

Newsletter

ISSUE 373

Of great merit, character & value



On the 24th September we welcomed Danny Mellin into school. Danny is an Oxfordshire-based singer/songwriter, who started playing guitar at the age of seven, penned his debut single, 'Without You', when he was just 14 and in 2016, he started his own YouTube channel, covering popular chart hits whilst continuing to write his own songs. He is currently touring the UK with his band.



Mrs Minton
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL

Alongside this, Danny also spends time visiting schools to talk about his musical career and the educational journey that led up to it. When he visited a few weeks ago, Danny spoke to Year 7 and 8 pupils not only about his huge successes but was also honest about his own struggles in school and the importance of mental health. Danny covered topics such as use of smartphones and the challenges they pose as well as the impacts of cyber bullying and how to stay safe online. The highlight of Danny's visits were his performances with his guitar, which staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed. A massive thank you to Danny for visiting us for what I know was a really enriching afternoon for our pupils.

It has also been busy for Lower School with our recent Year 6 Open Evenings at the KP Club where we were joined by a number of Year 6 pupils and their parents. These evenings had a really uplifting atmosphere where the best of everything at Woldgate was showcased by our staff and pupils, including our community ethos and values. Mrs McDonough also organised the Annual Wolds Cross Country Transition event held on the 2nd October. A massive 150 primary school pupils took part in one of four races. Nine Primary Schools attended - Stamford Bridge, Pocklington Juniors, Wilberfoss, Bugthorpe, Melbourne, Sutton, Mount Pleasant, St Martins and Barmby Moor.

Winners of the races were:

- Boys Year 3 / 4 Team Winner: Pock Juniors
- Girls Year 3 / 4 Team Winners: Wilberfoss
- Boys Year 5 / 6 Team Winners: Wilberfoss
- Girls Year 5 / 6 Team Winners: Stamford Bridge

There were also individual winners from Pocklington Juniors, Wilberfoss and Mount Pleasant Primary School. A massive thank you to the Sports leaders and helpers from year 7, 9 and 10 who did a brilliant job at supporting our primary school pupils in this event. It was brilliant to see so many pupils on our school field taking part with the beautiful Wolds surrounding them. A huge thank you to the Primary staff also who brought pupils to this event. It was a great success!



Headteacher's Welcome

Woldgate School has stood on this site, serving the local community and its children since 1958. Since then, thousands of pupils and staff have learned or worked here; each contributing to the rich history of our school and community. I am proud to be the headteacher of this school; a school with a strong ethos that has and always will teach, care for and support every child as an individual and I feel privileged to be present at the start of this new chapter in our school's history, as we look forward to the completion of our new school building.



On Friday 11th October, pupils, staff and I took part in the 'Steel Signing Ceremony'; an opportunity for representatives of those will use the new school building to sign their name on a steel support girder for posterity. Alongside our pupils and staff, we welcomed representatives from Wates (the company undertaking the new build), the Department for Education as well as our local Member of Parliament, Sir David Davis and Cllr Victoria Aitken, the East Riding Councillor. Our pupils, staff and guests were given a tour of the new building before having a chance to sign the steel.



This new school building will make a significant difference to the life and education of our pupil and staff. New classrooms and modern facilities will ensure our pupils and staff have access to the latest technology, resources and equipment. It will ensure that our pupils continue to be taught a world class curriculum in a building that reflects our high aspirations for all our young people. Most of all however, this is a building we will all be proud of, and shows our local community, our staff and most of all our pupils that their education is valued, and that they too deserve the best facilities available.



However, the heart of the school is and always be the people who constitute it; the local community, parents and carers, the staff but most of all the pupils and students. This new building represents the start of an exciting new chapter in our school's history; a change in our physical surroundings coupled with a continuity in that which makes our school so special, our ethos and people. Once our new building is open in September 2025, I hope to offer tours for parents, carers and members of the local community and more information will be made available next year.

