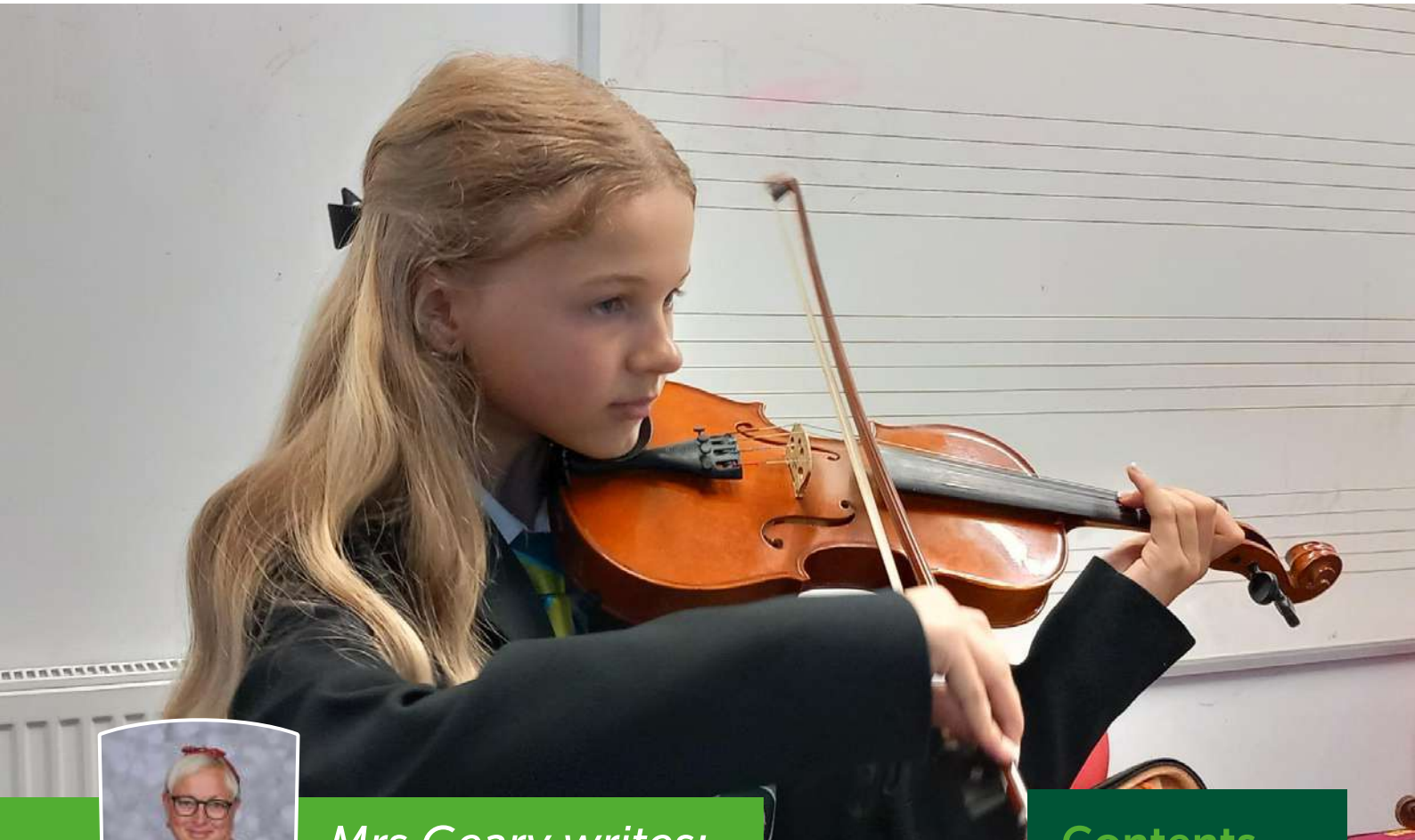




Newsletter

Of great merit, character and value



Mrs Geary writes:

Jane Austin famously said in the novel Emma: "Without music life would be a blank to me" we are so glad, that after the break with COVID, we are so pleased to be seeing and hearing pupils return to instrumental lessons and singing.

Charlie plays electric guitar and has recently passed his Grade 3 exam with Merit; he is very happy about the result and we are very proud of him.

