



ISSUE 1

Welcome

to Woldgate School

Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as Primary Transition Coordinator, and welcome you to the first of our half-termly Transition Newsletters of this academic year. My role is to ensure that all pupils are prepared for life at secondary school, feel cared for, and are supported to succeed.

A successful transition means that our Year 6 pupils feel part of our school community in the months and weeks leading up to September 2024. To achieve this, we already have an exciting calendar of transition events, challenges, workshops and activities planned for this academic year.

On 12th October 2023, we welcomed Year 5 and 6 pupils and their parents/carers into our school for our annual Open Evening. We hope that the evening allowed you to experience what makes our school community so special, underpinned by our values of great merit, character, and value.

In the next half term, we have a menu of events to look forward to. This includes our first subject challenges, the Maths Challenge hosted at the KP Club. In addition to this, we will launch our Christmas photography competition, and we can't wait to see all of the amazing festive photographs that our Year 5 and 6 pupils take.

As a founding member of the Wonder Learning Partnership, a family of schools serving rural communities with a shared ethos, we work closely with our colleagues in primary schools across the partnership. Children joining us from local Wonder Learning Partnership primary schools will also benefit from the continuity of educational experience this partnership provides. With the help of Mrs McDonough, our Year 7 Care and Achievement Coordinator, I look forward to visiting many of our local primary schools in the very near future.

Please do follow our X (Twitter) account, [@WoldTransition](#), to be kept up to date with our transition programme and life here at Woldgate School. In addition, our dedicated transition email address, transition@woldgate.net, can be used by parents/carers for any transition related questions or queries.

I hope that you enjoy reading a selection of our school Newsletter articles, showcasing the very best of our current Year 7 pupils and their achievements.

Mr Williams
Primary Transition Coordinator





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“Wonder is the beginning of wisdom” Socrates

Welcome to the Wonder Learning Partnership

Welcome to the Wonder Learning Partnership family. Woldgate School and Sixth Form is part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership. Our family is one where children have a love of learning and colleagues have a real passion for teaching. We remain rooted within and at the heart of our communities as together we share our knowledge to create an exceptional learning journey for our children.

The Wonder Learning Partnership’s vision is to build an Educational Trust foundation ensuring all our schools have the strategies, expertise and capacity they need to improve the education of our children. We aspire to ensure the education provided by our schools is forward-thinking and outward-looking, where aspirations are high and ambitions unlimited. We are a confident community, where teaching is inspirational, every individual is valued, and pupils are proud of their school.

We believe in teaching a broad and challenging curriculum, enriched with holistic education, which will spark children’s imagination and create a lifelong love of learning. This seamless journey, enriched with great learning, fun experiences, and friendships, will provide a foundation for future success.

We look forward to you being a part of our school community and we do hope you enjoy the wonderful activities and events Woldgate School has designed to make the transition to secondary school an enriched and happy one!

Our Values

Educate

We are committed to educating the whole child and believe every child should reach their potential.

Empower

We will empower our whole school community through support, development, and value in the pursuit of excellence.

Engage

We will engage in best practice to develop the personal qualities and aspirations of pupils and staff.

Enrich

We will ensure our children are exposed to a wealth of experiences and opportunities.



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An Excellent Start for Year 7!

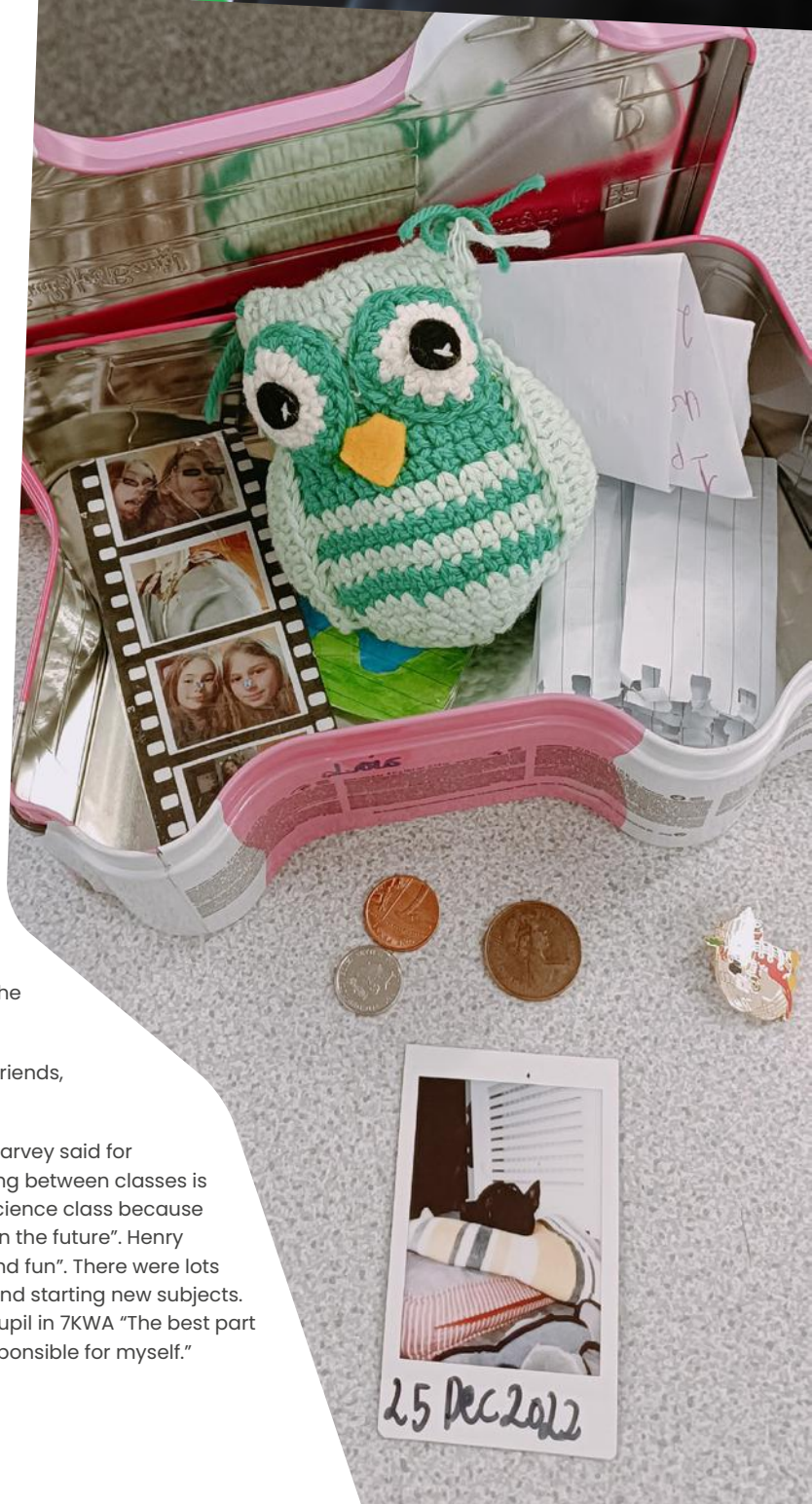
Year 7 have made an excellent start to the new school year; we are impressed with the way that they are settling in as part of the school community: making new friends and having exciting experiences.