Mr Sloman | HEADTEACHER

School Governor Vacancy

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

Parents Evening

Year 13	11th November
Year 11	10th February
Year 9	3rd March 2025
Year 10	7th May 2025
Year 8	19th May 2025
Year 12	9th June 2025
Year 7	16th June 2025

Pupil Reports

Year 7 – 9	January 2025 April 2025 July 2025
Year 10 and 12	December 2024 March 2025 June 2025
Year 11 and 13	November 2024 February 2025 April 2025

Creative Workshops for Young People





Key dates

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

- Tuesday 22nd October Year 12 World Challenge Information Evening from 6pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 23rd October Year 11 Study Skills Evening from 6pm.
- Thursday 24th October Sixth Form English Literature visit to Othello performance
..... GCSE Drama theatre visit Run Rebel Run from 5:30pm to 10:30pm
- Friday 25th October Last day of half term
- Monday 4th November First day back after half term
- Wednesday 6th November: House Enrichment Day
..... Year 11 Non-Exam Assessment Day 1 (Option Block A Subjects)
- Thursday 7th November: Year 11 Non-Exam Assessment Day 1 (Option Block B Subjects)
- Friday 8th November: Girls into STEM workshop
- Monday 11th November: Year 13 Parents' Evening (4:30pm to 7:00pm)
- Thursday 21st November: Woldgate Sixth Form Open Evening (6:00pm to 8:00pm)
- Tue 3rd to Thu 5th December: Little Shop of Horrors the Musical (7:00pm to 10:00pm)
- Mon 9th to Thu 19th December: Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams
- Friday 20th December: School Christmas Service at Pocklington All Saints Church (9am)

Subject Focus

Music

Little Shop of Horrors

As we approach half term the reality of our annual school production starts to come into focus! Our production of Little Shop of Horrors is well into the main rehearsal period now and the pupils are really enjoying the challenge of this full-scale Broadway show. Tickets will be on sale shortly after half term-it's not to be missed!

Olivia in Year 12 writes;

After only 4 weeks of rehearsals we are already on the stage! Four complete chorus songs have been learnt, three with movement blocked in which is incredible in so little time. This year sees a lot of new members taking up the challenge of the musical which is fantastic to see especially as an older member of the school who has been part of multiple events within Performing Arts at Woldgate. Mr Schofield, Mr Chapman and Mr Thorburn have all put in a huge amount of effort into producing the musical, generously giving up their time to help us all. I have been asked to lead the choreography for Little Shop of Horrors and I am really pleased and grateful to be given this opportunity. The musical has been a huge success in the past and from the progress we have seen already we all have high hope that this year will be one of the best yet.





Instrumental tuition

We currently have vacancies for Wind, Brass and String instrumental lessons. Please see the poster below. Those interested should ask their music teachers; Mr Trevaskiss or Mr Schofield for further information.

Wind Band

Wind Band rehearses every Tuesday lunchtime at 1.30 in T3. All Woodwind and Brass players are welcome to attend.

Pupil View

Eva in Year 9 writes;

I Love playing the Flute! I've been playing for 6 years and have done up to grade 6. I enjoy playing the Flute because it is an escape from life. You also get loads of opportunities outside of school. I was part of a centre for young musicians when I lived in Peterborough where we did singing, theory and ensemble work with my Flute. I also participated in a workshop with 'Wonderful Winds'. This is a Flute ensemble. I also played the music to accompany 'The Bear' (similar to 'The Snowman') in a big orchestra of around 1000 people.

What instruments could I have lessons on?



Pick up a letter from Mr Schofield or Mr Trevaskiss

At Woldgate there are amazing opportunities too. We have Wind Band on Tuesday lunchtime where we practice pieces and have a laugh too. We sometimes play in assemblies, and we played at the awards evening at the University of York. There are lots of opportunities in the East Riding Music Service but I've yet to find time.

If you enjoy music why not learn an instrument? It's never too late and we would like even more players to join Wind Band! Just ask Mr Trevaskiss or Mr Schofield.



Former pupil news

In September Millie Fisher began a Masters by Research in Musicology at The University of Huddersfield and then in Spring she was selected to present a paper, based on her current study at New York University Conference. Off the back of this, it has this week been confirmed that her research is to be fast tracked by The University of Huddersfield to the second year of a fully funded PhD. We have been made aware by Millie's supervisors that being selected to present an international paper whilst studying at Masters level is rare but being fast tracked to PhD is even more rare!

Obviously we are immensely proud of her having studied music to A level, receiving string lessons in her time with us at Woldgate as well as playing in the Chamber Orchestra in many concerts and events.

Millie's chosen area for study with her PHD is looking at the portrayal of female gender through music in film. With the odd exception, in most film music there is still a situation where women are presented as the weaker sex (and the industry of composing for film is heavily male dominated). Who knows what doors her research may open up for others?

Millie also now has a teaching job with 'In Harmony' - an initiative associated with Opera North, which concentrates on delivering music lessons to children in Leeds' most deprived areas.

