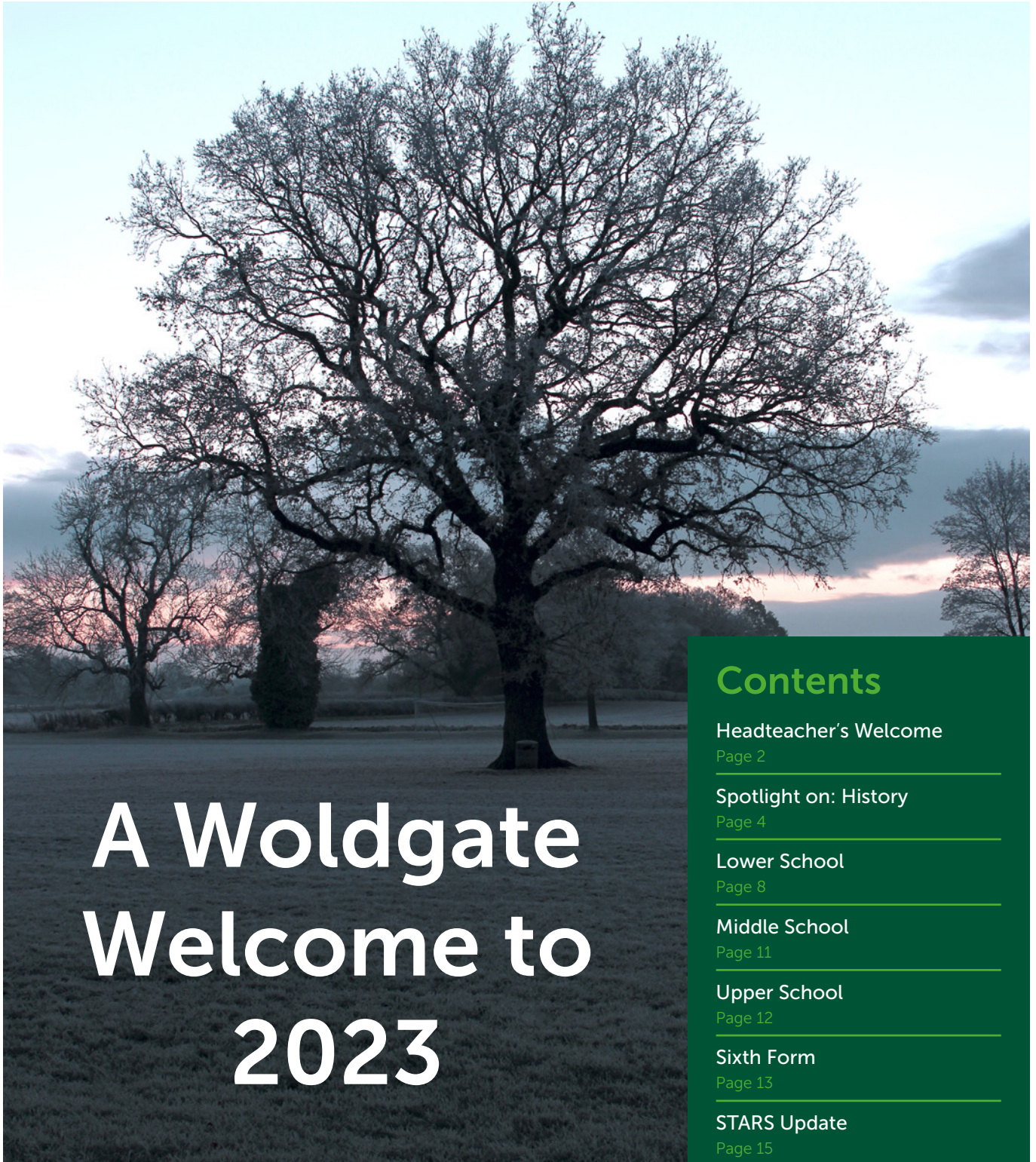




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A Woldgate Welcome to 2023

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Headteacher's Welcome



Mr Sloman writes:

Happy New Year, and I do hope you had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family. Christmas is an important time in which we reflect upon the year that has past. With New Year comes opportunity to look to the future and consider what we want to do and achieve in the coming year. As we commence 2023, I am looking forward to an exciting year at Woldgate School, as we continue to build on our successes, and create more opportunities for our pupils and students to enjoy learning, develop their talents, interests and skills.

