

Newsletter

ISSUE 445

Of great merit, character & value



Working hard to embrace a new School Year

Year 7 News

We are pleased to announce that covering Ms Minton's maternity leave are two excellent colleagues!



Mr Williams is now Head of Year 7 and will be leading the tutor team and Mrs McDonough to support with the care and achievement of Year 7 pupils.

Miss Lindsey is Transition Co-Ordinator and will be leading on our KS2 to KS3 transition, supporting pupils in Years 5 and 6 and preparing them for their move to Woldgate School.



Our new Year 7 have settled really well and we are enjoying getting to know them all better. It has been a busy time with auditions for Nativity! The Musical, school photographs, and an enrichment fair but they are settling into our routines well. Each pupil has chosen an enrichment activity from the following selection which will begin in school on Friday.

Form Time Activities- Year 7 Enrichment

Every Friday morning Year 7 enjoy one of these enrichment clubs:

- Chess/Rubick's cube
- Computing
- Dodgeball
- Drama
- Games/sports
- Kindness and crafts
- Maths investigations
- Origami
- Puzzle
- Quiz
- Reading
- Sketch

Presenting the next Woldgate musical

Nativity!

The Musical

Main Cast Rehearsals

Tuesday's After School (KU3) 3.30pm-5pm

Full Cast Rehearsals

Wednesday's After School (KU3) 3.30pm-5pm

Vocal Rehearsals with Mr Schofield

Wed, Thur, Fri Lunchtimes & Thur Registrations (KU1)

See schedule for details





Headteacher's Welcome

It was lovely to be part of our school photograph day and to see our children having their pictures taken at the start of the academic year. In our family, it has become a tradition to take a photograph on the front steps of our house at the beginning of each school year. It reminds us of those precious moments and, over time, allows us to see how our children have changed, even though every moment can feel like yesterday.

The transition from primary to secondary school is a significant milestone, and it has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 children into the Woldgate community. It is also a joy and a privilege to be part of that journey with you and your child. Over the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet so many of our children, hear about their move from primary school, and learn about their experiences at Woldgate. We are very fortunate to have such exceptionally kind, polite and thoughtful young people from the market town and villages we serve.

On Thursday 15 October, from 4.30pm until 7.30pm, we will be welcoming children from Years 5 and 6 to our Open Evening. To enable this event and provide additional staff training, the school will be closed to pupils on that day. We are incredibly grateful to the many pupils and families who support this important event. In particular, all of our Year 7 children will play a part in the evening. Having only recently made the transition to secondary school themselves, they are ideally placed to welcome and reassure younger children and their families. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to contribute to our community, develop confidence, and help others take those important first steps towards life at Woldgate. Many of our newest children remember exactly how it felt to arrive for the first time, and their enthusiasm, kindness and encouragement make a real difference to those following in their footsteps.

Following several years in which Open Evenings were affected by the new build programme, this will be a particularly special opportunity to showcase our school and support younger children as they take this important next step. Existing Woldgate parents are, of course, also very welcome to attend. Many families have not yet had the opportunity

to explore the completed site, and while staff will be leading activities across the school, you may wish to take the opportunity to see our facilities for yourselves.

We know how important and precious these years are for you and your family, and how every moment counts. From those first days of school at the age of two through to Sixth Form, where our Year 13 students prepare to take their next steps towards independence, childhood passes remarkably quickly. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Mr Britton
Headteacher (Interim)

Key dates

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

September

30th Careers Fair

October

6th Year 9 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

7th A Level Drama Hull Truck Visit

12th-16th Geography trip to Italy

15th School closed to pupils

..... Staff training day and preparation time for Open Evening

15th Year 7 Parent Tutor Evening 4-7pm (online)

15th Open Evening event for Year 5 and 6 pupils 4:30-7:30pm

15th A Level Drama visit to York Theatre Royal

21st Year 11- Every Second Counts Evening

21st-22nd Year 13 History and Politics London visit

24th-31st Half Term

28th GCSE Drama Hull Truck visit



OPEN EVENING



**Thursday
15th October
4.30-7.30pm**



Communication and Response Times

We value the strong partnership between home and school and are committed to responding to parental enquiries as promptly as possible. To support staff in managing communications effectively, we kindly ask parents and carers to allow up to **five working days** for a response to emails and Arbor messages before sending a follow-up enquiry. If you have messages that need to be shared on the same day, then please do telephone the school.

