

Newsletter

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Of great merit, character & value



Supporting Kevin Sinfield's "7 in 7"

On Monday morning, a group of pupils from Woldgate School joined children from Pocklington Junior School at the Old Forge Tea Rooms in Pocklington to cheer on rugby legend Kevin Sinfield as he began the first day of his incredible fundraising challenge, "7 in 7: The Grand Finale."

The atmosphere was fantastic, with pupils proudly showing their support for Kevin and the important cause he is championing. It was inspiring for our young people to be part of such a special community event and to witness first-hand the dedication, determination and kindness that Kevin continues to demonstrate.

Kevin's final annual challenge will see him and his team complete an ultra-marathon every day for seven consecutive days, travelling across the country to raise awareness and funds for people living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). The challenge is particularly poignant as it is being undertaken in memory of Kevin's former Leeds Rhinos teammate and great friend, Rob Burrow CBE, who sadly passed away in 2024 after living with MND.

Our pupils were delighted to line the route alongside children from Pocklington Junior School, waving banners, clapping and offering words of encouragement as Kevin passed by. It was wonderful to see so many young people coming together to support such an important cause and learn about the positive impact that fundraising and community spirit can have.

The trip provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to reflect on values such as resilience, compassion and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school, showing enthusiasm, respect and encouragement throughout the event.



Mile for MND: Supporting Kevin Sinfield's Challenge

To build on this inspiration, the PE department will be running a **"Mile for MND"** fundraising event during PE lessons next week.

Pupils will be invited to complete a mile during their normal PE lesson while wearing their **favourite sports top**. This could be a football, rugby, netball, basketball, cricket, athletics or any other sports shirt of their choice.

Pupils can take part by either:

- Gaining sponsorship from family and friends for completing their mile; or
- **Making a simple £1 donation** to wear their chosen sports top and participate.

As the event will take place within pupils' regular PE lessons, there will be no disruption to learning in other subjects, while still allowing a large number of pupils across the school to get involved in this worthwhile cause.

We hope this event will help pupils connect with the incredible efforts Kevin Sinfield is making to raise money and awareness for those affected by MND. After seeing first-hand the commitment and determination required to undertake such a challenge, pupils will have the opportunity to make their own contribution by completing a mile in support of this important cause.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

We would like to thank everyone involved in organising the event and congratulate Kevin and his team on this remarkable challenge.

We would particularly like to thank Acklam's Coaches, who donated the cost of the coach to support the cause.

Presenting the next Woldgate musical

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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



Middle School Update



Mr R Askoolum
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all our pupils and families back to school. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils return with such positivity and enthusiasm. They are already settling into their new classes, making new friendships, and working hard to do their very best in lessons. We are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced the start of term and are looking forward to supporting them throughout the year ahead.

Before looking forward, it is worth taking a moment to reflect on some wonderful memories from the Summer Term. One of the highlights was our Raising and Giving Day, which truly showcased the kindness and community spirit of our pupils. Through charity stalls organised by tutor groups, reward assemblies, and a picnic on the field, our school community came together to raise an amazing £2,500+ for charity. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported the event. Your generosity made a real difference.

We also enjoyed our whole-school trip to Flamingo Land, which was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to celebrate their achievements, spend time with friends, and create lasting memories. At the same time, we were pleased to offer a quieter Activity Day in school for those pupils who preferred a more relaxed environment. Whether pupils were enjoying the excitement of the theme park or taking part in activities at school, it was wonderful to see everyone engaged, smiling, and enjoying the day.

As always, we are grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers. Working together, we can ensure that every pupil feels happy, safe, and able to achieve their full potential. We are excited for the opportunities that this year will bring and look forward to sharing many more successes and celebrations with you in the months ahead.

Woldgate Pupil Wins Prestigious Community Pride Award

Everyone at Woldgate School is celebrating the remarkable achievement of Lexi, who has been named the winner of the Community Pride 2026 Against All Odds Award.