Driving everything we do and believe at Woldgate School is our collective vision, shared and believed in by our whole school community, including staff and pupils. Our vision is based upon our school motto and is:

*'A school community where everything
we do is worthy, of great merit,
character and value.'*



Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11th January:
Year 11 Woldgate Tutorial
(3pm to 4pm)

Year 10 Work Experience
Information Evening
(from 6pm).

Thursday 19th January:
Year 9 World Options Evening
(from 6pm)

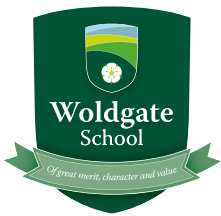
Tuesday 24th January:
Year 12 and Year 13 New York
Visit Parent Meeting (from 6pm)

Monday 30th January:
Year 11 Parents' Evening
(from 4:30pm)

Thursday 2nd February:
Year 13 Geography Field Trip

Thursday 9th February:
Year 11 NEA Day 2
(Option B Subjects)

Friday 10th February:
House Enrichment Day and
Year 11 NEA Day 2
(Option A Subjects)



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Our vision runs through all aspects of school life, and ensures that we all maintain a focus on attaining the highest possible standards in everything we do:

Teaching and Learning

A world-class curriculum containing the best of what has been thought and said, taught by the best teachers in inspirational classrooms. Our lessons are interesting, engaging and exciting.

Ethos

A school where everyone lives and works by our motto; that everything we do should be worthy, of great merit, character and value' – trying our best, being our best and embracing our British values.

Achievement

All pupils, regardless of ability, needs or background, are able to make rapid, sustained progress, achieve exceptional outcomes and grow into lifelong learners and successful individuals.

Care

A school where every pupil is known and cared for as an individual; where their individual needs are supported by the whole school community

Holistic Education

A school where all children can access a range of enrichment opportunities to broaden their horizons and develop their life experiences.

Our school vision is at the very core of our school community, and inspires everything we do to ensure our pupils and students receive the very best education and experience possible. I look forward to sharing our vision with you in the months and years to come.

Mr Sloman
Headteacher





HISTORY

Autumn Term 2022 was a very exciting and busy term for the history department. Our pupils have been delving into a wide range of British and World History and exploring how historians work by examining evidence, testing historical arguments and deepening their knowledge of the past.

Barnaby, one of our Year 9 pupils has written about why he became a history ambassador.

"There are many reasons as to why I became a history ambassador and decided to help with the history department. One reason was that I really enjoyed the past topics like the Harrying of the North and the Battle of the Somme. These were very interesting topics and expanded my knowledge a lot. Another reason that I became an ambassador was that I am very excited about up and coming topics such as World War Two.

Being more involved with history also has its added benefits, such as being able to research analytically and critically to produce firm arguments which are clear. Being involved in history also helps us develop a better understanding of the world we live in and an understanding of other cultures and our own society.

Although ultimately, the reason why I enjoy history is because it helps us understand how events in the past affects the future and made things the way they are today."

As well as assisting with Open Evening our group of history ambassadors have also provided some really valuable feedback for the department. They have really enjoyed studying topics from the Romans and Normans to the trenches of World War One. Many appreciated the opportunities to investigate a historical event or person in depth and showcase their knowledge and understanding through extended writing. They have really liked the 'Meanwhile Elsewhere' activities where the pupils are encouraged to research an event or development that was happening at the same time as their key topic focus eg The Russian Revolution of 1917 during World War One. They also voiced a strong wish to study a wide and broad curriculum, including chances to revisit the 'Ancient World' and also the history of other continents and different cultures.



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Lower and Middle School History

Our Year 7 pupils have completed an introductory unit about what historians do, a study of the Roman Empire and why at one time the Roman army was unstoppable!! They have also embarked on their historical investigation into 1066 and the Norman Conquest.

Amelia, one of our Year 7 pupils has written the following about her history lessons.