Please be assured that urgent safeguarding concerns will always be prioritised. If you have an immediate safeguarding concern, please make this clear when contacting the school.

Please remember that messages received outside school hours, including evenings and weekends, will be responded to when staff are next available during the working week.

School Office Opening Hours

- Monday to Thursday: 8.00am to 4.00pm
- Friday: 8.00am to 3.30pm

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and support in helping us maintain effective communication for all families. Please use the e-mail addresses below so your contact can be logged and goes to the correct members of staff.

Year7@woldgate.net

Year8@woldgate.net

Year9@woldgate.net

Year10@woldgate.net

Year11@woldgate.net

Sixthform@woldgate.net

Safeguarding@woldgate.net

Attendance@woldgate.net

Sen@woldgate.net

Office@woldgate.net

Free School Meals

Please check if you are eligible

If your family circumstances have changed, you may now be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium support.

From September 2026, the Government has extended eligibility for free school meals to all children in households receiving Universal Credit.

Free School Meal eligibility can also unlock additional funding and support for schools and families.

How to apply:

- Visit the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Free School Meals webpage.
<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-acaz>
- Complete the online eligibility check and application form.
- Applications are quick and confidential.

If you need help with an application, you can contact the Council's Benefits Team on **(01482) 394799**.

We encourage all eligible families to apply to ensure they receive the support available to them.

Home-School Agreement

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed our Home- School Agreement return. Just a polite reminder to complete this form as the deadline has now passed.

[Woldgate School Home & School Agreement 2026-2027 – Fill out form](#)

Reminder

School is closed to all pupils on Thursday 15th October 2026 for Teacher Training.

This is also our Open Evening from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Could all pupils helping at this event attend school in full uniform at 4:00pm please.



Food Court Update

Costs and payment

Pupils use their thumb prints to pay for meals at the till, their thumb is scanned and their purchases are deducted from their accounts. Please keep your child's account topped up each week via Scopay (this will be moving to Arbor Pay after October half term) and do check and educate them around what they are choosing and spending each week.

All food is labelled clearly and includes the price to help them budget.

Rest assured, that we will never let a student go hungry at school. If there is a problem with their account or they have insufficient funds, they must alert a member of staff in the Food Court or their Head of School/Care and Achievement Co-Ordinator and we will organise a meal and follow up afterwards with you.

Meals:

Breakfast

Breakfast is available each morning for all pupils from 8.30 until 8.45 and includes fresh fruit, toast with spread, jam or marmalade, bagels, bacon sandwiches and waffles.

Break Time

During break time: 10.25-10.40 the following options are available:

Bacon bap	£2.05
Bagel	£1.35
Pizza	£1.60
Waffle	£1.45
Panini	£2.90

Lunch time

Meal deals are £3.35 and consist of a main meal, pizza or sandwich or sandwich, a carton drink and a pudding. The main meal options each day provide a well-balanced meal and offer the best value for pupils both in terms of nutrition and cost. A bit like purchasing a meal deal in a supermarket, the deal needs to be purchased at the same time at the till, so if students have bought a main meal and then go back for a cake or drink, it will cost them more as they are priced individually.

Panini meal deals include either a carton drink or a pudding. Other drinks are also available, but these are not included in the meal deal. There is a water fountain available in the Food Court if pupils prefer to re-fill their water bottle rather than purchasing drinks.

Lunchtime arrangements for different year groups

Due to the expansion of the free school meals provision this year and the high-quality provision by Chartwells, the Food Court is attracting more pupils than ever before. Therefore, after observing the capacity, queuing, dining experience we have made some improvements this year.

We have introduced a lunch sitting system with two sittings each lunch time. First Sitting begins at 12.40 and Second Sitting begins at 12.50. This reduces queue length and ensures all pupils can access the Food Court and eat their meal comfortably. We will switch which pupils are on first and second sitting periodically. We have also improved our queuing system so pupils wait for their lunch seated in the Main Hall rather than queuing down the corridor which ensures a calmer and more pleasant experience for pupils. We have been impressed with the vast majority of our pupils adapting maturely to these changes. We will review and further improve this over the next few weeks and value any feedback from pupils and parents.

