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A Memorable Year for Middle School

As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect and offer my sincere thanks to you all. This has been my first year as Head of School, and I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome, kindness, and support I have received from our whole community. Your encouragement and partnership have been truly heartfelt and have made a significant difference.



Mr R Askoolum
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

It has been a busy, rewarding, and successful year, filled with many memorable experiences and achievements for our pupils. I would like to share just a few of the highlights:

➤ **Moving into Our New School Building:**

One of the most significant milestones this year has been our transition into the new school building. This has provided an inspiring environment for learning, and it has been wonderful to see pupils and staff making the most of these fantastic new facilities.

- **Options Process:** Our pupils approached this important stage with maturity and thoughtfulness. It has been a pleasure to see them making informed decisions about their future pathways, supported by both school and home.
- **Restart a Heart Initiative for Year 8:** We were proud to take part in this vital programme, where pupils gained essential CPR skills. This was an empowering opportunity, equipping them with knowledge that could one day help save lives.
- **Sports Day:** A real highlight of the summer term, Sports Day showcased not only pupils' athletic ability but also their teamwork, determination, and school spirit. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation and support from all involved.
- **Christmas Jumper Day:** This was a joyful and festive occasion, bringing our community together while supporting charitable causes. It was lovely to see so many pupils and staff getting involved.
- **Academic and Personal Growth:** Across all year groups, our pupils have shown resilience, determination, and a positive attitude to learning. Their progress, both academically and personally, continues to make us proud.

These successes would not be possible without the strong partnership between school and home. Thank you for your continued support—whether attending events, encouraging your children, or working with us to ensure the very best outcomes for them.

As we now look ahead to the summer holidays, I hope this provides an opportunity for rest, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard and truly deserve a well-earned break.

We are already looking forward to the new academic year and building on the many successes we have achieved together.



Highlights this term:

Stem event

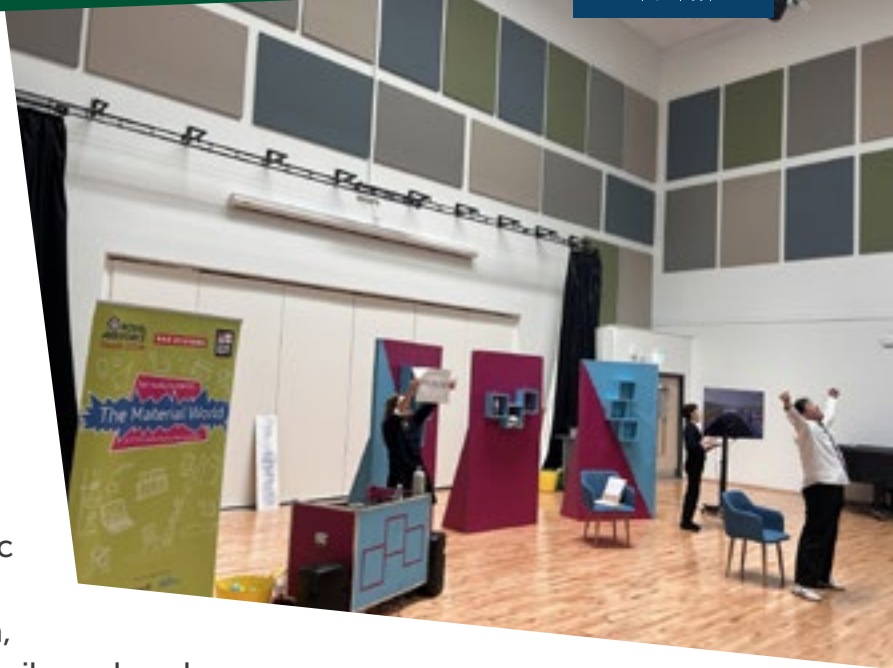
We were delighted to welcome the Altru Drama Company into school to deliver their engaging STEM production, Material World, to our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.

This action-packed and highly energetic performance brought science to life in a truly memorable way. Through drama, humour, and interactive storytelling, pupils explored key concepts such as atoms and particles, developing their understanding in a fun

and accessible format. The performance successfully combined education with entertainment, capturing pupils' attention and encouraging curiosity about the world around them.

Our pupils responded enthusiastically, thoroughly enjoying the experience while gaining valuable knowledge in an innovative and engaging way. Opportunities like this play an important role in enriching the curriculum and inspiring a love of learning beyond the classroom.

We look forward to providing more experiences like this in the future.



Paramedic on Site

We were delighted to welcome Charlotte Oliver, daughter of Mrs. Oliver, who recently delivered an inspiring and informative session to our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils about her journey to becoming a paramedic.

