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We have had so much to celebrate in Year 7 over the past few weeks, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping our pupils achieve their very best.



Mrs Minton
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

Towards the end of last half term, Year 7 achieved an outstanding attendance rate of 98% in a single day. To recognise this fantastic achievement, we celebrated with an early lunch for the entire year group. Attendance has remained consistently high since then, and I am incredibly proud of our pupils' resilience, commitment, and dedication to their learning.

A huge congratulations to all pupils who continue to maintain 100% attendance. We look forward to celebrating your achievement with our end-of-term cinema trip. This is no easy feat and reflects an exceptional level of commitment throughout the year. Well done to each and every one of you!

Year 7 pupils also continue to excel both in and out of the classroom, consistently holding the top position on the school's merit leaderboard. Their positive attitude, hard work, and enthusiasm are a credit to both themselves and our wider school community.

I would also like to give a special mention to Lola, who competes in gymnastics outside of school and is a highly accomplished athlete. Although she did not secure a place in her most recent competition, she received special commendation for her vault performance. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and success. Well done, Lola!

As another successful academic year draws to a close, we are already busy preparing to welcome our next cohort of Year 7 pupils in September.

This week, Ms Minton, Mrs McDonough and Mrs Bramall have been visiting our local primary schools to support pupils with their transition to secondary school, answering questions and helping to ease any worries they may have. It has been wonderful to meet so many enthusiastic future Woldgate students.



Transition Week is also fast approaching. On 6th and 7th July, pupils will join us for our Creative Arts Days, where they will have the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting workshops designed to inspire creativity and showcase the many opportunities available at Woldgate. Then, on 8th July, the entire cohort will come together as pupils meet their new Form Tutors and begin preparing for the routines and experiences of secondary school life.

We are incredibly excited to welcome our new Year 7 cohort and look forward to seeing them thrive as part of the Woldgate community.

In the meantime, a reminder that our famous Great Woldgate Bake Off is officially underway! We cannot wait to see all the fantastic entries from our Year 6 pupils. Get baking!



Woldgate Year 6 The Great Woldgate Bake Off!

Who will be
the 7th winner?
#GWBO 2026



It's time to enter the virtual "Bake Off" tent and construct your own showstopper for The Great Woldgate Bake Off!

Will you create a celebration cake? Bake a batch of biscuits? Or produce a plethora of pastries?

We know that all the amazing Year 6s coming to Woldgate in September will be keen to show off their baking skills! Can you impress our judges and receive a coveted #GWBO handshake? **Ready, steady, BAKE!**

Need inspiration to become the Star Baker? Here are some of the amazing cakes and goodies from previous years! **Good Luck Year 6!**



To enter the Great Woldgate Bake Off, please ask your parents or carers to email your baking pictures to: transition@woldgate.net

The winner will receive a #GWBO Wooden Spoon and a special prize! Happy baking everyone!



Headteacher's Welcome

This week has been a truly special one at Woldgate. Yesterday, we marked Leavers' Day for our Year 11 students - an important moment to pause and celebrate five years of hard work, friendship, challenge and success. It was a day full of both joy and reflection, with a wonderful leavers' assembly led by Mrs Atkinson and our tutors, followed by time together on the field for one final celebration as a year group.

Although I have only known this cohort for a short time, it has been an absolute privilege to have them as the first Year 11 students in my role as Headteacher. They have worked tremendously hard and have consistently lived out our values of Great Merit, Great Character and Great Value. As they move on to their next chapter, my message to them is simple: dream big, practise kindness and always remember - you are enough.

For many, this is not farewell but the start of a new chapter here with us. We are delighted that so many will be returning to Woldgate to begin their journey in the sixth form, and we look forward to welcoming them back on results day and for enrolment. If any families would like further information about our sixth form offer, we will be available over the summer, with more details to follow.



This week has also seen our school community come together for Sports Day which is always one of the highlights of the calendar. It is far more than just a day of competition; it is an opportunity for every student to feel part of something bigger, to challenge themselves, to show resilience and, most importantly, to support one another. Whether competing, cheering from the sidelines or helping to organise events, it was fantastic to see such strong participation, house spirit and encouragement throughout the day. My sincere thanks go to our PE team for the time and energy they have put into organising such a successful event.

Finally, a reminder that our first meeting for the school production, Nativity!, takes place next Wednesday after school. Productions like this are such an important part of school life, bringing students together across year groups and giving them the opportunity to build confidence, creativity and teamwork. There is a role for everyone - whether auditioning for a lead part, joining the wider cast, or supporting backstage with costumes, lighting or set design. I would strongly encourage as many students as possible to attend the meeting and explore how they can get involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Adams
Headteacher

Key dates

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

Thursday 25th June:..... Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 3rd July: Year 11 Prom

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

Nativity!

The Musical

Wednesday 24th June – ‘Musical Launch’ After School 3:25pm in KU1

If you are interested in being involved in the musical in whatever capacity come along to the ‘musical launch’ in KU1. You will receive a letter, a schedule and a talk from Mr Schofield and Mr Chapman about the production process.

