

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



Science Department Update – Upper School

It has been a busy and productive few weeks in the Science Department at Woldgate School, with our Year 10 pupils making excellent progress across all three science disciplines as they continue their GCSE studies.

In Biology, pupils have been exploring the topics of Infection and Response and Bioenergetics. Lessons have focused on understanding how the body defends itself against disease, as well as investigating the processes that provide energy for living organisms. A particular highlight has been the practical work linked to photosynthesis, where pupils carried out investigations to explore the factors that affect the rate at which plants produce food.

In Chemistry, pupils have been developing their understanding of Quantitative Chemistry and Chemical Changes. Quantitative Chemistry has provided plenty of opportunities to practise mathematical skills through a range of calculations, helping pupils to apply their scientific knowledge to real-world problems. Meanwhile, the study of Chemical Changes has allowed pupils to investigate reactions and understand the principles behind important industrial and everyday processes.

Physics lessons have focused on the Particle Model of Matter and Radioactivity. Pupils have been examining how particles behave in different states of matter and applying these ideas to explain a variety of physical phenomena. They have also explored the fascinating topic of radioactivity, learning about different types of radiation, their properties, and their applications in modern science and medicine.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, Year 10 pupils are now beginning to shift their focus towards their end-of-year examinations. Revision activities are being incorporated into lessons, alongside opportunities to practise exam-style questions and develop effective revision techniques. We are impressed by the positive attitude and commitment shown by our pupils and wish them every success as they prepare for their assessments.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 11 pupils, who have completed their GCSE examinations. They have worked incredibly hard throughout their courses and have approached the examination season with maturity, resilience and determination. We are proud of the effort they have shown in their preparation and the positive attitude they have demonstrated throughout this important period. On behalf of the Science Department, we wish them the very best and look forward to celebrating their achievements later in the year.



Beach Volleyball

Thirty of our pupils recently had the incredible opportunity to volunteer at an international beach volleyball competition, where they represented our school with outstanding professionalism and enthusiasm.

The volunteer team consisted of **27 Year 7 pupils and 3 Year 9 pupils**, who took on a range of important roles essential to the smooth running of the event. Their responsibilities included serving as **ball boys and girls, match scorers, sand rakers, and athlete welfare assistants**, ensuring athletes had water during intervals and setting up shade covers between matches.



Prior to the competition, pupils participated in a dedicated training day where they learned the expectations of each role and developed the confidence and skills required to work at an international sporting event. They then put this training into practice during a full day of volunteering.

Throughout the event, our pupils worked alongside event officials and communicated directly with professional athletes from around the world. Their maturity, teamwork, and positive attitudes were evident from the moment they arrived. They embraced every task with enthusiasm and demonstrated exceptional responsibility, reliability, and respect.

The praise they received from event organisers was remarkable. Staff commented that our pupils conducted themselves like professionals and described them as **the best first-time volunteers they had seen in years**. Such recognition is a testament to the pupils' willingness to learn, their excellent behaviour, and the pride they took in representing our school.

This experience not only gave pupils a unique insight into the organisation of elite sporting events but also helped them develop valuable life skills including communication, teamwork, initiative, and leadership.

We are incredibly proud of every pupil involved. Their commitment and professionalism reflected our school's values and left a lasting impression on athletes, officials, and event organisers alike. Congratulations to all 30 pupils on an outstanding achievement and for being exceptional ambassadors for our school.





Headteacher's Welcome

What an amazing week it has been at Woldgate!

The highlights of the week were undoubtedly our trip to Flamingo Land and the in-school Activities Day which both took place yesterday. Over 500 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a fantastic day together at the theme park and pupils who remained in school took part in a range of exciting activities. It was wonderful to witness and hear about the many exciting experiences they enjoyed. The Flamingo Land trip represents a core part of our enrichment offer - an opportunity for pupils to come together as a community, build friendships and create lasting memories outside the classroom.



I was incredibly proud of how well our pupils behaved throughout the day. Their conduct, kindness and maturity were a real credit to the school and to you as parents and carers. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain such high standards.

We have also enjoyed a wonderful Drama Club performance this week. My sincere thanks go to Mr Sellars for organising and leading this opportunity for our pupils. Today, our Year 9 Careers Day has provided another valuable experience, and it has been a privilege to see pupils so engaged and enthusiastic.

As we continue to experience very warm weather, please help us keep pupils safe by ensuring they apply high-factor sun cream, wear a sun hat where possible and bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. We are taking a range of measures in school to support pupils during the heat, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these important precautions at home.

We are also looking forward to our inaugural **Raising and Giving Day** next week, which promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. As

part of the day, we will be holding a community picnic lunch, and pupils are welcome to bring picnic blankets and packed lunches to enjoy this experience with their friends. Food will also be available from the canteen as normal. Please remember that we are a **nut-aware school**, and we kindly ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought onto the school site.