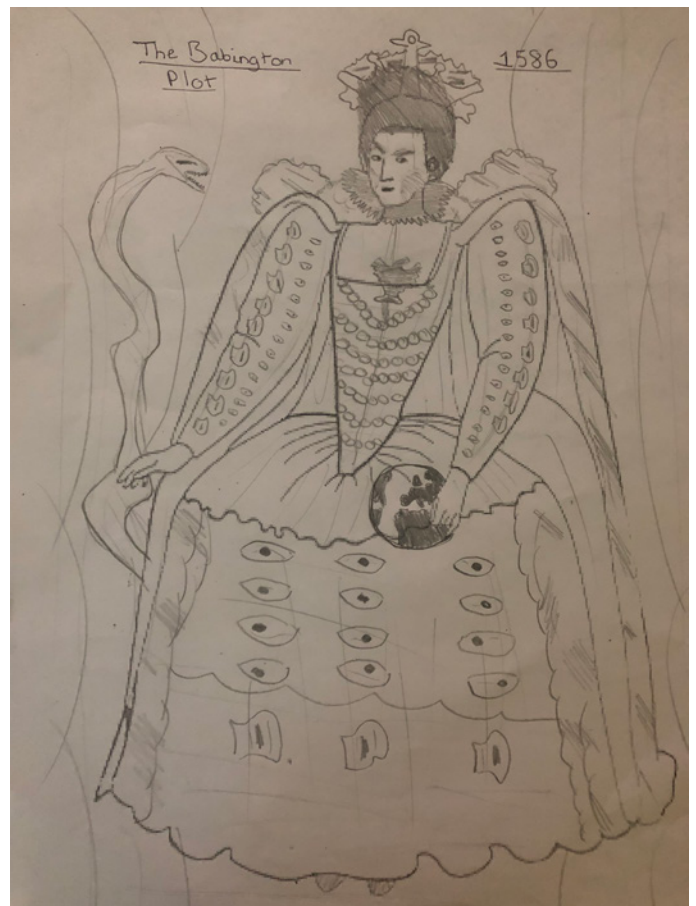
"In Year 7 this term we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings, the Roman Empire and the British Isles. My favourite thing about these topics has been the battles and the kings! My least favourite bit has been all of the blood and gory details! Overall history is my favourite subject and is so fun to learn."

Other pupils also had a lot of interesting things to say about their first experiences of history at Woldgate.

"In my history lessons I have enjoyed learning about the Battle of Hastings and I have learnt plenty of new things."

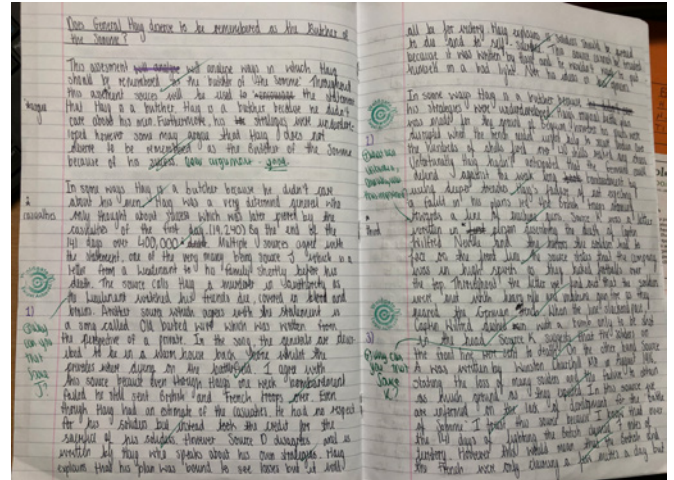
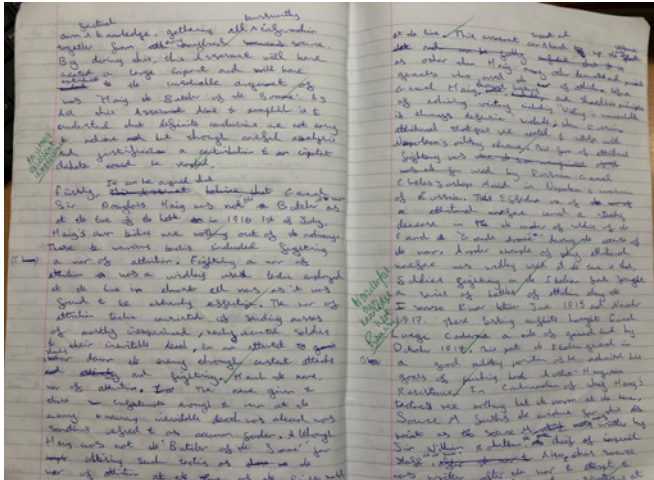
"I like history. My teacher Mr Williams is really nice and knows loads!"