Currently studying at John Moore University in Liverpool and nearing the completion of her Degree in Paramedic Science, Charlotte shared valuable insights into both her career pathway and her day-to-day experiences. Her presentation provided pupils with a clear and practical understanding of how to pursue a career as a paramedic, including the qualifications required, the application process, and the skills needed for success in such a demanding yet rewarding profession.

Charlotte also gave pupils a fascinating glimpse into her daily routine, helping them to appreciate the challenges and responsibilities of working in emergency services. The session was both engaging and informative, and pupils responded with great interest—asking a wide range of thoughtful questions at the end.

We are very grateful to Charlotte for taking the time to speak to our pupils and for providing such a valuable and inspiring experience. Opportunities like this play an important role in broadening pupils' horizons and helping them consider future career pathways.



Pupils in concert

We are delighted to share that Isobel, alongside at least three other Woldgate pupils, recently performed in a fantastic concert as part of the East Riding Music Service.

The event was a wonderful showcase of talent and commitment. Pupils spent the entire afternoon rehearsing before delivering an excellent performance in the evening concert, which ran



from 6:30pm through to nearly 10:00pm. Their dedication and enthusiasm were evident throughout the day, culminating in a truly memorable experience.

Performing as part of a large ensemble not only highlights the musical ability of our pupils but also demonstrates their teamwork, resilience, and passion for the arts. We are incredibly proud of Isobel and all the pupils involved.

We are also pleased to share that there will be another concert taking place in July at Burton Constable Hall, and we look forward to hearing more about their continued success. Well done to all involved in such an outstanding achievement!

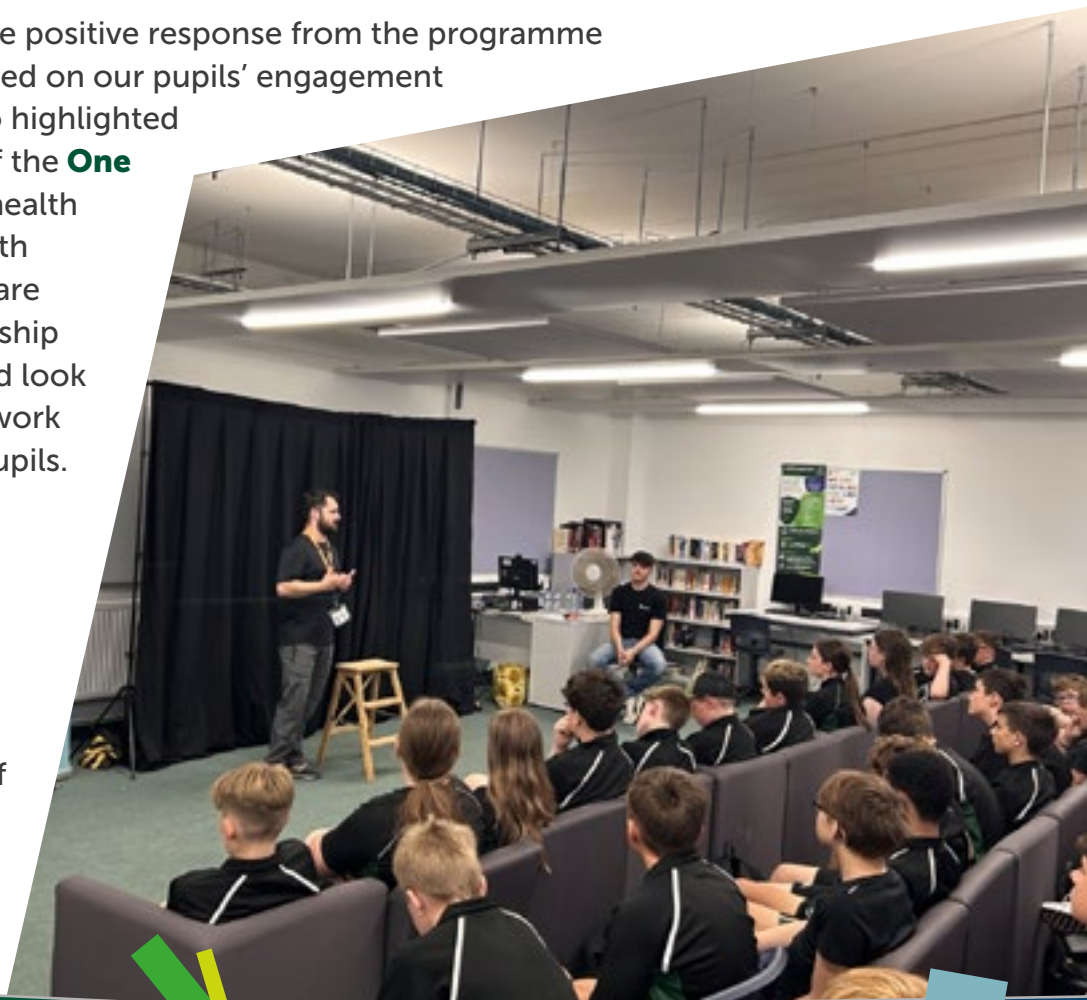
Mental health

We were pleased to welcome **Young Healthy Minds in East Riding**, a programme led by East Riding of Yorkshire Council Public Health in collaboration with partner services, to work with our Year 7 pupils on the important topic of mental health.

