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"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing."

—Pele

It is with immense pride and joy that today, we celebrate one of our own pupils. And as we do so, we hope that his hard work and perseverance over the years that has led him to enormous success will be an inspiration to our Year 11s who have begun their exams. Their high aspirations, their love of learning, and their determination to be successful are truly admirable. On behalf of all the staff, we wish them success with their exams.



Mrs Atkinson
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Number One in the Northeast: Darts Success – Jenson H

Jenson H, who is in Year 10, is making an impressive name for himself in competitive darts. Jenson has recently been crowned **Northeast Regional Champion** and is currently ranked **Number One in the Northeast 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.

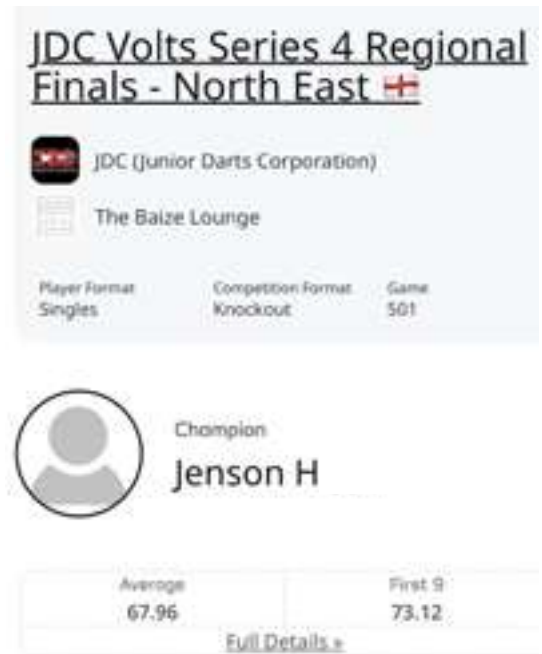
Jenson trains regularly with the York Youth Academy with his twin brother Riley, who is also competing weekly. Among his other achievements, Jenson is also a York Youth Champion and has reached multiple major finals during his darts journey so far. We are incredibly proud of Jenson and his achievements, and we cannot wait to see him represent his region over in Gibraltar.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring Jenson to help him further his darting development, please get in touch.

And in other news:

Mrs Wright left Woldgate after 19 years of service. We are enormously grateful for her service, and we wish her every success and happiness with what comes next. The impact that she had on us will forever be felt and for that, and the friendships and experiences that she shared with us all, will not be forgotten.

“Leaving does not mean those memories disappear. I will carry them with me into whatever comes next. The things I have learned here, the friendships I have built, and the experiences we have shared will stay with me for a very long time.”
—Mrs Wright



Year 10

The staff and pupils have begun to prepare for the **Mock Exams**. These begin on **Monday, 22nd of June**. Please check Arbor for your child's personalised timetable. It can be found under Examinations – Exams Timetable.

Pupils have been issued detailed revision tasks for homework to complete in the weeks leading up to these exams. Please continue to encourage your child to complete these in detail. You would have received this information during the recent parents' evening if you were able to attend. Please get in touch if you need any further information from the staff.

Work Experience

A reminder that this takes place on the week beginning July 6, for those who managed to get a placement. I know how challenging this has been. We are putting together a timetable of events for those who will be in school.

Please continue to check school emails for any changes or requests about any placements. We look forward to hearing about your experiences at work.





Headteacher's Welcome

As we move further into the summer term, I am reminded that everything we do should be worthy of great merit. Our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils have certainly demonstrated this as the exam season has begun. Their commitment and energy have been impressive, and the positive responses following their exams show just how well prepared they are.

My sincere thanks go to our staff, who have worked tirelessly to support them - through carefully planned in-school revision sessions and additional evening Teams meetings, providing that final boost of confidence at just the right time. As always, we are here to support our pupils and families in any way we can during this important period.

It has also been an exciting week as we welcomed the first half of our new Year 7 intake for the first of two transition events. It was a pleasure to meet pupils from Pocklington Juniors, St Mary's and St Joseph's RC Academy, and Stamford Bridge. As I shared with families, I am genuinely excited for the journeys ahead and for the opportunity to live out our ambition of ensuring we are a school where every child can flourish and where we truly believe that anything is possible. I look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Year 6 pupils next week.

Finally, thank you for your continued support in upholding our uniform expectations. This is an area we have worked closely on with pupils and families in recent weeks to ensure clarity, consistency and support. Uniform is about far more than appearance: it reflects pride in our school, strengthens our sense of community, and plays an important role in addressing social inequality by creating a level playing field for all. It also contributes to a calm, purposeful environment where pupils feel they belong. While uniform is just one aspect of our wider expectations, it matters because it reflects the care we have in creating the very best school for every child. Following our recent communications, we are now at the point where every pupil should be arriving at school each day in correct uniform and shall be completing a further uniform check at the start of next week to ensure that we can help to rectify any outstanding issues.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs Adams | Headteacher





Wider Community Transport (BH1 and D1)

Please be aware that applications are now being accepted for Wider Community Transport for 2026/27. Application Forms have been sent to current users via Arbor and should be returned to office@woldgate.net before the end of June.

