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WOLDGATE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

'EVERYTHING YOU DO SHOULD BE WORTHY - OF GREAT MERIT, CHARACTER AND VALUE.'

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IN AT THE DEEP END!

Year 8 Art pupils visit one of the UK's most spectacular aquariums.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week 130 Year 8 pupils went on a trip to The Deep in Hull. After a workshop with the staff from the Deep, where we drew spider crabs, coral, shells, turtles and shark skeletons, we ventured into the aquariums. Our task was to collate as much primary

source material as possible for our Water and Under the Sea Project.

Despite the ban on flash photography, we managed to take some stunning photographs for our project as well as completing lots of drawings. The Deep staff fed the penguins for us to entice them closer to the pupils and several pupils were inadvertently

splashed with water from the scatter feeding taking place in the tropical area. We managed to see 15 minutes of the dive show before the dash to the coach to get back to Woldgate. Yet again, the pupils were complimented on their behaviour as they let younger children stand in front of them to see the fish. Well done everyone!



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Mr. J BRITTON
HEADTEACHER

It was a pleasure last week to visit lessons to see the Spring Term off to an excellent start. Our Year 11 pupils started their mock examinations and it was wonderful to see our pupils taking great care with their final preparations, showing a real determination to succeed at all times, while demonstrating great maturity as they progressed through the week. I am sure we can all remember the pressures that examinations bring and as a school, we will continue to offer support throughout the following few months as we prepare for the final examinations next term. A part of this process, we will be arranging a one-to-one interview with a senior member of staff for every Year 11 pupil. I met with over 100 pupils last year and am looking forward to once again sitting down with individual pupils to discuss their 'mock' examination grades, to identify where support is required with their studies and to consider their progression to post-16 studies. I also intend to meet every Year 13 student early next term. I thoroughly enjoy these opportunities to speak to either our pupils or Sixth Form students – they are for me one of the highlights of my year and, I hope, are useful for our pupils.

This term, we will also be reviewing how we recognise achievement and reward pupils and students when they excel either personally or academically. Last term, we introduced our new Codes and already it has made a significant difference by providing useful information to ensure our high expectations are upheld, and that we have clear interventions where required. With the support of my colleagues, we will continue to build upon these initial steps, whilst also starting to improve our current reward systems. It is wonderful when pupils do receive recognition, either verbally, through merits in their planner or through notifying home, but I do believe we have the opportunity to do more and I am very grateful to the eleven colleagues who, with the School Council, will start to explore new ideas for celebrating success from September. We will also be consulting parents on this matter in a few weeks' time and I look forward to hearing your views. For me, this is a perfect opportunity to ensure that in all we do, we recognise as a community the individual achievements and talents of our wonderful pupils and Sixth Form students.

Finally, you will have noticed from our last Newsletter, that we will be launching the first of our many 'Friends of Woldgate' events on the 26th February. This is an opportunity for parents of pupils and Sixth Form students to join us for an enjoyable and fun evening, where they can meet staff and representatives of the Governing Body, whilst also supporting the work of the school. Our first event will include a quiz evening and will feature a number of musical performances by our pupils, who have kindly agreed to support the event. The funds raised over the year will be used to support our Enrichment programme and to provide additional specialist equipment. We would also be grateful to hear from parents or businesses who would like to help with the organisation and running of our Parent Teacher Association. If you do feel you can help, then please contact Mrs Rhyan Jameson at rhyan.jameson@woldgate.eriding.net for further information. I do hope you will be able to attend; as it would be good to come together as a community to have an enjoyable evening and to support our School.