Then **if you wish to audition for a lead role** you will need to stay and be taught the songs required for the singing part of the audition and receive a script extract for the acting part of the audition. *This might run until just after 4:25pm.*

As a heads up for the auditions, those wanting a lead role will have to sing extracts from three songs: **Hollywood Are Coming, Wrapped In A Rainbow and Sparkle & Shine.** Therefore, you might want to listen to these and start preparing now.

Thursday 25th June – ‘Musical Auditions’ in Main Hall (During Periods 1-3)

Those **auditioning for a lead role** must attend this session and complete an acting and a singing audition. We will register pupils at the start of Period 1 in the Main Hall.



OAA Team Challenge Day at Welton Waters

Sixty Year 7 and Year 8 pupils enjoyed an action-packed Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA) Team Challenge Day at Welton Waters on Wednesday 10th June.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the giant paddle boards. Pupils loved working together on the huge boards, with plenty of laughter as they challenged each other to stay balanced, jumped into the water, and occasionally ended up being pushed in!

Pupils also took on the challenge of building their own rafts using barrels, planks, rope and wooden poles. Some teams successfully sailed their creations across the water and back, while others discovered very quickly that raft-building requires careful planning, as their designs fell apart as soon as they touched the water!

Throughout the day, pupils completed a range of land-based team-building activities. One challenge involved constructing a giant compass using wooden poles and elastic bands before placing location markers in the correct positions. Another saw teams attempting to cross a "lava field" using only four tyres and four planks, requiring excellent communication and teamwork to move everyone safely across.

Pupils also tackled a coordination challenge where they had to transport a ball balanced on a ring suspended by multiple strings, navigating over and under obstacles without dropping it. The final challenge tested both teamwork and balance as pupils used a series of barrels to travel across a muddy area without touching the ground.

The day was a fantastic success, with pupils demonstrating resilience, communication, leadership and teamwork throughout. It was wonderful to see so many pupils stepping outside their comfort zones, supporting one another and embracing every challenge with enthusiasm



SEND & Attendance

Tackling Period Poverty: Supporting Our School Community

The Department for Education's (DfE) Period Product Scheme is a pivotal initiative aimed at promoting period equality in education. By ensuring that period products are available to those who need them, they support young people in schools and colleges across England, helping them to fully participate in their education.

We believe that period products should be made available to those who need them in education as they are a necessity, not a luxury.

Supporting Our School Community

At Woldgate School, we believe that every pupil deserves to feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn every single day. For some young people, however, something as natural as periods can become a barrier to attendance, participation, and wellbeing. This issue, known as period poverty, affects many pupils across the UK and beyond.

What is Period Poverty?

Period poverty refers to the lack of access to menstrual products, appropriate facilities, and accurate education about menstruation. It can also include the stigma and embarrassment that sometimes surrounds periods, making it harder for pupils to ask for help when they need it.

We understand that no pupil should miss lessons, feel anxious, or be put at a disadvantage because of their period. That's why we are proud to offer free menstrual supplies within Woldgate School.

Our Offer of Support

Pupils can access a range of free products, including pads and tampons, discreetly and without question. These supplies are available in key locations throughout the school, such as:

- The First Aid room
- The C&A offices
- Learning Support

Our aim is to make access easy, private, and stigma-free. There is no requirement to explain, pupils can simply ask for what they need.

Why This Matters

By providing free supplies, we are:

- Supporting attendance – ensuring pupils don't miss school due to lack of access to products.
- Promoting dignity and confidence – allowing pupils to focus on their learning instead of worrying
- Breaking the stigma – normalising conversations around periods and encouraging openness
- Promoting equality – ensuring everyone has the same opportunity to succeed

Creating a Supportive Environment

We also encourage open, respectful conversations about menstrual health as part of our wider commitment to wellbeing and inclusion. Staff are here to listen and support, and pupils can always speak to a trusted adult if they have concerns or questions.

How You Can Help

Parents and carers can support this initiative by:

- Talking openly about periods at home
- Encouraging pupils to use the school's free resources
- Contacting the school if additional support is needed

Together, we can ensure that no pupil is held back by period poverty. If you would like more information about our provision, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Let's continue working together to create a supportive, understanding, and inclusive school community.

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.*



HAF
Holiday Activities & Food



YPC

**BE A PART OF HAF
THIS SUMMER!**

Make some fun memories this
summer by signing up to our HAF
sessions!

There are lots of exciting activities available for
young people aged 11-18, with free HAF spaces
for those eligible to receive benefits-related free
school meals, as well as paid spaces (£2-5).

Why not get active this summer by joining us in our
boxing, water activities and nerf wars sessions?
Or you could learn a new skill by getting creative with
graffiti art, music making, science workshops -
and more!

**Each session is 4 hours long and includes a hot
meal! - BOOKING IS REQUIRED!**



WHEN?

23rd July - 4th
September 2026

WHERE?

17 Railway Street,
Pocklington,
YO42 2QR



- Youth Boxing
- STEM Workshops
- Water Activities
- Graffiti Canvas Art
- Outdoor Theatre
- Nerf Wars
- Sculpture Making
- Music Making
- Trashion Show



To book your place and see our full timetable
scan the QR code above or visit: eequ.org

For more info:
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