Our Year 8 pupils have been learning about how far life changed between 1500-1800, and investigating the religious changes sparked by Henry VIII's 'Break with Rome'. They have also delved into the life of Elizabeth I and explored HERSTORY and how she solved the problems of her reign. This has included an in-depth study into her victory over the Armada. They have produced some really super essays and Elizabethan portraits.



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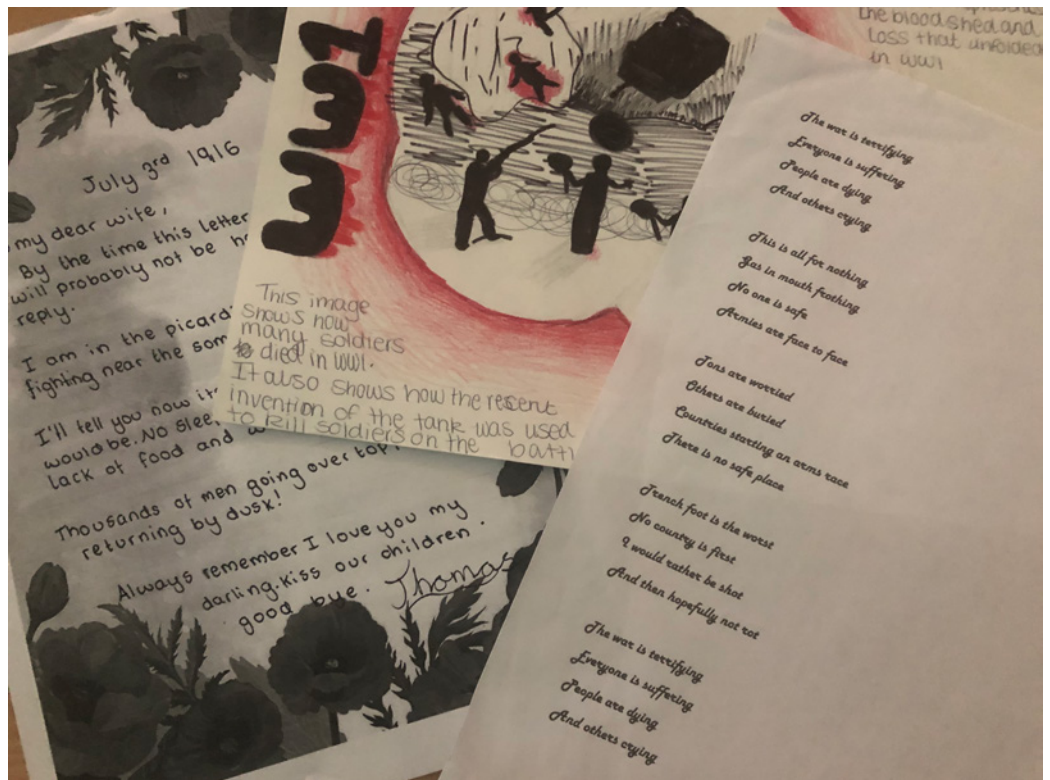
Our Year 9 pupils are really maturing into fantastic historians. They have been grappling with the complex causes of World War One and also looking at the diverse experiences of the soldiers fighting in the war from Britain and the Empire. They have produced some remarkable responses to the source analysis enquiry on General Haig.

Upper School History

Charlotte, one of our Year 10 pupils writes about her first term of GCSE history.

"This year in history we have been studying Germany, including Weimar Germany, WW1 and Hitler's rise to power. We are currently exploring Nazi Germany and peoples' experiences under Nazi control."

The Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have been working really hard to deepen their historical knowledge of key concepts such as democracy, dictatorship and communism and capitalism. Their GCSE course has taken them on a journey through German politics and society during a time of great trauma and change. Their study of the Cold War 1945-1972 has provoked some mature in- depth discussions on the impact of super power relations on the world.



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Sixth Form History

Our Year 12 students have been studying some of the familiar and also less familiar subject content in their first term. They have been revisiting their Year 7 history topic on the War of the Roses with a focus of source analysis and enquiry. They have also just completed their first unit of Russian History and have been debating how far Tsar Nicholas was responsible for his own downfall in 1917. Our Year 13 students have been focusing on Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors, but also drafting their Independent Study. We are very much looking forward to reading their personal analysis and evaluation of a range of fascinating topics of historical debate, such as the causes of the Salem Witch Trials and the impact of Martin Luther King on the Civil Rights Movement.