I do hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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KEY DATES

SPRING TERM

4TH JANUARY TO 11TH FEBRUARY 2016

22ND FEBRUARY TO 24TH MARCH 2016

SUMMER TERM

11TH APRIL - 27TH MAY 2016

6TH JUNE - 22ND JULY 2016

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

12TH FEBRUARY 2016

PLUS 2 DISAGGREGATED DAYS

25TH & 26TH JULY 2016

INTERNAL EXAM WEEKS

YEAR 7

w/c 13TH JUNE 2016

YEAR 8

w/c 6TH JUNE 2016

YEAR 9

w/c 23RD MAY 2016

YEAR 10

w/c 27TH JUNE 2016

YEAR 11

w/c 4TH JANUARY 2016

YEAR 12

w/c 22ND FEBRUARY 2016

YEAR 13

w/c 22ND FEBRUARY 2016



ATTENDANCE

In order to make excellent progress throughout the year and achieve their potential, it is vital that pupils are taught regularly in class by their teacher. Regular attendance at School & Sixth Form College is crucial in supporting our pupils to do their very best, since multiple absences from lessons can result in large gaps in knowledge. Pupils are required to catch up with all work following an absence. However, by missing lessons, profound misunderstandings can occur since the pupil will have not heard the teacher's carefully planned explanations. We all want the best for our pupils and if School and parents work together, we can ensure that every pupil achieves their potential.

From next month, we will be issuing letters to parents of all pupils with attendance figures of less than 96% on a monthly basis. The purpose of the letters are to draw parents' attention to their child's absences and the impact this is having on their learning. The letter will also ask parents to inform us of issues that may be causing the absences, so that we can work together to resolve them. If you are concerned about your child's attendance or if you would like to discuss any issues that may affect your child's attendance now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact our Care & Achievement Co-Ordinators.

CHOIR

Choir resumes on Tuesday 19th January. Rehearsal will take place every Tuesday lunchtime in J16 at 1pm.

THEATRE IN EDUCATION

Next week, Year 10 Drama GCSE pupils are looking forward to performing their Theatre in Education pieces. These pieces have been devised by the pupils and they aim to educate young people about serious issues which may effect them. We have been so pleased at the hard work and dedication that pupils have shown towards their first piece of performance work and we are looking forward to the final performances. Good luck Year 10!

WEEK BEGINNING	96% ATTENDANCE		94% ATTENDANCE		92% ATTENDANCE	
	DAYS ABSENT	LESSONS MISSED	DAYS ABSENT	LESSONS MISSED	DAYS ABSENT	LESSONS MISSED
11/01/16	3	15	4.5	23	6	30

YORKSHIRE TERRIERS RUFC

The Yorkshire Terriers RUFC are an invitational touring side, made up of aspiring and promising young rugby players aged 17-21, who have represented their county in previous seasons.



The tour aims to spread the ethos of the Yorkshire Terriers, which is to further develop the selected players as both individuals and as promising rugby players.

In December last year, I was lucky enough to be invited to tour with them to New Zealand and Australia in July 2017. I currently play for Pocklington Senior Colts Team and have represented Yorkshire at both under 17 and under 18 level.

We're touring for three weeks, playing games in New Zealand and Australia, against top quality representative teams from both countries. During the tour I'll have the opportunity to experience the respective cultures of the countries and also develop my team building and inter-personal skills.

In the coming months running up to the tour I have been advised to raise significant funds to contribute towards the tour, whether that be fund raising or looking for sponsorships. If anyone is willing to help my cause, please could you contact me on charliecartwrightfun@woldgate.eriding.net I hope you will support me as part of my fundraising and sponsorship efforts throughout school.

Many thanks,

Charlie Cartwright.

MR SLOMAN WRITES:



Mr L. SLOMAN
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

This week in assemblies, I have been talking to Lower School pupils about heroes. In particular, about how the stories of individuals like the astronaut Tim Peake can inspire us to follow their example and achieve our own goals, ambitions and dreams. Heroes represent something that we would like to achieve in our own lives; they serve as role models and help us form our views of the world and our opinions. Most importantly, I have reminded our Lower School pupils that they are already heroes themselves, by acting as role models for younger pupils; modelling excellent attitudes towards their work, friendships and responsibilities. Our School ethos of care and achievement is shared by all our pupils in this manner, as each year group looks up to the pupils in the years above, and helps, supports and inspires the years below.