Ellen plays bassoon. She said: "I wanted to learn it because my mum plays it really well and it is a rare instrument!" The bassoon is a large instrument for a younger child to learn so when she started, she had to play on a mini version, but now has a full sized one.

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Isobel and Ellen both play in the ensemble on Wednesday lunchtimes. Isobel plays trumpet and also plays with the E Riding Youth Orchestra. Isobel has been playing since lockdown. It is great to hear them in action and to see how older pupils, particularly the Sixth Formers encourage them.

Oscar has guitar lessons at school with Mr Wall. He likes the instrument because of the vast range of songs he can learn to play. Oscar started on Spanish guitar; which is a picked style and then when he came to Woldgate, he started to learn to play chords, too. Oscar said "Starting to play Spanish guitar was a great way to begin as you learn to pick and play individual notes. Learning chords as well adds variety, too."

One of our talented singers is Isaac. When he was at Primary school, his group won a competition because of the quality of his solo. Isaac uses singing as a way of relaxing and calming himself down. He enjoys a range of genres, but his rendition of Coldplay's The Scientist was particularly stirring.

Emily is a talented musician. She has only been playing the flute since she joined us in Year 7 and is already attempting pieces of Grade 3 standard; Ms Blood our peripatetic woodwind teacher is amazed at how well she has progressed. Emily enjoys playing the flute because of the sound it makes. Her favourite piece is a Minuet by Mozart, a talented youngster himself to emulate!

We are proud of all the pupils in Year 7 who spend their free time practising and playing instruments at whatever standard and are grateful to the Music Department and peripatetic teachers who come into school to encourage pupils to have "another string to their bow!"

Mrs Geary
Head of Lower School



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Mr Sloman writes:

Over the last few months, my senior colleagues and I have been meeting with the three Strategic Working Groups comprised of dedicated parents and carers. The Working Groups each had areas of focus for this academic year:

- » **Pupil and student development**, including pupil and student wellbeing, enrichment opportunities, Rewards, curriculum, and timetable matters.
- » **Operations and Communication**, including management of the school site, facilities, resources, and planning for our new school building.
- » **Special Educational Needs**, including support for pupils with social, emotional, and mental health needs.

I greatly appreciate the time and support the parents and carers have given to these meetings, which have taken place after school. During the meetings, we have discussed a range of school improvement priorities, and we have benefitted from the expertise and insight of parents and carers with the experience and professional expertise to support our efforts to ensure our school offers the best possible education for our pupils.

I am pleased to provide a summary of the improvement achieved by each of our Strategic Working Groups below:



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th July:

Year 11 Prom

W/b Monday 8th July:

Year 10 Work Experience Week and
Year 7 History visits to Helmsley
Castle and Rievaulx Abbey

Monday 8th July:

Year 6 Creative Arts Day

Tuesday 9th July:

Year 6 Creative Arts Day

Wednesday 10th July:

Year 6 Welcome to Woldgate Day

Thursday 11th July:

Year 9 Careers Day

Monday 15th July:

Year 9 WW1 and
WW2 Battlefields Visit

Wednesday 17th July:

Performing Arts Visit to London and
Year 7 Visit to Flamingo Land

Friday 19th July:

School Walk and Last Day of Term
(pupils finish at 12:15pm)

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Pupil and student development

The Pupil and student development Working Party have discussed a wide range of topics in our meetings including school systems such as rewards and codes, Class Charts and homework. Furthermore, we have also discussed the importance of pupil wellbeing and how home and school can work together to promote health and wellbeing within our families. As a group, we have focused on exploring the importance of enrichment activities to the student experience and have explored what our community values regarding the school clubs and trips that we offer and what we can improve to benefit our community. As a result, we are in the process of collaborating on a strategy that we can share with our community and staff regarding how we run and implement trips to ensure that our families can plan financially for opportunities that will arise during each academic year. In addition, we are focused on ensuring that we can achieve greater equality regarding the opportunities that we offer. As we approach the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our community who have volunteered their time to meet with us to discuss our community and offered a range of constructive feedback and demonstrated great passion towards Woldgate School, our pupils and our local community.

Operations and Communications

Our Operations and Site Manager has worked with our Site Cleaning team to ensure a consistently high standard of cleaning across the school site. Pupil and student toilets are checked by the Cleaning and Site teams regularly, and cleaning, repairs and maintenance carried out daily as necessary. We have also arranged for all pupil and student toilets to receive a deep clean each holiday. We have introduced the capability for pupils and students to log site issues directly with the site team, and we have adapted a new online system for logging and managing all site issues. We have held assemblies with pupils to ensure they are aware of these developments.