History Enrichment

We are so pleased to be running two enrichment groups this year. Last term the Year 7-9 group delved into the USA during the 1920s and the prohibition era. They produced some lovely display material and props for the Buggy school production. The really popular Year 9-11 group have been engrossed in "The Travellers in the Third Reich" by Julia Boyd. This is an extraordinary history of the rise of the Nazis based on first-hand accounts of outsiders drawn to the country, a multitude of voices and stories, including students, politicians, musicians. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of a topic studied in Year 9 and their GCSE.

The department are also really looking forward to taking the history pupils on their extra-curricular trips this year. The WW1 Battlefields and the Berlin visit are brilliant opportunities for the pupils to live and breathe the history they are studying. Huge thanks go out to all the staff who have invested their time and energy in organising these enrichment opportunities.



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Lower School



Ms Minton writes:

The book is called
Opportunity, and
its first chapter is
New Year's Day.

—EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE,
POET

As we begin a new year and a new academic term, I always feel that it brings an opportunity for change and a chance to welcome in 'the new'. On New Year's Day I was drawn to this quote and it has formed the basis for my assembly with Year 7 this week—thinking about how small tweaks and changes in perspective can bring about exciting opportunities. I would encourage parents and carers to chat this through with our Year 7s and think about what pupils may want to develop or do differently this year as they feel more settled into secondary school life.

I have also felt inspired this week as I have been reviewing some of the fantastic entries into the Year 6 Festive Photography Competition. My favourite has to be from Sofia from St Mary and St Joseph's whose snap at the Beamish Museum brings back many happy memories of trips there. Well done Sofia- what a fab photo! The deadline for entries is the 13th January so keep the entries coming in for a chance to win a special prize!

Ms Minton
Head of Lower School



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Woldgate Year 6

Festive Photography Competition

Calling all you budding Year 6 photographers!



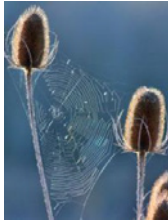
We are running an exciting competition where you can showcase your photography talents!



There are three categories in which you can enter and you can submit more than one photo in each.

A Christmas Carol:

Scrooge found a love of Christmas in the end! Take a photo that shows what the festive season means to you.




Winter Wonderland: Fog, frost or freezing days! You could take a landscape shot or a close-up to enter this category.

Christmas Curiosities:

Family traditions, quirky decorations and stunning celebratory food! Share a picture of your own Christmas customs.



The Transition Team will judge each category and the winners will receive a selection of goodies from our Woldgate School Reward Shop. Good luck everyone! We are eager to see your photographic masterpieces!

Please ask your Parents/Carers to tweet your entries. Please tag the  [@WoldTransition](https://twitter.com/WoldTransition) Twitter account with [#woldgatephotocomp2022](https://twitter.com/hashtag/woldgatephotocomp2022) and the category. Alternatively, email transition@woldgate.net

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Middle School



Mr Macdonald writes:

Happy New Year!

It has been an excellent start for the Middle School pupils last year, who have achieved a supreme total of over 170,000 merits in the first term! Beyond their excellent attitudes in the classroom, 2022 has provided so much for them to celebrate, some examples being: House Enrichment days, a wide range of sporting successes, foodbank collections and donation, and the Buggy Malone musical production last term. We have had the privilege of celebrating individual successes across various areas of school life, through our half-termly held Breakfast of Champions, the Cinema Club rewards afternoon, and there is much more to come for the year groups in 2023.

It is a very exciting time ahead indeed for the pupils as we look to 2023; this month we will also be kick-starting the options processes for 2023. Both Year 8 and Year 9 pupils will begin to gather fundamental information from a wide range of sources in and outside of school. A letter has now been shared with parents and carers, including details of the support, key events and dates, to ensure families are informed as much as possible about the processes to be followed, and decisions to be made. We hope that families find the information provided across the events useful, for pupils to make the best choices possible for themselves and their futures. If you have any specific questions regarding option choices for next year, please do get in touch and a member of school staff would be happy to answer any queries which you may have.

It has been a pleasure to work with the pupils, and families during the first term, and we do love to hear and celebrate achievements from outside of school, as well as those within the classroom. Please do feel free to share any successes with us, and finally I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Middle School families for all their support over the last term and wish everybody a fantastic 2023.

Mr Macdonald
Head of Middle School

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Upper School



Miss Hull writes:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the Year ahead. New Year provides us all with time to reflect but also to look forward at the many new opportunities 2023 has to offer.

