

# Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



WOLDGATE  
THE EAST YORKSHIRE  
SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 Students Develop Life-Saving Skills and Explore Future Pathways

This term has been an exciting and enriching time for our Year 12 students, who have taken part in a range of activities designed to build confidence, life skills and future aspirations.



**Mrs Smith**  
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

A key highlight was the opportunity for all Year 12 students to participate in first aid training delivered by St John Ambulance. The sessions formed part of the organisation's innovative **Young Responders programme**, which equips young people with essential, life-saving skills and the confidence to respond in real-life emergencies.

During the interactive workshops, students explored a range of practical scenarios and learned how to respond effectively if someone needs urgent medical help. The training included essential skills such as carrying out a primary survey, performing CPR, and placing a casualty in the recovery position. Students also developed an understanding of how to respond to serious situations such as catastrophic bleeding, as well as incidents involving drink spiking.

Alongside the physical first aid techniques, the programme also raised awareness of the mental health impact of emergency situations, encouraging students to think about how to support both themselves and others following a traumatic event.

The training was delivered through realistic scenarios and discussion-based activities, enabling students to engage with situations that young people may encounter in everyday life. By the end of the sessions, students had developed both the knowledge and confidence to step forward and help in an emergency, an invaluable skill that can make a real difference in communities.



In addition to developing practical life skills, Year 12 students were also given the opportunity to think about their future pathways by attending the UCAS Discovery Day Manchester in March 2026. The visit took place on a beautiful spring day in Manchester and provided students with a fantastic opportunity to explore their next steps after sixth form.

At the event, students met representatives from a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, allowing them to ask questions about courses, entry requirements and career pathways.



The event also featured a special appearance from former professional footballer and entrepreneur Gary Neville, who spoke to students about ambition, resilience and the importance of making the most of opportunities.

Beyond the exhibition itself, students enjoyed some free time exploring Manchester, giving them the chance to experience the city and consider it as a potential place to live and study in the future.

Together, these experiences have helped our Year 12 students to build both practical life skills and an awareness of future opportunities. From learning how to respond confidently in an emergency to exploring university and career options, the term has been an inspiring step forward as they begin to plan for life beyond Sixth Form





## Headteacher's Welcome

**This week has felt unmistakably like the beginning of spring. The lighter mornings, brighter skies and first touches of colour appearing across our grounds have brought a renewed sense of optimism to school. It has been lovely to see that reflected in the enthusiasm and achievements of our pupils over the past week.**

In what has been another wonderfully busy and purposeful week, our Year 11 Geographers travelled to Beverley for their fieldwork, engaging brilliantly with hands-on learning that deepened their understanding of the world around them. We also held the Year 6 Writing Challenge which forms part of our transition offer to ensure that pupils start to develop a sense of belonging well before they step through the doors in Year 7. Alongside this, we welcomed families into school for Year 8 Parents' Evening, an important and positive opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss the next steps in each child's journey.

A particular highlight was a visit from Sir David Davis MP, who spoke to Year 9 pupils and Year 12 and Year 13 students about the role of a Member of Parliament. He shared insight into the unseen aspects of the job, including the thousands of letters MPs receive each year from people seeking help, and told several powerful stories of supporting individuals through difficult circumstances. Our Sixth Form Politics students then took part in a Q&A session, finding the discussion both informative and inspiring. Experiences like these strengthen not only academic learning but our wider personal development programme -encouraging pupils to understand democracy and perhaps inspiring some to pursue public service in the future.

I was also struck this week by an Oscar winner's words thanking her parents for **"teaching us to dream...and to carve from your own passion."** This resonated deeply with me, as it perfectly captures what we wish for every young person in our care.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Adams | Headteacher**

## Key dates

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

- Mon 23 to Fri 27th March:** ..... Geography trip to Naples
- Thursday 26th March:** ..... Breakfast of Champions Rewards
- Friday 27th March:** ..... Break up for Easter Holidays
- 30th March-10th April:** ..... Easter Holidays
- Thursday 2nd April:** ..... Blood Brothers Theatre Trip
- Friday 17th April:** ..... Pocklington Arts Centre Open Evening
- Tuesday 21st April:** ..... Year 11 High Achiever Evening — English and Maths
- Monday 4th May:** ..... May Bank Holiday — School Closed
- Thursday 7th May:** ..... Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 11th May- 19th June:** ..... GCSE and A-Level exam season
- Wednesday 13th & 20th May:** Year 6 Welcome Evenings
- 25th-29th May:** ..... Half Term Holiday
- Thursday 11th June:** ..... Year 12 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 25th June:** ..... Year 7 Parents' Evening