As we approach the final week of a busy and successful term, we will be communicating with all parents and carers shortly regarding arrangements for the final day of term and the start of the new academic year.

This is shaping up to be a fantastic end to another memorable year at Woldgate, and I look forward to sharing these final celebrations and achievements with our pupils over the coming week.

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)

SEND & Attendance

Uniform

We are asking for good, clean used school uniforms to help our community; if you have blazers, trousers, ties or skirts that are used but still in good condition, please bring them to the School Office before the end of term so that we can deliver them to the Barnardo's, Market Place in Pocklington.



**Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.**

Parents and carers can also take previously worn uniform to Barnardo's Pocklington, on the basis that it is in good condition. Donated items must be clean, folded and placed in bags, clearly marked as 'School Uniform'. Please do not include non-school uniform items in the same bag, but donate these separately. Parents and carers wishing to purchase new uniform items may wish to visit Barnardo's to see if a second-hand item is available.

Affordability

We have reviewed our school uniform to ensure it remains affordable, and we have restricted the branded items of the standard uniform to the school blazer and tie. All other standard uniform items, in the correct school colours, can be purchased from general school uniform suppliers, including leading supermarkets. This helps to reduce the cost to parents and carers.

Although our basic **PE kit** is branded (T-shirt, shorts or skort), other items (fleece, leggings etc.) are strictly optional. Plain, black leggings without branding are also acceptable.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding school uniform, please do contact your child's Care & Achievement Coordinator in the first instance.

Thank you for your support.



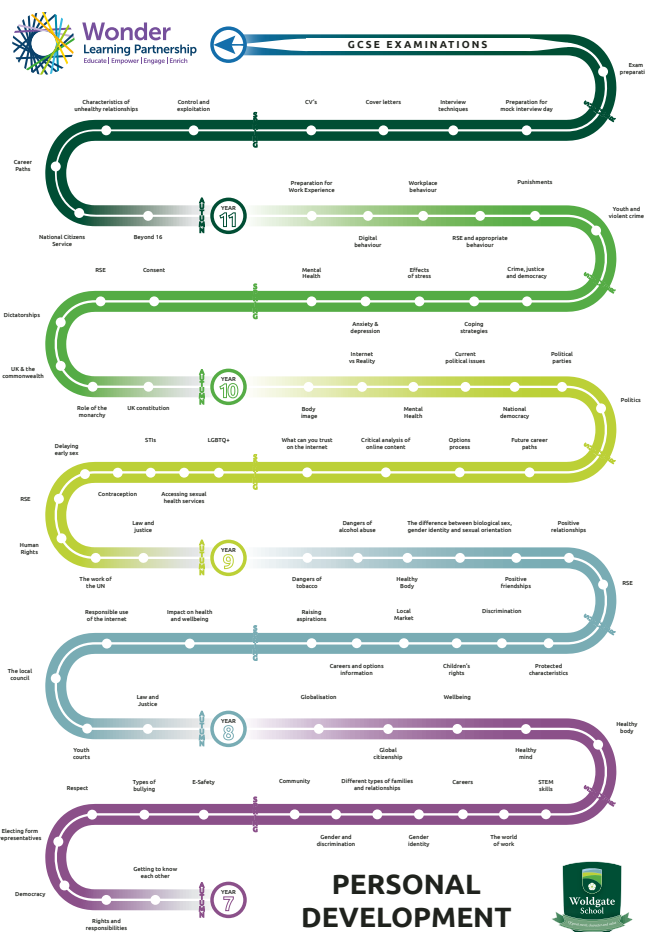
Personal Development

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.

Careers Update

On Wednesday 1st July, 50 pupils went to the Bishop Burton Sustainable Futures event. This was an event to show case the varied careers pathways and qualifications open to pupils post 16 as well as the many different careers these pathways can lead to. There were four zones and within each zone there were a range of activities to take part in as well as opportunities to learn about different careers. The four zones included Action and Adventure, Creative and Care, On the



Land and Animal Encounters. In the Action and Adventure zone pupils took part in or heard about the different jobs in the police force, the importance of fingerprints and DNA and jobs related to that as well as jobs relating to sports and pupils had the opportunity to take part on the putting green, jump pad and the timing gate. In the Animal Encounters zones pupils visiting the aquatics room and the reptile enclosure as well as exploring the animal centre and equestrian area. In the Creative and Care zone pupils took part in floral creation, zentangle wall building, cabin crew demonstrations as well as using the VR headsets. Finally, in the on the land zone, pupils learnt about bricklaying, soil testing, and butchery.



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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Meet our Pupil Care Team



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WE'RE HIRING



CLEANER

20 hours per week

Mon - Fri (Term-time Only) 3pm - 7pm

£12.85 per hour

Closing Date: 14th August 2026

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