CITIZENSHIP

Local Councillor visits Year 8

This half term in Citizenship, Year 8 are exploring the issue of democracy, local democracy in particular. They have been finding out what services the council provides and the role of councillors.

On Thursday this week, Councillor Kay West kindly gave of her time to speak to the pupils about these issues. Pupils will be using this information to hold a mock council election in a couple of week's time. This will be followed up in Year 9 who will be looking at the wider picture of the role of MPs, political parties and elections.

KEY DATES

SPRING TERM 2016

YEAR 7

14TH - 18TH MARCH
GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
TRIP TO MANCHESTER

YEAR 8

15TH MARCH
TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE TBC

24TH MARCH
CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT EVENT

YEAR 9

28TH JANUARY
STEM SUPERGROUP CHALLENGE TBC

4TH FEBRUARY
KS4 INFORMATION EVENING
FOR YR9 PARENTS
1800 - 2000

25TH FEBRUARY
PARENTS' EVENING
1630 - 1900

14TH MARCH
INJECTIONS

Don't Forget

**KEY STAGE 4
OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
6 PM - 8 PM**



WOLDGATE SCHOOL MASCOT COMPETITION

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils in our local primary schools have been taking part in an exciting competition to design and draw a mascot that represents Woldgate School. Pupils were given the Woldgate School mission statement, together with a list of key words that summarised the ethos of the school. They used these words to design a character, whose features represented the School ethos.

Over one hundred and fifty entries were received, and it was extremely difficult to choose the winners. The judges were impressed with the artistic ability, imagination, thought and effort that all pupils had put into their mascots. However, with the help of Joe Butcher from Yorkshire Education, three overall winners were selected. The winners were Holly (Year 6), Jess (Year 5) and Emma (Year 5), who each received a Samsung Galaxy tablet computer, courtesy of Yorkshire Education. All pupils who entered the competition will receive a Woldgate School puzzle cube as a prize for taking part.