Lexi received the prestigious award in recognition of her extraordinary courage, determination, and resilience. Born without her left hand, she has faced challenges throughout her life with a positivity and strength that have inspired those around her.

Rather than allowing her circumstances to define her, Lexi has consistently demonstrated an unwavering determination to succeed. Over the years, she has grown into a confident and talented young person, developing a passion for both football and art while embracing every opportunity that comes her way.

Her journey has not always been easy. There have been moments of disappointment and obstacles to overcome, but Lexi's perseverance and positive attitude have helped her continue moving forward. She has become a role model for her peers, showing that challenges can be overcome through hard work, courage, and self-belief.

The award recognises individuals who have overcome significant adversity while making a positive impact on their communities, and Lexi's story perfectly embodies those values. Her determination not only inspires her fellow pupils but also serves as a powerful reminder that our differences can become our greatest strengths.

Speaking after receiving the award, Lexi said:

"The arm is brilliant, and it's definitely made a difference. I am so happy to have been named this year's winner."



Staff and pupils at Woldgate School are incredibly proud of Lexi's achievement. Her resilience, kindness, and determination reflect the very best of our school community.

She continues to approach every challenge with courage and enthusiasm, proving that no obstacle is too great when met with perseverance and a positive mindset.

As she celebrates this well-deserved recognition, Lexi's story stands as an inspiration to us all. The entire Woldgate community congratulates her on this outstanding achievement and looks forward to seeing all that she accomplishes in the future.

Congratulations, Lexi! We are incredibly proud of you. With best wishes for a happy and successful year,



Headteacher's Welcome

This week, I have had the pleasure of meeting with our primary colleagues from Pocklington Junior School and Stamford Bridge, as well as visiting Melbourne School today. Over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to meet children from all our partner schools and welcome them to Woldgate School. As the term progresses, it is clear that our pupils are settling well into the new academic year, and I have enjoyed speaking with many of them about their first experiences of the term.

It has also been a privilege to visit lessons across the school. Seeing our pupils fully engaged in their learning and exploring such a wide range of subjects is one of the great joys of school life. Moving from a languages classroom to a science laboratory highlights the breadth of opportunities available to our young people. The level of challenge within lessons is clear, and the quality of discussion is impressive as pupils continue to broaden their knowledge and understanding.

The transition from primary to secondary education is an important stage in every child's journey, both pastorally and academically. The excellent work undertaken by our primary colleagues provides a strong foundation upon which our secondary staff can build. One of the great benefits of being part of a family of schools that supports children from the age of two through to nineteen is the opportunity to create a seamless educational experience. It is a privilege to work alongside our primary colleagues and to share that journey with you and your children.

Now that the term is well underway, it has been fantastic to see our Year 7 pupils taking part in a wide range of enrichment activities made possible by the dedication of our staff. I have also thanked



colleagues for the educational visits that have already taken place during these first few weeks. These opportunities celebrate our pupils' unique talents, broaden their horizons, and help create lifelong memories.

I know that the start of a new school year, particularly following a longer-than-usual summer holiday, can bring challenges and pressures for families. We would therefore like to thank parents and carers for the support you provide to your children and to the school as we establish routines and continue our shared journey of learning, discovery and personal growth. Together, we are helping to shape an extraordinary story, and it is a joy to be part of it.

Mr Britton
Headteacher (Interim)

Key dates

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

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**



**Book your place
by visiting
www.woldgate.net**



SEND & Attendance

A Fantastic Start for Year 7!

A huge well done to all of our Year 7 pupils who have made an extremely successful transition to Woldgate School this September. We have been incredibly proud of how well our new pupils have settled into school life, embraced new routines, made new friendships, and approached learning with confidence. Thank you also to parents and carers for your support during this important transition period.

Open Evening – 15th October

Our Learning Support Team will be at the Open Evening on **15th October** and would be delighted to meet prospective pupils and their families.

If your child has SEND, this is a great opportunity to:

- Meet members of the Learning Support Team
- Ask questions about support available at Woldgate
- Learn more about our transition process
- Discuss any individual needs or concerns

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing how we support young people to achieve success both academically and personally.