The first term at Woldgate was a busy one for Upper School pupils. We saw a House Enrichment day, two NEA days, the return of sports fixtures and a fantastic school production. We saw nearly 142,000 rewards given out for Great Merit, Character and Value and collectively watched over 5300 GCSE Pods. We celebrated our achievements with Breakfast of Champions, the Rewards Cinema Event and our Upper School Celebration assembly. Year 10 began their GCSE journeys in their World Options and Year 11 sat their final set of Mock Exams.

2023 also promises to be an exciting year for Upper School. Our Year 10 pupils this year will all have two weeks of Work Experience, the first time that this has been offered post-COVID. Year 11 will sit a full suite of GCSE Examinations, the pinnacle of five years of hard work and in the summer, have the School Prom and End of School celebrations to look forward to.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank families for their support in the first term – it really is much appreciated and I look forward to working with you again this term.

Miss Hull
Head of Upper School

Sixth Form



Miss Smith writes:

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family have had a restful Christmas period.

Last half term the Sixth Form organised our annual Charity Week – this week included fancy dress, running tuck shops, carwash and organising a collection for York Food Bank. We were overwhelmed with the donations we received from our community. At the time of our collection York Foodbank were in desperate need of jam and the community certainly answered this request as we were able to donate boxes and boxes of jam. Members of the Sixth Form spent the last week before Christmas sorting and organising our collection ready for transportation to York Foodbank so that these goods could be distributed to those in need prior to the festive period. Thank you once again for all your donations and support.

In addition to organising our foodbank collection, students also raised money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, and I am delighted to announce that we raised £839 for this fantastic cause.

Joining us on our return to school this week, is Mrs Fairhurst who will be joining us as the new Sixth Form Care and Achievement Co-ordinator. Mrs Fairhurst has spent much of this week getting to know students within the Sixth Form and is looking forward to working closely with students to support them to secure their potential. If you have any questions or queries regarding the Sixth Form please do contact Mrs Fairhurst in the first instance using efairhurst@woldgate.net

Miss K Smith
Head of Sixth Form



The period of cold weather before Christmas gave us some striking images of weather and nature at Woldgate School.

One is the front cover this week and the others are below, there is still time to enter the Christmas photograph competition, please send your images to transition@woldgate.net



STARS Update

Mr Barrett writes:

School Council update

Just before Christmas we held elections for our new School Councillors. A huge number of pupils put themselves forward. We will reveal who was elected next week.

Local Market Information

Local Market Information provides pupils and students with information about different employment sectors in the Hull and East Riding area. The information will inform pupils and students what jobs there are in that sector in the local area, as well as provide information career pathways, salaries and trends in employment. This week, we look at the Health and Social Care sector

Unsurprisingly, this is a huge employer in the region, with 55,000 people working in health and social care, making up 13% of the region's workforce. Due to an aging population Health and Social Care is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK, with apprenticeships forming an important means of entry and now being offered by almost all employers in this sector. 84% of employees in the sector in this region are female, and 20% of the workforce are over 55. Employment in this sector is dominated by the National Health Service, which is in fact the biggest employer in the UK and the 5th largest in the world employing over 1.7 million people. There will be an increasing demand for employees to meet the needs of an aging population, providing great opportunities for our pupils in the future

Careers update

- For pupils in Year 11 that are considering an alternative to A Levels, I would like to draw your attention to an event happening at Bishop Burton on Saturday 28th January and then again on Saturday 4th March. This is an opportunity to:
 - Tour their on-campus accommodation
 - Chat to their student support team, including study support, additional learning needs and financial bursaries
 - Receive application advice and support
- Explore their range of subject areas, enjoy subject-specific talks and demonstrations
- Take a full campus tour



REACH FOR THE STARS

Value our community, individual liberty and show mutual respect and tolerance.

To do this we will:

- ★ Always be honest and fair.
- ★ Show respect to others by the way we speak to each other and present ourselves.
- ★ Value our School, the Dining Room, classrooms, displays, equipment and our facilities.
- ★ Develop the knowledge, skills and conviction to play an effective role in our local, national and global communities.

SOCIETY
Of great Character.

Know our personal and academic targets, support others with their learning and stay on task to maximise our progress.

To do this we will:

- ★ Bring the correct equipment to lessons, including our planner.
- ★ Arrive on time for lessons.
- ★ Know our targets for each subject and understand what we need to do to improve.
- ★ Access impartial advice and careers guidance to help us make informed decisions, develop our ambitions and aspirations, plan our future, and prepare ourselves for the world of work.