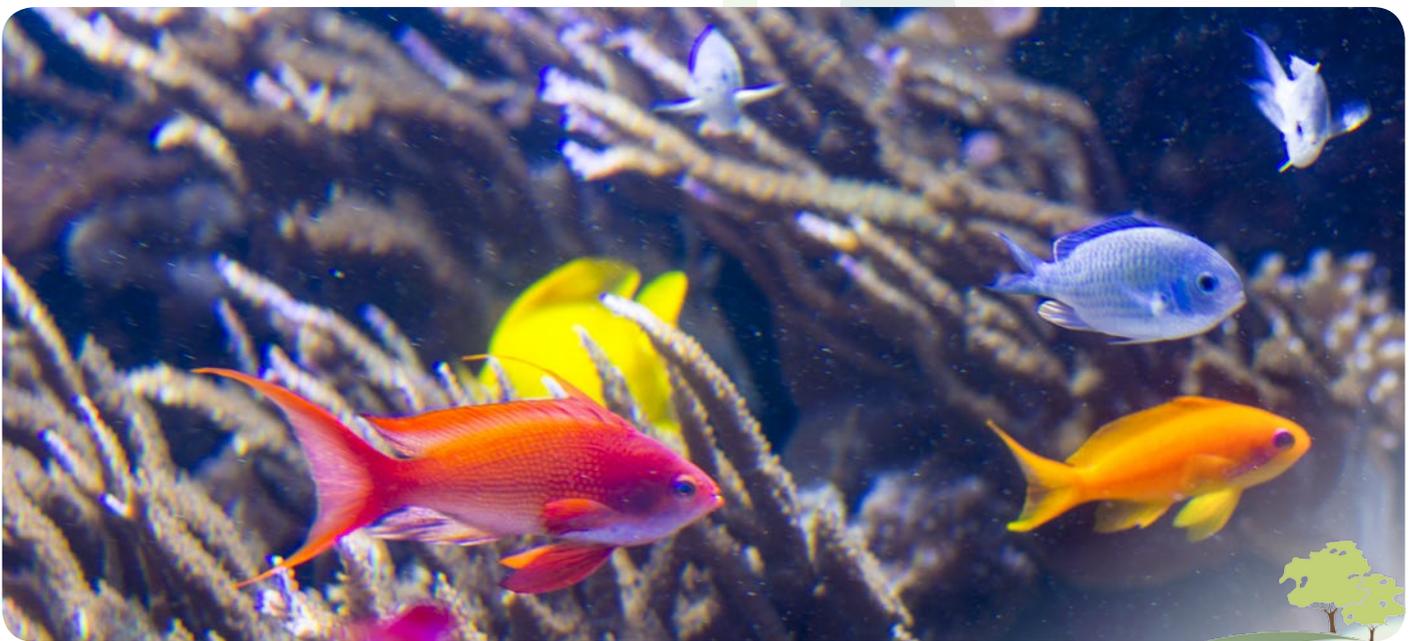


Yorkshire Education is based in York and works with local schools to find and recruit first class teachers. They deliver an unrivalled service to local schools in the York and surrounding area and pride themselves on their local knowledge and the personal, service they provide.

YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS VISIT 2016

Mrs Amin writes:

Many thanks to all the parents who have paid the deposits for the visit, we will be sending out a letter regarding final payments and arrangements for the Parents' meeting shortly. In the meantime could I remind parents they a valid E-Hic Card is needed for the trip.



Ms LONGSTAFF WRITES:



Ms A LONGSTAFF
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

It's been really interesting this week as I've spoken with Upper School pupils about their New Year resolutions that they've made. Many have some great goals about what they'd like to achieve by the end of the academic year, both for things taking place in and out of school.

Just before Christmas, Year 11 pupils heard about two fantastic (and potentially life-changing) opportunities available to them: an expedition to Tanzania and the National Citizen Service. As a school, we have been running these expeditions for several years and I know from first-hand experience just how much pupils can develop their personal skills by getting involved. Similarly with the National Citizen Service, pupils take part in a huge variety of activities all designed to enhance their confidence, team work and communication skills, whilst often making new lifelong friends.

Year 10 are also busy looking at their current options for Work Experience later this year and for many of our young people, this experience can often lead to further opportunities in the future. Each year it is fantastic to receive such positive feedback about how our pupils excelled in the many varied workplaces they visited as part of their preparation for the real world of work.

YEAR 11 - INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Mrs Lawson writes:

At Woldgate Sixth Form College, we offer a robust programme of Independent Advice, Information and Guidance (IAG) for all of our students. We will be holding IAG interviews during the first week of February with every pupil in Year 11. The purpose of these interviews is to guide pupils in their post-16 choices. I am looking forward to meeting with our Year 11 pupils to discuss their goals and plans for the future during our IAG interview week.

We will also be holding an IAG day on Monday 8th February for all pupils in Year 11. During the morning, pupils will be able to participate in taster sessions for a wide range of subjects, and the afternoon will be a range of fun problem-solving and team building activities. I am sure it will be a most useful, informative and enjoyable day.



KEY DATES

SPRING TERM 2016

YEAR 10

18TH - 22ND JANUARY
DRAMA THEATRE IN EDUCATION
ASSESSMENTS

4TH FEBRUARY
EMPLOYER Q&A

14TH MARCH
INJECTIONS

17TH MARCH
EMPLOYER Q&A

YEAR 11

28TH JANUARY
MOCK RESULTS DAY

4TH FEBRUARY
APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

1ST - 5TH FEBRUARY
IAG INTERVIEWS

8TH FEBRUARY
IAG DAY

8TH FEBRUARY
PARENTS' EVENING
1630 - 1900

9TH - 15TH FEBRUARY
BERLIN VISIT - GCSE HISTORY

22 FEBRUARY
SIXTH FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE

24TH - 27TH FEBRUARY
HIGH ADVENTURE - GCSE PE

29TH FEBRUARY
FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH EXAMS LEVEL 1&2
(FOR PUPILS ABSENT IN JANUARY)