Top Tip: Know Where to Ask for Help

Starting secondary school can bring lots of new experiences and questions. Knowing who to contact can make all the difference.

The Learning Support Team is here to help:

- **Mrs Forbes** – Learning Support Manager
- **Miss Pegg** – Assistant SENDCo
- **Mrs Rowland** – Assistant SENDCo

sen@woldgate.net

Whether you have a question about support, wellbeing, access arrangements, or SEND provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Learning Support Spotlight

Did you know? Our Learning Support Team works closely with pupils, families, teachers and external agencies to ensure that pupils receive the support they need to thrive. We are committed to helping every young person develop confidence, independence and a positive experience of school.

Working together, we can help every pupil achieve their full potential.

Notice — Parking

We do understand that parking is difficult around the site at the moment, but please can we ask for consideration to be given to our neighbours at dropping off and picking up times in particular. Please do not park where there are single yellow lines or block driveways at any time.

Your consideration with this matter is appreciated.



Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe Online

The internet is an important part of children's lives, providing opportunities to learn, communicate, play and be creative. However, it also brings risks, and it is important that children know how to stay safe and where to turn if something goes wrong.

Online dangers can include **cyberbullying, inappropriate or harmful content, contact from strangers, scams, online grooming, pressure to share personal information or images, and unwanted contact through social media, gaming platforms and messaging apps**. New technologies, including AI, can also create additional risks, such as fake images, impersonation and misinformation.

We have been highlighting potential online harms in assemblies this week so your child may have questions or wish to share any concerns with you.

What can parents and carers do?

Regular conversations about online activity are one of the best ways to help children stay safe. Encourage your child to:

- Keep passwords private and use **two-step verification (2SV)** where available.
- Think carefully before sharing photographs, videos or personal information.
- Check who they are communicating with online and remember that people may not always be who they claim to be.
- Use privacy and parental-control settings on devices, apps and games.
- Block and report accounts that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Tell a trusted adult if something online worries, upsets or frightens them.



Try to keep communication open and non-judgemental. Children can sometimes worry that they will get into trouble if they tell an adult about something that has happened online.

Reassure them that they can always come to you for help.

What should you do if you are concerned?

If your child receives an inappropriate message, is being bullied, is contacted by someone who makes them uncomfortable, or is pressured to share an image, **don't respond or engage with the person**. Where possible, keep evidence such as screenshots, usernames and dates, and use the platform's reporting and blocking functions.

Concerns about online sexual abuse or grooming can be reported directly to **CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)**.

Report to CEOP

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other police matters, contact 101.

Parents can also find practical advice about keeping children safe online through **Thinkuknow**, the education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team.

Thinkuknow – Parents and carers

Most importantly, encourage your child to **tell someone if something doesn't feel right**. No child should feel that they have to deal with an online problem alone.

Help and advice can also be accessed in school- just e-mail us on safeguarding@woldgate.net

Family Help School and Community Practitioner

Hello, my name is Paula and I am your school's Family Help School and Community Practitioner. I will be working in your school and within your community to offer a range of advice and support to families with any worries or questions they may have.

Visit my drop-in session for a range of advice, tips, and resources to support you and your family.

- Understanding your child's feelings and behaviours.
- Supporting your child's emotional health
- Find out about other services that are available to support you.

We are here to offer support early, before worries grow and become harder to manage



You can find me at:

Woldgate School and Sixth College

Thursday 10th September
Thursday 1st October
Thursday 15th October
Thursday 5th November
Thursday 19th November
Thursday 3rd December
Thursday 17th December

By appointment only. Please make an appointment with the school office.

If you are unable to attend the drop-ins, please speak to school about making alternative arrangements or for the details of the Community drop-ins.