Pupils learnt in Assembly about the pupils who first started when the school opened and saw a photograph of the same hall and pupils of the same age. They thought about how they are part of the history of the school and what a privilege it will be to be part of the future as we watch the new school building come into fruition.

Part of our transition is to set a voluntary summer holiday project; some pupils created a time capsule they have included things that are important to them and a snapshot of 2023 and their transition to Woldgate School. Scarlett's list included her proudest achievement which was playing football for York City; her prediction for 2030 is that she will be playing football for England's youth team.

Lois created a wonderful time capsule including pictures of friends, a crochet owl and some coins with key dates on.

We asked pupils about their experiences of starting Year 7. Harvey said for example: "I like having space to play at lunchtime and walking between classes is better than just having one classroom". Pedro said: "I liked Science class because we get to learn about different equipment and to use them in the future". Henry said: "I loved the Maths lesson as it was super challenging and fun". There were lots of comments about enjoying new choices of food at lunch and starting new subjects. The start of term is best summed up in a comment from a pupil in 7KWA "The best part so far is the independent feeling I have because I'm now responsible for myself."





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Year 7 are the Dream Team

A really positive aspect of starting a new school is the opportunity to make new friends. Pupils who have come from the smaller feeder schools enjoy the chance to widen their circle of friends and to get to know new people.

In order to help our pupils to get to know each other better and to encourage them to work together, we organised a Team Building event. Activities included Bench ball in the Sports' Hall; a Scavenger Hunt which involved finding items hidden on the field and crossing an "alligator swamp" which consisted of getting the whole team to a designated point, without touching the ground and just using small pieces of cardboard. They also played the perennial Woldgate favourite: Three in a bucket. Activities like these help to show our pupils at their best: they got involved, supported each other, and often showed great character even when things were difficult, or they were not always winning.

We hope that through the process, they develop friendships which will blossom and grow throughout the years.

Sisters belt up for success!

We are incredibly proud of sisters Ellie (Year 9) and Maisie (Year 7), who have both been awarded Black Belts in kick boxing after years of dedication, determination and hard work.

Ellie and Maisie undertook a grading assessment for the Black Belt, with the skills assessment taking place over several hours. Unfortunately, Ellie broke her foot half-way through the assessment but was determined to keep going, showing a remarkable level of resilience. Both girls were thrilled when they passed and were awarded their black belts.

Ellie and Maisie have been kick boxing for over 3 years and train every week at their kick boxing club in Wilberfoss. They originally started taking lessons to learn about self-defence as well as finding that the sport is an excellent way to keep fit. These girls are an embodiment of our school values, that everything we do should be worthy of great merit, character and value. Well done!





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New experiences and new friends!

Year 7 at Woldgate School is all about trying new things and experiencing life in a Secondary School.

George has definitely got off to a good start in his Food Technology lessons with these very impressive muffins. The wonderful smells emanating from the classroom certainly made everyone hungry!

We have a varied Enrichment Programme and we encourage as many Year 7s as possible to get involved in clubs and activities run by dedicated Woldgate Staff.

We have some budding Thespians already involved in the forthcoming Elf: The Musical and many will hopefully join the Sports' teams too. Being involved in extra-curricular activities is a great way of making new friends, not just in Lower School but with older pupils, too.





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The Musical

Book by
Thomas Meehan
and Bob Martin

Music by
Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by
Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum



TICKETS

WWW.WOLDGATE.NET

DECEMBER 5-7

£9 Adults £6 Pupils/Concessions

7:30pm Main School Hall **Licensed Bar and refreshments available**

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk



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