

Newsletter

ISSUE 437

Of great merit, character & value



WOLDGATE
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

Preparing for University: — A Guide for Year 13 and Year 12 Students and Parents

As we move into the summer term, many students will be thinking carefully about the next stage of their educational journey. For our Year 13 students, university is now just a few months away; for Year 12 students, the UCAS application process is just beginning.



Mrs Smith
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Both prospects can feel exciting and overwhelming for students and parents. Consequently, I felt it would be timely to provide some guidance regarding what should be happening at this stage of the academic year.

Year 13: Preparing for University in September

For Year 13 students, the next few months are crucial. A Level exams remain the immediate priority, but there are a number of practical steps that they need to consider over the coming weeks and months.

Although many students now hold university offers, it is essential to remember that most offers remain conditional upon achieving the required grades.

Students should:

- Maintain a structured revision timetable
- Continue attending all lessons and intervention sessions
- Use exam board mark schemes and past papers effectively
- Prioritise sleep, exercise and wellbeing alongside revision

The final examination period is demanding, but consistency is often more important than intensity.

Students should ensure that their student finance application has been completed as early as possible. These applications should be submitted through the [Student Loan Company: Student Loans Company - GOV.UK](#) It is exceptionally valuable to spend some time checking that all supporting evidence has been submitted. Early submission will provide students with a clear overview of the payment and provide the opportunity to discuss realistic budgeting prior to September.

The next most important consideration is accommodation and most universities will already have opened accommodation applications. If you haven't already explored accommodation it is crucial to research accommodation carefully and consider location, cost and facilities.



Year 12: Beginning the UCAS Journey

For Year 12 students, this term marks the beginning of an important and exciting process. To start this process students should begin by exploring different universities, course structures and entry requirements. In addition to the academic students should also consider campus environments and Open Days are extremely valuable to understand campus layout and feel. Visiting universities helps students make informed decisions and often increases motivation.

Alongside, exploring universities, students also need to ensure that they are able to create and build strong applications. Universities are looking for evidence of genuine interest and engagement beyond the classroom. To create a strong application students should start by reading around their subject; attending lectures and webinars or participating in relevant enrichment opportunities. The strongest applications demonstrate curiosity, initiative and sustained interest.

Parents play an important supporting role throughout the UCAS process.

Helpful support includes:

- Encouraging research and discussion
- Visiting universities together where possible
- Supporting organisation and deadlines
- Listening carefully to students' aspirations



At times, students may feel pressure to have everything decided immediately. In reality, thoughtful exploration and gradual decision-making often lead to better choices.

Both Year 12 and Year 13 students are entering exciting periods of transition and opportunity. While the coming months involve important decisions and responsibilities, they are also a time of growth, independence and ambition.

As always, the Sixth Form team remains available to support students and families throughout every stage of this journey. Working together, we can help ensure that every student moves forward with confidence, purpose and the best possible opportunities ahead.

Headteacher's Welcome

It has been a genuinely lovely first week back in school, and I very much hope that all of our families enjoyed a restful break over the half-term. It has been a real joy to welcome our pupils and students back through the gates; their positivity and readiness to learn have been evident in every corner of the school, and we have an exciting and purposeful half term ahead.

At Woldgate, we are unwavering in our belief that an exceptional education is a truly holistic one. We are committed to ensuring that every young person is supported to succeed in all that they do, so that their efforts reflect great merit, great character and great value. The rich programme of enrichment opportunities this final half term provides a vital platform for this, offering students the chance to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork through sporting fixtures, performances, collaborative projects and opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the wider community.

There are some key events to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Our Awards Evening in July promises to be a fantastic celebration of achievement, with the Performing Arts and Music departments playing a central role in what will undoubtedly be an uplifting and inspiring evening. In that same spirit, I am delighted that we have announced our whole-school production for the autumn term, 'Nativity' - a joyful and inclusive musical that will bring together students from across year groups and create something truly special.



I am deeply passionate about the performing arts and the opportunities they provide for personal growth, self-expression and belonging. I would strongly encourage as many students as possible to take part, whether on stage or behind the scenes, as the experience builds confidence, lasting friendships and a real sense of pride.

Finally, I would like to highlight our forthcoming 'Raising and Giving Day' later this half term. This dedicated day will see students working together to support a range of charities, raising both funds and awareness for causes that matter. It is an important part of our commitment to developing socially responsible young people who understand the value of contributing positively to the world beyond school.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued 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](#).

25th-29th May: Half Term Holiday

Thursday 11th June: Year 12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 25th June: Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 18th June: Learning Support Review Evening

Friday 3rd July: Year 11 Prom

Friday 17th July: School walk and end of term (12.40pm finish)

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**

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



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 7**

Mrs F McDonough
year7@woldgate.net



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs L Cavanagh
safeguarding@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 8**

Mrs S Oliver
year8@woldgate.net



Attendance Officer

Mrs R O'Brien
01759 302395 Option 1
attendance@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 9**

Mrs S Clark
year9@woldgate.net



Attendance and Wellbeing

Mr J Marks
01759 302395 Option 1
attendance@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 10**

Mrs R Marsden
year10@woldgate.net



Office Manager

Mrs A Charlton
01759 302395
office@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Year 11**

Mrs L Cavanagh
year11@woldgate.net



Office Assistant

Mrs V Mills
01759 302395
office@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement
Coordinator: Sixth Form**

Mrs E Fairhurst
07790 987137
sixthform@woldgate.net



**Care & Achievement Coordinator:
Diabetic Care and First Aid.**

Mrs L Kendra
lkendra@woldgate.net