TARGETS
Of great Merit.

Always wear the correct uniform and take pride in our appearance.

To do this we will:

- ★ Take pride in our uniform and ensure we always look smart and professional.
- ★ Wear the correct uniform at all times.
- ★ Be ambassadors, by wearing our uniform with pride, in and outside of school.
- ★ Take pride in our personal identity, culture and history, value ourselves and celebrate our achievements, developing our own self-confidence and self-esteem.

APPEARANCE
Of great Value.

Respect the rule of law and take responsibility for our own behaviour and learning.

To do this we will:

- ★ Concentrate, listen to the teacher and one another, follow instructions and work hard.
- ★ Do our homework quickly and return it on time.
- ★ Ask for help if we don't know what to do.
- ★ Develop our spiritual, moral, cultural, mental, physical and financial awareness, in order to understand our society and help us prepare for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences that await us in later life.

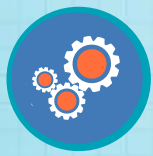
RESPONSIBILITY
Of great Character.

Be safe, sensible and mature. Never seek to cause another harm through our words or actions.

To do this we will:

- ★ Always treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.
- ★ Never swear, hit or bully anyone or use offensive language.
- ★ Be considerate to members of our wider community, as well as safe and sensible, whilst travelling to and from school.
- ★ Develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to keep ourselves healthy and safe, and prepare ourselves for life and work in modern Britain.

SAFETY
Of great Value.



Health and Social Care

14% of employment in the Humber is in Health & Social Care.

Health care is about the treatment and support of medical conditions in hospital, health centres and in the community. It includes Dentists and Opticians. Social care is about the care and support of people within the community.

Will there be opportunities available?

- The number of Health & Social Care jobs is predicted to grow to around 2.6million by 2025 nationally.
- The NHS remains the biggest employer in the UK and the 5th largest employer in the world employing over 1.7 million people.
- An additional 174,000 social care workers will be need across Yorkshire & Humber by 2035 to meet predicted demands.
- Hull York Medical School will train an extra 90 doctors per year from 2019 to meet the demands of the NHS.

Did You Know?

- Nearly all Health & Social Care organisations offer apprenticeships.
- Around 20% of the workforce in the Humber is aged 55 or over.

- 16% of Adult Health & Social Care workers in the Humber are male and 84% female, more males are needed in the sector.
- Due to an aging population Health & Social Care is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK with 7,200 vacancies at any given time across Yorkshire & Humber.
- 25% of adult social care workers are employed on zero hour contracts.
- Over 1335,000 people are employed in the sector in the Humber.



| Types of Job | National Average Salary |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Social Worker | £24,000 to £40,500 |
| Care Home Assistant | £12,500 to £25,000 |
| Residential Home Manager | £20,000 to £54,000 |
| Pharmacist | £30,500 to £45,000 |
| Midwife | £24,214 to £43,772 |
| Dental Nurse | £18,813 to £30,112 |
| Doctor (GP) | £37,191 to £87,003 |
| Medical Secretary | £16,500 to £27,000 |
| Occupational Therapist | £24,214 to £43,772 |
| Physiotherapist | £24,214 to £43,772 |
| Podiatrist | £24,214 to £37,267 |

Skills/qualities

- Communication
- Sense of responsibility
- Good timekeeping and organisational skills
- Team work
- Empathy and compassion

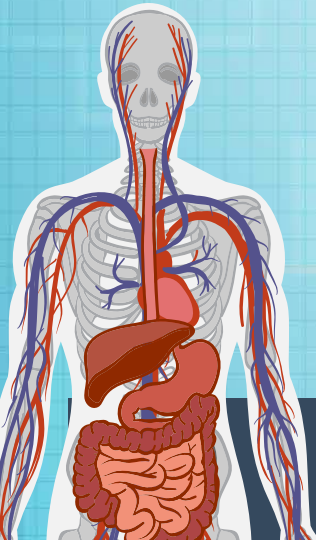
Useful subjects include

- English
- Maths
- IT
- Science

Some local employers

- NHS
- HICA Group
- Relate
- Busy Bees Childcare
- Dove House Hospice
- Spire Healthcare
- Sue Ryder Care
- City Health Care Partnership

Sources: Business Register Employment Survey, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Office for National Statistics, Skills for Care.



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