## Meningitis – Letter to Parents

Dear parents and carers,

You may have seen recent news reports about cases of meningitis linked to an outbreak in Kent. We wanted to provide reassurance that the risk in East Riding of Yorkshire remains very low, and there are no current indications of increased meningitis activity locally.

Public health teams continue to monitor the situation closely at a national and regional level, and we will share further updates if the local risk changes. At this time, no additional precautions are needed beyond routine awareness and vaccination.

Meningitis can affect anyone, but it is uncommon. Early symptoms can sometimes look like a flu like illness. It is important to seek medical advice urgently if you or your child develop any combination of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (fever)
- Severe headache
- Stiff neck
- Sensitivity to light
- A rash that does not fade when pressed (this may not always be present)
- Vomiting
- Cold hands and feet, pale or mottled skin
- Drowsiness or difficulty waking
- Confusion

If you are concerned you can seek support by calling NHS 111 if you need urgent advice, but the situation is not life-threatening or contact your GP practice regarding routine NHS vaccination.

Call 999 or go to A&E immediately if symptoms are severe, worsening quickly, or you suspect meningitis or sepsis. Should you need to present at a healthcare setting, please inform the reception team you suspect meningitis prior to entering the building so effective isolation can take place.

Good vaccination coverage is one of the reasons the risk in East Riding is currently low. Children and young people are offered protection against several strains of meningococcal disease through the NHS childhood immunisation programme, including:

- MenB (usually given to babies)
- MenACWY (offered to adolescents and young adults at school)

If your child or young person is up to date with their routine vaccinations, they are well protected. If you are unsure whether vaccinations are up to date, your GP practice can check and advise.

Vaccination continues to be offered to all those who are eligible as part of the national programme, parents will need to consent for their children to receive vaccination at school.

Vaccination UK are the current provider in the East Riding. They have reassured us that settings eligible in the area have had a least one visit for MenACWY vaccination in the previous and current term with a follow-up visit scheduled for later in the year. Vaccination UK also run accessible outreach clinics in the community during holidays ([Catch-up clinics | Hull & East Riding](#)). You can contact the team by calling:(01482) 453 690 or emailing: and [hullandeastriding@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:hullandeastriding@vaccinationuk.co.uk) should you have any queries.

While outbreaks can be concerning, they are usually localised, and they do not mean there is a wider risk across the country. Public health teams continue to work together nationally to identify cases quickly and take appropriate action.

**For further information please see:**

**NHS guidance on meningitis:** [Meningitis - NHS](#)

[UKHSA news article on the current outbreak in the south east:](#)

[Cases of invasive meningococcal disease notified in Kent - GOV.UK](#)

**UKHSA blog – symptoms, risks, and how to protect yourself:**

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#) (This page will continue to be updated as new information becomes available.)

Thank you for helping us keep our communities informed and reassured. If further information is needed, we will ensure this is shared promptly.





Vaccination UK

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the very sad news of two recent deaths in Kent linked to meningitis (strain B), we wanted to share some helpful information about meningococcal disease and the vaccinations available to protect against it.

Since 2015, the Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine has been included in the national childhood immunisation programme and is routinely given in infancy. Children born before 2015 would not have received this vaccine as part of the NHS schedule, although it is available privately.

The MenACWY vaccine, which protects against four strains of meningitis (A, C, W and Y), is routinely offered to young people in Year 9 through the school-based immunisation programme. If your child missed their Year 9 vaccination, we are able to offer catch-up appointments locally—please contact our team if you would like to arrange this.

For those who would like to learn more, a recent webinar for parents and carers about the DTP and MenACWY vaccines is available to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj3ql-WLin8&t=28s>

If your child has not yet received the MenACWY vaccine, you can complete a consent form using the link below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/consent-forms-dtp>

Please note that the MenACWY vaccine is offered from Year 9 onwards and cannot be given before this stage.