Congratulations to our Kitchen Team

Food Safety Rating



September 2026





Personal Development

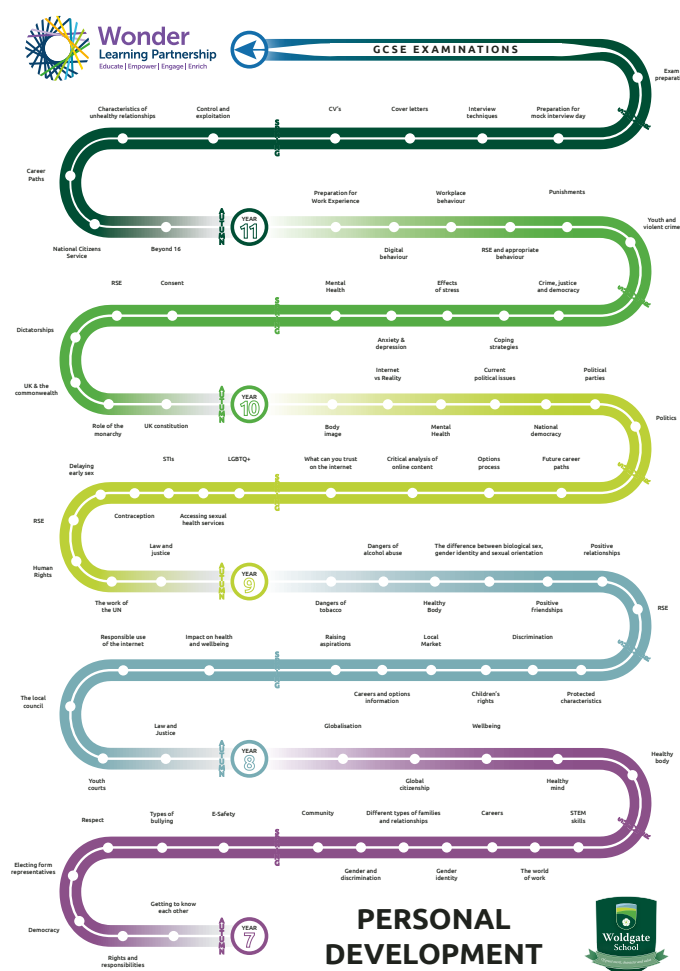
What is Personal Development?

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, PSHE, RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and Careers.

Year 8 are considering the themes of law and order, justice, and democracy this half term. Year 8 pupils started this term by exploring issues around young people and the law. They looked at the attitudes of some young people to the law and what happens to young people when they break the law, including the role of the Youth Court. In the last few weeks of this half term, Year 8 will look at the issue of local democracy. They look at the function of local councils and consider how they form part of the democratic system in this country.

Careers Update

On Wednesday 30th September 4:45-7:00, We are hosting our next Careers Fair. Year 11 pupils and Year 12 students, as well as their parents' carers are invited to attend. Representatives from further and higher education, as well as industry, will be on hand to discuss their sector and be on hand to answer any questions. Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Mason, will also be in attendance to be on hand to be able to talk through options for pupil's / students next steps.



Meet our Pupil Care Team



Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 7

Mrs F McDonough
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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs L Cavanagh
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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 8

Mrs D Ellis (Interim)
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Attendance Officer

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 9

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 10

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 11

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Office Assistant

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Sixth Form

Mrs E Fairhurst
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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Diabetic Care and First Aid.

Mrs L Kendra
lkendra@woldgate.net



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Casual Examinations Invigilator

Application Form: www.wlp.education

- Reliable and responsible colleague needed to join our examination invigilator team
- Play a key role in ensuring examinations are conducted in a fair, secure and controlled environment.
- All invigilators are employed on a casual basis and required to work during both internal mock and external examination periods throughout the academic year.
- SCP3 £12.85 p/h - SCP4 £13.05 p/h



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Teaching Assistant Level 2

SCP5 | 32.5 hours per week | Term time only | Fixed term contract to 31/08/2027

Closing date 9am 3rd October 2026 | Apply: www.wlp.education



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Care & Achievement Coordinator

37 hours per week, term time only

SCP11: £28,142 (Full time equivalent)

Closing date: 9am 12th October 2026

Apply: www.wlp.education



WE'RE HIRING

**SENIOR SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
&
SCIENCE TECHNICIAN**



Immediate start (subject to DBS check)

Senior Science Technician SCP6

Science Technician SCP4

Closing Date: Wednesday 14th October 2026

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