We have designed and launched a new school website, and we hope that this makes accessing information about the school easier for parents. We are continuing to focus on our communication, particularly our use of social media to ensure parents and carers are kept informed of school events, and we will continue to focus on this area in the new academic year.





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Special Educational Needs

Over the last few months, the SEND Working Party has discussed a range of ideas and strategies to continually improve our support of SEND pupils and parents within our school community. In particular, we have discussed how we can utilise pupil voice to make pupil interventions more effective over the coming academic, including a focus on staff training, and introducing new ways in which teaching colleagues can access information about how to best support pupils and students in class. We have discussed how we can better support parents and carers, including support sessions and information evenings led by our Learning Support team, teaching colleagues and external agencies. Thank you to everyone who has been part of

the working group and we look forward to continuing our work in the new academic year.

We plan to continue with our three Strategic Working Groups in the new academic year and will share information about how parents and carers can volunteer to take part in September.

Many thanks for all your continued support of our school, and please do contact us if you have any questions regarding the Strategic Working Groups.

Mr Sloman
Headteacher



Accelerated
Reader

The Accelerated Reader Competition Results

Total words read (and quizzed on)
this year by Years 7, 8 and 9

85,988,068



School Governor

Woldgate School is looking to recruit new school Governors.

If this is something that may be of interest, and you wish to participate and join the school Governing body, then please contact the Chair of Governors – Patrick John through: office@woldgate.net.



Upper School



Mrs Atkinson writes:

Running for Cancer Research

I was very proud to hear that some of my Year 10 pupils have been raising funds for charity, Cancer Research.

This effort is being led by Jay Rugg, who has used his TikTok Account to promote his great act of kindness and his running challenge. Jay has a special reason for doing this. He told me that he knows that the families of some of his friends are suffering with this terrible disease and that his running challenge is a fun way of showing them his support.

Jay and his friends Lewis A, Ryan H, Charlie C and Tristan W have been running a mile for every goal scored in the Euro's 2024. So far, they have already clocked up 21 miles. They enjoy their runs, sometimes only a couple of miles, but they have run up to 6 miles from Pocklington to the surrounding villages. They are being shown great support from their friends donating to charity.

To support this great cause, I told the pupils that I would join in. I ran a 10KM run on Sunday to show them just how proud I was of them, and I have also donated to their cause. They have so far donated over £70 to Cancer Research.

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."
—Diana, Princess of Wales



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Jay, please know just how proud we are of what you have started here. In a school where we ask our pupils to show great character, you truly are doing just that. Thank you - the ripple effects of your kindness are clearly visible

Mock Exams and Work Experience

Year 10s have made an excellent start to their Mock Exams. The nerves were evident for the first exams, but they soon settled into what has become their new norm for the next week. This is their first opportunity to show how well their preparations have gone and as we reflect on this in the new school year, we will have gained a good understanding of what is needed to make even better progress.

Work Experience is only a week away and it is great to see that many of our pupils secured a week's placement. If your child has not heard anything from the work placement or me, it is because all is well, and they are ready to go. Please check the app for final instructions from those taking on the responsibility at your child's placement. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

For those who did not secure a place, you must be in school. Normal lessons will be delivered, some work will be done within departments, and support will be offered to staff running Year 6 Transition Days.

Mrs Atkinson
Head of Upper School

10 km Challenge - Charity run with Year 10 boys. 🧑



Kudos on your 300th activity!

Distance	Avg Pace
10.00 km	6:36 /km
Moving Time	Elevation Gain
1:06:05	13 m
Max Elevation	Steps
19 m	10,390

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WOLDGATE
THE EAST YORKSHIRE
SIXTH FORM

Miss Smith writes:

Last week 30 Year 12 students joined me in an incredibly hot New York for the annual Sixth Form New York trip. June tends to be a warm and pleasant month in New York, but we arrived on Monday evening at the start of the first heatwave of the year and immediately noted the heat. Throughout the week we experienced temperatures reaching 37 degrees, however, for the most part the skyscrapers of New York offered some relief from the heat.