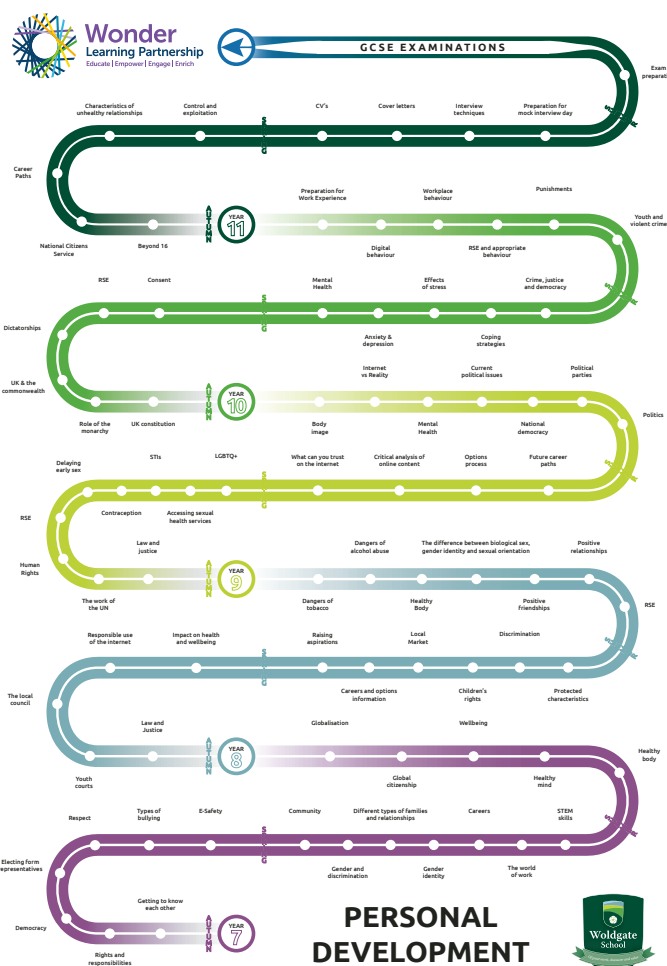


Personal Development

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 4 elements, Living in the Outside World, Wellbeing, RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and Careers.

This half term, Year 9 are completing a unit on mental health and resilience. They will look at the impact that social media can have on mental wellbeing, as well as explore some unhealthy and healthy coping strategies. This is one Year 9s 'wellbeing' themes of the year. Pupils will continue to build on the work that they have done in year 7 and 8 to help ensure that our pupils have the knowledge and tools to help build their resilience as well as be able to identify the positives and potential negatives of social media use.



Personal Development

Careers Update

Women into Manufacturing and Engineering (WiME) Careers Fair

WiME is a Humber-based initiative that encourages more women/girls to consider a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). They are running a early evening careers event on Tuesday 6th October 2026, until 6:00pm, at the Guildhall in Hull.

Over 20 employers from the manufacturing, engineering, digital, construction, and renewable sectors will be in attendance, including AB Graphic International, Boston Energy, Centrica, GEV Wind, Hobson and Porter, Howdens Joinery, Ideal Heating, KCOM, KWL, Laing O'Rourke, Orsted, Phillips66, Ropsley, RWE, and SSE.

You will be able to meet women who work for these exciting companies in our region, speak to them about their careers, the businesses they work for, the industries they work in, what they enjoy about their work, and why you should consider joining them.

You'll also be able to find out more about current and future job vacancies, learn about apprenticeship opportunities, and discover what qualifications and training you'll need to work in their industries.

In addition, free sessions on transferable skills will be available, helping you to stand out to potential employers and training providers.

The event is aimed at pupils in **Year 9 and above**. If you are interested, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-into-manufacturing-and-engineering-wime-careers-event-2026-tickets-1990475910029>

Meet our Pupil Care Team



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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Sixth Form

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Meet our Pupil Care Team

Heads of School



Head of Lower School

Mr J Williams



Transition Coordinator

Miss K Linsey



Head of Middle School

Mr R Askoolum



Head of Upper School

Mrs I Atkinson



Head of Sixth Form

Miss K Smith

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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



Stamford Bridge
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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

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