Please be aware places are limited on this service and are dependent on space and account being up to date.

Key dates

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

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



Physical Education Extra Curricular Calendar

Lunch (12.45pm – 1.15pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Boys Cricket All years Muga (BSC)	Girls Tennis All years Muga (RPA)	Boys Tennis Y7 & Y8 Muga (JSA)	Boys Tennis Y9, Y10 & Y11 Muga (BER)	Girls Cricket All years Muga (MBI)

After School (3.25pm – 4.25pm)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Girls Rounders All year Field (RPA)	Boys Cricket All years Field (BSC & BER)	Athletics All Years Field (JSA)
GCSE PE Y11 Revision KU4 (MBI)		Duke of Edinburgh KU1 (RPA)
Girls Cricket All years Field (FMD)		

What do I do if I want to join a LUNCHTIME club?

Just turn up to area where the club is, take off your tie and blazer and off you go.

What do I do if I want to join an AFTERSCHOOL club?

Make sure you have your PE kit with you and as soon as the bell goes at the end of the day, meet the PE staff at the changing rooms behind T block

Do I need to SIGN UP or REGISTER for any sports club?

Absolutely not, just turn up and we will make sure we get your name and form down.

How do I get home from the club?

It is your responsibility to organise a way home with your parent and carers, whether that be agreeing that you can walk home or organising a lift.

YOU MUST TELL WHOEVER IS AT HOME THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING AN AFTERSCHOOL CLUB



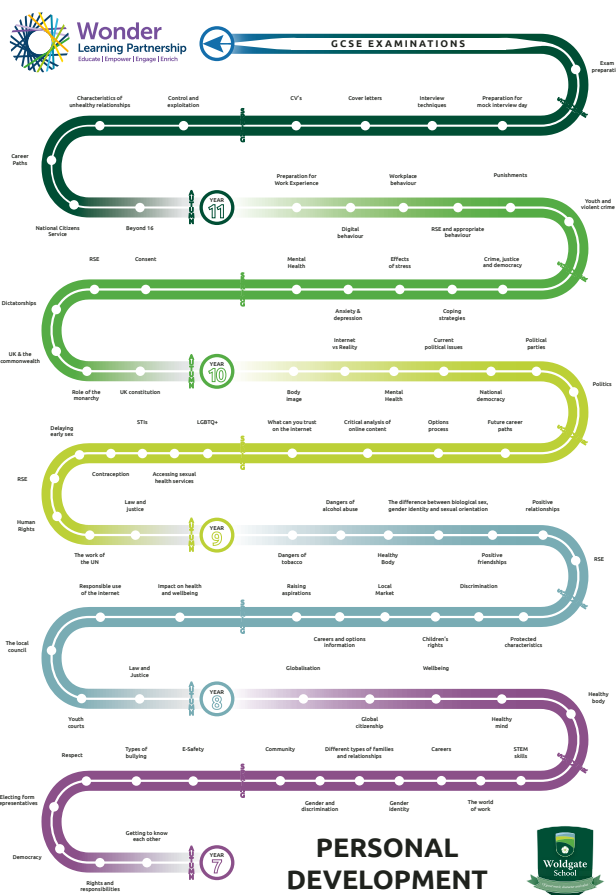
Subject Focus

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, RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) and Careers. We divide this into 4 core themes that the work centres around; Living in the Outside World, Relationship and Sex Education, Careers IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) and Wellbeing (both physical and mental). This week, I would like to update you on what Year 10 are exploring in Personal Development this half term.

Year 10 are completing a unit centred around the theme of RSHE. The lessons focus on exploring the issues of harassment, misogyny and features of healthy relationships, especially focusing on the importance of consent and people having the capacity to consent.



Careers Update

This week, some Year 9 pupils were offered a place on a visit to Bishop Burton on Wednesday 1st July. The pupils were selected based on preferences they have previously expressed for receiving information related to careers relating to the environment, land based and working with animals.

Attending this event will allow pupils to:

- Explore a variety of career options that they may not have previously considered
- Gain a better understanding of how different industries are adapting to sustainability challenges
- Experience a college environment and learn about a range of post-16 education pathways
- Engage with professionals and educators who can provide real-world context to their learning

We believe that experiences like this are extremely valuable in helping young people broaden their horizons and make more informed decisions about their future. Exposure to different settings and career possibilities can inspire new interests and ambitions, particularly at this important stage when pupils begin to think more seriously about their options beyond school.





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Les Misérables

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SCHOOL EDITION

JOSEPH ROWNTREE THEATRE
DATES 16TH - 20TH OF JUNE 2026

A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG
School Edition special adaptation licensed by
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL and CAMERON MACKINTOSH (OVERSEAS) LIMITED

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.*

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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