Despite the heat, it was clear that all students and staff had a great time as they visited the sights of New York including the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, Broadway, Central Park and St Patrick's Cathedral. The New York trip commences with an initial visit to Times Square and at this point students often marvel at the size and scope of the city, and I suspect feel a little intimidated by the crowds, noise and assertive demeanour demonstrated by many New Yorkers. However, one of the great privileges of the New York trip is the opportunity to see students develop their confidence in the city and become adept at confidently navigating the city.

As a result, once we reach the end of the trip, and students have around four and a half hours of free time to explore the city, it is fantastic to see and hear students plans regarding where they wish to visit, how they are going to travel to this area of the city and what they hope to see. This year during their free time we had a number of students travel to Central Park, others visited the National Science Museum and some spent their time shopping on 5th Avenue and Times Square.

Across the visit we had the opportunity to visit Times Square and Central Manhattan, the Hudson Docks area which borders the Hudson River and Downtown Manhattan when we visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum. A highlight for many students included our visit to the The Edge which has an observation platform at a height of 100 floors and includes a glass floor which offers a 360 degree view of New York. Visiting this platform at night offers incredible views of the city including views of the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty.

Miss Smith
Head of Sixth Form

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Wates


Department
for Education

DfE Schools Rebuild Programme

It is a pleasure to share that after 2 years in the planning, working with the Department for Education (DfE) and Wates Construction, the DfE Schools Rebuild Programme started at Woldgate School and Sixth Form College on Monday 11th March. The multi-million-pound project will consist of a new teaching block, a new sports block consisting of a sports hall, activity studio, fitness suite and cafe and a multi-use games area (MUGA), these will replace the existing school facilities.

Estates and Compliance

The first phase of the work was to demolish a teaching block to create space for constructing the new teaching block. We have also created a separate haul road to give access to construction traffic so the main entrance and car park on the school grounds are not affected for our school transport and colleagues to use. The hoarding line and heras fencing were erected to create a construction site boundary and a new fire assembly area configured for the school to ensure safety is the top priority across the school grounds and throughout the construction site.

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The work is progressing well with the completion of piling works w/c 10th June 2024 in preparation for the foundations for the new teaching block. All service diversions have been completed so the school and the construction site can operate independently, and new drainage and foul installation continues.

The Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) is due to be handed over to the school in late July 2024, with the teaching block due for completion in summer 2025 and the sports block November 2026. The overall project completion date is May 2027.

It is fabulous that colleagues, pupils, students and our wider community can see the progress being made and understand the benefits the new school will bring. The new school will include an atrium, auditorium, library, cutting-edge laboratories, computer suites, classrooms, and sports facilities, providing cutting-edge learning facilities and resources for the children of Pocklington and surrounding villages. A resource that will also be accessible to primary schools for children of all ages. The school also intends that outside of school hours, local residents and clubs will be able to use the new school and sports facilities. The proposals will ensure continuity of facilities for the school during the build process, including the retention of the existing buildings whilst the new buildings are built without the need for temporary accommodation.



POCKLINGTON
ARTS
CENTRE



FAMILY FUN Workshops

Thu 25 - Fri 26 July

Burnby Hall Gardens and Pocklington Arts Centre are working with contemporary circus company Brainfools to offer two days of workshops learning a variety of circus skills.

Sessions include entrance to Burnby Hall Gardens for one adult and the young person attending the session.



Ages 5 to 18

pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk

Juggling

10:00am – 11:45am

£20

Learn the basics of juggling — by yourself and with partners! You will have the opportunity to juggle a variety of props such as balls, rings and scarves and will be taught all sorts of fancy ways to juggle such as using your feet and using the negative space of your body and the props.

Thursday 25 July



Friday 26 July

Tumbling

10:00am – 11:45am

£20

Roll! Cartwheel! Twist, jump and walkover! Wherever you're at we will get you being more acrobatic. We'll learn all sorts of creative floor acrobatic movements and how to connect those moves into sequences. Everyone leaves with a cool new personal acrobatic sequence with the skills they have learned.



Family Show

Balance

1:00pm – 2:45pm

£20

Let's explore balance and counterbalance in this workshop. We will learn self-balances such as: handstands, other arm balances and partner counterbalances where you balance and be balanced by your friends. We will work towards a group pyramid combining all of the balances we have learned to make for a wonderful photo opportunity for all your biggest fans.