If you have any concerns or would like further information about meningitis, we recommend visiting:

<https://www.meningitisnow.org>

Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect the health and wellbeing of all children and young people.

## Vaccination UK



## Darts Success

**Jenson Hatch (Year 10) is making an impressive name for himself in competitive darts. Jenson has recently been crowned North East Regional Champion and is currently ranked number one in the North East for youth darts.**

These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work he puts into his training and competitions. As a result of his success, Jenson has qualified for the National Finals taking place in September in Bristol and has also been confirmed as a competitor at the World Championship in Gibraltar, where he will compete against top youth players from around the world in November. Jenson trains regularly with the York Youth Academy with his twin brother Riley who is also competing weekly. Among his other achievements, Jenson is also a York Youth Champion and has reached multiple major finals during his darts journey so far. We are incredibly proud of Jenson and his achievements and we can't wait to see him represent his region over in Gibraltar. If anyone is interested in sponsoring Jenson to help him further his darts development please get in touch



# Safeguarding

## National Consultation on Restricting Social Media Access

### What the consultation proposes:

- Introducing a minimum age for social media access, including the option of a ban for under-16s.
- Strengthening age verification and enforcement of age limits.
- Raising the UK's digital age of consent, currently 13 under data protection law.
- Restricting design features associated with compulsive use, such as infinite scrolling and algorithm-driven feeds.
- Increasing support and guidance for parents navigating children's digital use.

From April 2026, Ofsted will examine schools' mobile phone policies and how effectively they are implemented. The consultation seeks views on making existing government guidance on mobile phones in schools statutory, rather than advisory.

Any changes to social media age limits or platform rules are also likely sit alongside nationally mandated requirements on access to internet-enabled devices during the school day.

Schools are already grappling with the impact of social media on attendance, behaviour, safeguarding referrals and pupil wellbeing. Any legislative change could reshape expectations placed on education settings as frontline safeguarding partners.

### Consultation details

The national consultation, Growing up in the online world, is open until 11:59 pm on 26 May 2026. Please follow this link if you or your child(ren) would like to add contribute to this consultation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

## Anti-Bullying Survey 2026 DfE/ Anti-Bullying Alliance)

Bullying remains a persistent issue affecting many children and young people. The Department for Education's Parent, Pupil and Learner Voice survey (October 2025) gathered responses from parents of primary, secondary and special school pupils and from more than 3,500 pupils in Years 7–11 to better understand pupils' experiences.

### Key findings include:

- 24% of Key Stage 3 pupils reported being bullied in the previous 12 months.
- 17% of Key Stage 4 pupils reported experiencing bullying in the same period.
- 22% of Key Stage 3 pupils said they had been bullied by other pupils at school.
- 24% of parents said their child had experienced bullying in the past year.

The survey suggests bullying remains a common experience for a notable minority of pupils, particularly among younger secondary students, who were more likely to report being bullied than older pupils.

At Woldgate we take all cases of unkind behaviour and bullying very seriously and provide intervention and support for all involved. We have focused on this topic in assemblies recently to remind pupils of how to recognise the signs of bullying and how to report any concerns.

**Please contact school in the usual way if you have any concerns regarding bullying.**



# 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.

**246,555**

**MERIT**

**41,048**

**CHARACTER**

**23,770**

**VALUE**

**654,553**

**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.

**305,840**

**HOUSE TOTAL**



**148,957**



**139,503**



**132,883**



**127,130**



**123,595**



# 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:** Ayesha Rowell
- Year 9:** Ellen Greensted
- Year 10:** Laura Simpson
- Year 11:** Amelia Ellis
- 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:** Blake Lindley
- Year 12:** Rihanna Watts
- 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:** Teddy Smith
- Year 8:** William Jones
- Year 9:** Rowan Stanhope
- Year 10:** Sam Warne
- Year 11:** Mia Spencer
- Year 12:** Seth Watson
- Year 13:** Lily Stavely

## 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:** Tyler Cox
- Year 9:** Alyssa Ferry
- Year 10:** Sophie Allan
- Year 11:** Roan Coulthard
- Year 12:** Imogen Kendall
- Year 13:** Emmie Smith

# Meet our Pupil Care Team



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