjects include

- Maths
- Science
- IT
- English

Some local employers

- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Hull City Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- Fire Service
- HMP Prison Service
- Humberside Police
- HM Courts

Sources: Business Register Employment Survey, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Office for National Statistics.

Search for jobs by... popping in to your local Job Centre
• checking your local newspapers • attending events and seminars
• checking out YouTube and Social Media • talking to family and friends



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.

170,546

MERIT

25,352

CHARACTER

13,791

VALUE

429,301

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.

197,435

HOUSE TOTAL



96,840



91,557



87,783



81,547



80,752



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:** Alfie Barrass
- Year 9:** Jake Lawrence
- Year 10:** Freya Sanders
- Year 11:** Yuri Korchaha
- Year 12:** Jack Irvin
- 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:** Scarlett Sinclair
- Year 8:** Pippa Wilson
- Year 9:** Katie Hallam
- Year 10:** Eleanor Vaughan
- Year 11:** Ava Murrell
- Year 12:** Hannah Presley
- Year 13:** Leon Lindley

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:** Charles Jarrett
- Year 8:** Jake Thackeray
- Year 9:** Ava Hill
- Year 10:** Max Hubbard
- Year 11:** Mia Spencer
- Year 12:** Emma Wood
- Year 13:** Lily Staveley

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:** Esme Liversidge
- Year 8:** Amelia Peinke
- Year 9:** Millie Holland
- Year 10:** Leighton Pease
- Year 11:** Arlo Brown
- Year 12:** Janek Scrowston
- Year 13:** Emmy Smith

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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