Circus Skills (Relaxed session)

3:00pm – 3:45pm

£10

A shorter session for anyone who prefers to try fun new experiences in a small and relaxed group. Bring an adult companion with you and work with our wonderful circus performers to try out one or two circus skills of your choice and in your own way.

Circus Theatre

1:00pm – 2:45pm

£20

Play games to generate stories using the circus disciplines we have taught in our other workshops, or any other skills participants bring in. Using professional circus techniques we will use acrobatics to create groups of monsters! We create circus movement inspired by the world and objects around us and end by creating a short performance as a group.

Cabaret Cirque Enchanté

Magical & mind-boggling circus feats

Fri 26 Jul 6.00pm

Sat 27 Jul 10.30am

Immerse yourself in enchanted circus, dance and laughter.

Adults: £14 | Under 25s: £10
Family (4): £39

Brainfools are bringing their fantastic circus friends to our stage — showcasing their many and varied talents. You'll see performers juggle, spin and dazzle with exciting acrobatics and amazing feats!

This talented ensemble set an evocative scene, taking us back to 1920s cabaret flair with a Jazzy musical score and a fabulous compère seamlessly keeping us entertained between the family-friendly acts.

To book visit
or call 01759 301547

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centre.co.uk

Good Attendance



Means being in school at least 97% of the time*



90% 19 Days Absence

BELOW MINIMUM GOVERNMENT THRESHOLD

93% 13 Days Absence

VERY LOW

95% 9 Days Absence

LOW

97% 6 Days Absence

GOOD

100% 0 Days Absence

PERFECT

*Across one academic year



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Rewards

Our school motto is 'Everything you do should be worthy, of great merit, character and value', and every day our pupils' efforts, contributions and achievements are recognised with rewards that reflect these values. Our pupils understand these core values as being the foundation of successful learning, and a successful life, and each of the rewards holds a special significance:



Acts of Great

MERIT

384,567

CHARACTER

51,015

VALUE

42,309

**TOTAL
REWARD
POINTS:**

982,679

Headteacher Award

The following pupils earned the highest total number of Rewards in their respective year groups, and have won the Headteacher Award for this week:

Year 7:	Jack Lancaster
Year 8:	James Swales
Year 9:	Tristan Andrews
Year 10:	Alice Langrick
Year 11:	Adam Lilley
Year 12:	Eleanor Taylor
Year 13:	Candice Moyo



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House Points

Every pupil belongs to one of our five Houses, representing our local countryside. Pupils can be awarded House points for exceptional contributions to school life, and for participating in House competitions and events, and all rewards contribute to each House reward total:

All rewards earned by each House since the start of the year:



188,471



217,982



244,572



187,113



185,650



TOTAL
HOUSE
POINTS:
457,819





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Acts of Great Merit

The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially deserving of praise or reward. For example, the production of an outstanding piece of classwork, home learning or an outstanding assessment outcome.

The pupils with the highest Great Merit awards this week are:

Year 7:	Ruslan Korchaha
Year 8:	Harley Spence
Year 9:	Yuri Korchaha
Year 10:	Isabel Millan
Year 11:	Jakob Hesmondhalgh
Year 12:	Oscar Rose
Year 13:	Gabby MacNicol

Acts of Great Value

The principles or standards of conduct we work to; those acts and skills that are valued by our wider society. For instance, the ability to demonstrate emotional intelligence, to communicate effectively or be a leader of a team.

The pupils with the highest Great Value awards this week are:

Year 7:	Sam Frankish
Year 8:	Archie Sissons
Year 9:	Thomas Brown
Year 10:	Martha Hardcastle
Year 11:	Dillon Alston
Year 12:	Oliver Newton
Year 13:	Imogen Bannister

Acts of Great Character

The moral qualities that define an individual. For example, demonstrating kindness, offering support or actively engaging with the wider community.

The pupils with the highest Great Character awards this week are:

Year 7:	Isla Garner
Year 8:	Jaden Proctor
Year 9:	Cianna Anderson
Year 10:	Evie Lusby
Year 11:	Joshua Berger
Year 12:	Billy Harrison
Year 13:	Phoebe-Sophie Wood



Please discuss these values with your child, and do regularly look at your child's rewards on the ClassCharts Parents' App.

Every week, our Newsletter and weekly pupil briefing highlights examples of our pupils demonstrating each of these values, and we encourage all of our pupils to embody each of these values in everything they do.



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