As part of this initiative, pupils experienced an engaging theatre-style performance focused on raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing. The session provided pupils with a valuable opportunity to explore key themes in an accessible and supportive way, helping to develop their understanding and confidence when discussing mental health.

We are very grateful for the positive response from the programme organisers, who commented on our pupils' engagement and enthusiasm. They also highlighted how closely the themes of the **One Of My Friends** theatre in health education project align with our PSHE curriculum. We are delighted that this partnership has been so successful and look forward to continuing to work together to support our pupils.

Opportunities such as this are incredibly valuable in promoting open conversations, building resilience, and ensuring that pupils know where and how to seek support if needed.





Looking forward to...

Flamingo land visit

We are very much looking forward to taking our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils to Flamingo Land Adventure Park and Zoo on 9th July.

This visit provides a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of a successful school year. It will give pupils the chance to relax, enjoy time with their peers, and create lasting memories together outside the classroom environment.

The trip is also a wonderful way for pupils to build friendships, strengthen relationships, and develop their confidence in a fun and exciting setting. We are sure it will be a highlight of the summer term for many.

We look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable day and thank you for your continued support in making opportunities like this possible.



Raising and giving day

We are excited to be hosting a special whole-school event on 15th July, focused on fostering a strong sense of community within our school.

This day is designed to celebrate and promote:

- **Community Spirit:** Creating a sense of unity and belonging across our school community.
- **Participation:** Encouraging all pupils to get involved and contribute.
- **Relationships:** Building stronger connections through collaboration and shared experiences.

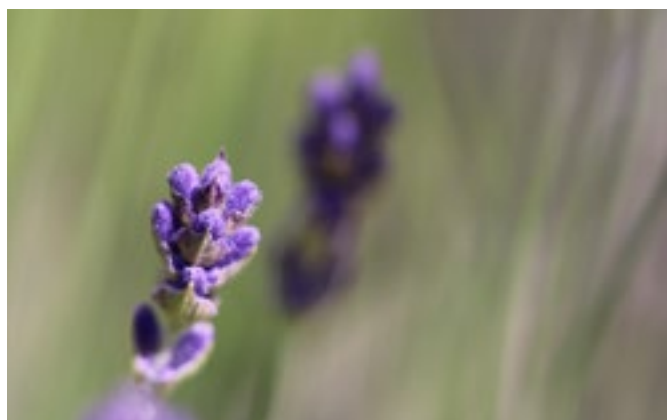
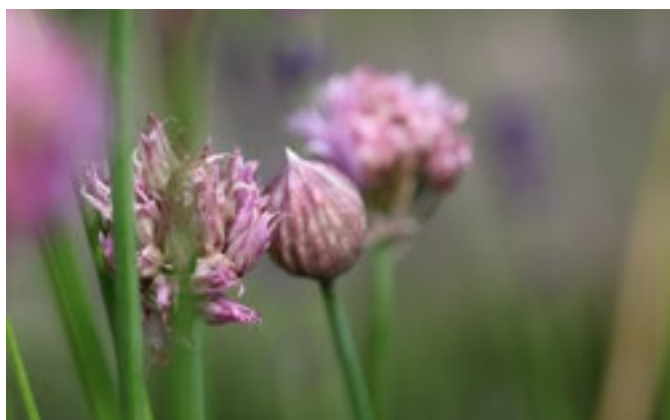
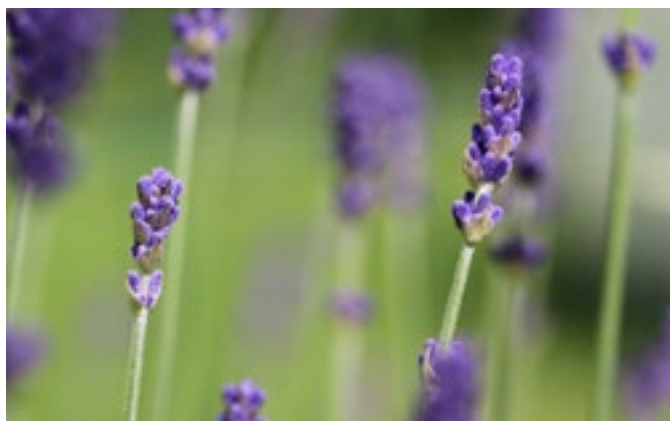
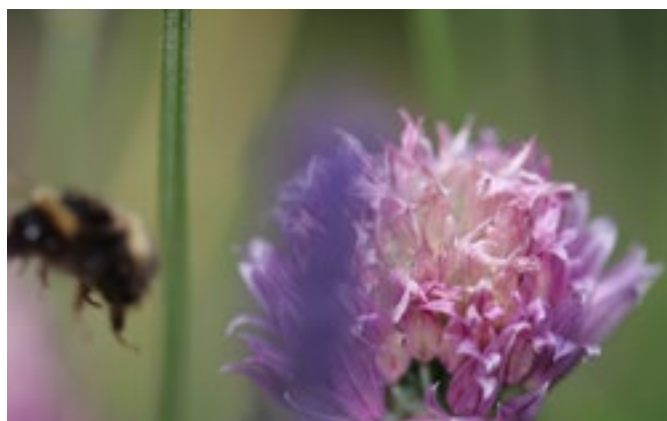
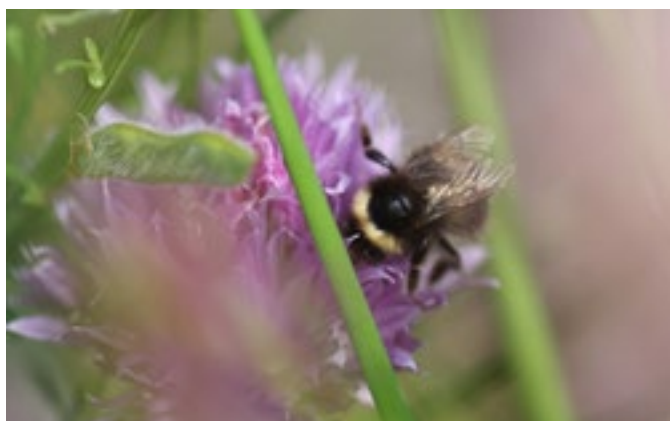
The event will run throughout the day and will include a variety of activities such as a picnic on the school field, and a range of charity stalls organised by pupils. Together, we will be raising money for both local and national charities, giving pupils the opportunity to make a positive impact beyond the school.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be an enjoyable and meaningful day for all involved.