1ST MARCH
FUNCTIONAL MATHS EXAM
(FOR PUPILS ABSENT IN JANUARY)

23RD MARCH
GCSE DRAMA MODERATION

KEY DATES

SPRING TERM 2016

EXAMS

22ND-26TH FEBRUARY
EXAM WEEK

10TH MARCH
RESULTS DAY

INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE FOR Yr11 (IAG)

1ST - 5TH FEBRUARY
IAG INTERVIEWS

8TH FEBRUARY
IAG DAY

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

20TH JANUARY
WOLDGATE VS LAUNSWOOD
6TH FORM COLLEGE
1400 K.O. HOME

27TH JANUARY
WOLDGATE VS JOHN LEGGOTT COLLEGE
1400 K.O. HOME

24TH FEBRUARY
WOLDGATE VS WOLFRETTON CONSORTIUM
1400 K.O. HOME

9TH MARCH
WOLDGATE VS MALTON SCHOOL
1400 K.O. AWAY

16TH MARCH
WOLDGATE VS ELLIOT HUDSON COLLEGE
1400 K.O. AWAY

MRS LAWSON WRITES:



MRS K LAWSON
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

It has been a real joy this week to speak to our Year 13 students about their university applications and the offers they have been receiving from institutions. Today is the final day for UCAS applications, and all of our Year 13 students are now in a position where they can focus on achieving their required grades in order to secure their choice of university, apprenticeship or employment.

Over the coming weeks, we will be guiding and supporting students in the next steps, including working with them in Personal Development lessons on aspects surrounding student finance and how to apply for it. We will help students to make their final decisions for their first choice and insurance choice universities. It is an exciting time for our students, with only 14 weeks of Sixth Form left before their exams begin.

To ensure students make the best possible progress, it is vital that they are building on and maintaining the excellent study habits they have developed so far; a large part of this is organisation and time management. Sixth Form students have study periods built into their timetable to make certain they are able to dedicate enough time both in and out of school hours to the demands of A Level and BTEC study. In addition to effective study, a significant factor in success is attendance. In the event of any absence, students or parents should phone school. Students are responsible for making sure that they see their subject teachers promptly upon return to ensure they catch up with missed work. Mock exams are now just a few weeks away and I am sure that with these good study habits in place, our students will be able to succeed highly.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE WORK PLACEMENTS

At Wilberforce Residential Home Pocklington –
Chloe Jones and Eleanor Penfold Year 13

We are delighted to share some excellent feedback, over the next few weeks, from employers - singing the students praises, complementing them on their professionalism and engagement.

THEY HAVE BUILT UP RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS AND TURN UP DURING THEIR OWN TIME IN THE HOLIDAYS AS VOLUNTEERS AND DURING TERM TIME AS A VOCATIONAL PLACEMENT FOR THEIR BTEC LEVEL 3 H&SC AWARD. THEY HAVE ARRANGED AND DELIVERED THERAPEUTIC ARTS AND CRAFTS ACTIVITIES WITH THE ELDERLY, PRODUCED QUIZZES THAT THEY LOVED AND ALSO HAD CINEMA EVENTS – THE LAST ONE WAS TITANIC. BOTH HAVE BEEN PRAISED BY THE CARERS IN THE HOME FOR THEIR MATURE AND PROFESSIONAL APPROACH PLUS THEIR TIME KEEPING AND REGULARITY OF VISITS.





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PLEASE SHARE

If you would like to share pupils' achievements in the community with us, then please feel free to email Mr Ben Wall at: ben.wall@woldgate.eriding.net

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