Further details and arrangements will be shared with you next week.

Photography Club

Some recent images from Photography club. Maisie has produced some exceptional images, exploring macro photography in nature, using special lenses and compositional techniques. Beautiful work Maisie!



Headteacher's Welcome

What an uplifting and inspiring week it has been at school. The highlight was undoubtedly our Annual Awards Evening, which took place at York Central Hall last night. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, friends and family members come together to celebrate the achievements of our young people.

I was truly in awe of the pupils who took part in the musical performances throughout the evening—the standard was exceptional, and pupils showcased the courage, passion and teamwork that makes our school community so special. My sincere thanks go to Mr Schofield, Mr Trevaskiss and the wider team for their tireless work in organising the productions and orchestra. There were moments during the evening that were genuinely moving, and I am already looking forward to our autumn production of Nativity!.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. As I said during the evening, I am immensely proud of the way our pupils demonstrate Great Merit, Great Character and Great Value through their contributions to school life. Their commitment, resilience and positive attitudes enrich our community every day, and the recognition they received was richly deserved.

This week has also seen our Learning Support transition morning for some of our new Year 6 starters. It was a privilege to welcome these pupils to our school, and we cannot wait for them to begin their journey with us in September. We also look forward to welcoming all Year 6 pupils during the coming week as they take their first steps towards becoming part of our school community.

Alongside this, pupils have enjoyed the Year 9 PE residential, a cinema trip and a pupil led plant sale—raising money for charity. These experiences not only enhance learning beyond the classroom but also strengthen the sense of community that makes our school such a special place.



As we look ahead to next week, we have a number of exciting visits planned, including trips to Burby Hall Gardens and Flamingo Land. With the weather forecast looking increasingly warm, I cannot stress enough the importance of pupils coming prepared for the conditions. We kindly ask that all pupils bring a refillable water bottle, high-factor sun cream and a hat. Staff will ensure that regular opportunities are planned throughout each trip for pupils to stay hydrated and to monitor for any signs of heat-related illness. We would also appreciate parents and carers reinforcing sun safety messages at home. Pupils have already received guidance during tutor time this week to support this.

As we move closer to the end of term, it is wonderful to reflect on the many opportunities our pupils continue to embrace and the pride they bring to our school each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Mrs Adams
Headteacher



Key dates

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

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

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.*



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**

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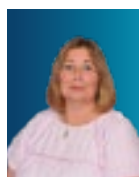
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