Another one of our former pupils, Genevieve Fisher has graduated from The University of York with a First Class degree in Music! She has just taken up her first appointment teaching Upper Strings at Queen Margaret's School.

Even closer to home we are delighted to welcome Katie Wood to our music team. Katie is taking up the teaching of vocals having been a former Woldgate pupil herself before studying at the Royal Northern College of Music.

It is really lovely to hear of our former pupils' successes and we hope it provides an inspiration for others to keep going with their music and to realise that a career in music is entirely possible.





SEND & Attendance

Learning Support at Woldgate School

At Woldgate School, our staff know and care for all children as individuals and work hard to ensure that all pupils and students receive the support they need. Central to this care and support is our Learning Support team, and I am writing to make you aware of important news and exciting developments this year.

In August, in addition to a second year of pupil progress significantly above the national average, we were delighted to also celebrate our second year of outstanding GCSE outcomes for pupils with special educational needs. Pupils with Education and Healthcare Plans (EHCPs) achieved overall progress in excess of pupils without special educational needs, and more than half a grade higher than all pupils nationally. This is due not only to our pupils' hard work and dedication, but also to the individual care and support they received in the years, months and weeks before their exams.

In June we welcomed Mrs Bramall, our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Mrs Bramall previously worked at St Mary's College in Hull as an English teacher and led whole school improvement as Literacy Coordinator. Mrs Bramall is supported by a dedicated and caring Learning Support team, including Miss Pegg and Miss Rowland who work together with other colleagues to ensure all pupils and students receive the support they need.

This year, Mrs Bramall is leading the development of our Special Educational Needs provision at Woldgate School. We have also introduced two new roles to support pupils; Special Educational Needs and Learning Support Lead Teachers for both English and Maths. These colleagues will work closely with both Mrs Bramall and the English and Maths teaching teams respectively to ensure curriculums, resources and teaching meet the needs of all pupils.

Since September, all teachers and support staff have improved access to up-to-date information about pupils' learning needs and effective strategies. In addition, staff training has focussed on the following areas since the start of the year:

- **SEND areas of need**
- **The functioning of teenagers' brains and how best to support them**
- **Social, emotional and mental health support**
- **Relational approaches to supporting pupils and students**
- **Trauma-informed practise in support young people**
- **Wellbeing, de-escalation and restorative practise**

Mrs Bramall and her team are currently in the process of reviewing our SEND register and will be in contact with parents and carers in the coming weeks about the support your child will receive over the coming year.

This year, I am looking forward to the continuing important work of our SEND Working Party, consisting of parents, carers and school staff, and more information about how you can take part in this will be shared shortly.

I am also looking forward to the first of our SEND Review Evenings later this term, when we will be inviting the parents and carers of pupils with special educational needs into school to discuss, review and update their children's Learning Plans. More information about this evening will be shared in due course.

Thank you as ever for all the support you give to my colleagues; all of whom are dedicated and work hard every day to ensure your children receive the support they need and meet their full potential. I look forward to sharing more information and developments with you over the coming months.



MRS BRAMALL



MRS PEGG



MISS ROWLAND



Enrichment Activities:

Autumn Term

Our Enrichment programme has launched and it is always a privilege to see the large number of pupils who are taking part in activities throughout the week. Enrichment and holistic education is an essential part of school life; it gives our pupils the opportunity to learn new skills; make new friends, extend their learning beyond the classroom and help to organise activities and events.

The following Enrichment activities are available for pupils to take part in this term, and the booking form is available for parents and pupils on ClassCharts and our Pupil Homepage. Please contact us if you have any questions:

Monday

Lunchtimes (from 1:15pm)

Table Tennis (Years 8 and 9)

Science Homework Club (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Year 11 Technology GCSE Lunch Club

After school (from 3pm)

Netball (All Years)

Homework Club (All Years)

'Little Shop of Horrors' Musical Rehearsals

Library Club (Year 7, 8 and 9)

Tuesday

Lunchtimes (from 1:15pm)

Wind Band (All Years)

Boardgame Club (All Years)

PC Building Club (All Years)

Badminton (Years 7 and 8)

Art Club (Years 9 and 10)

Principal Vocal Coaching (All Years)



Wednesday

Lunchtimes (from 1:15pm)

Year 11 Technology GCSE Lunch Club#
Book Club (Years 7, 8 and 9)
Chess Club (All Years)
Media and Film Club (All Years)

Table Tennis (Years 9, 10 and 11)
Geography Club (All Years)
Languages Club (Years 7, 8 and 9)
Art Club (Year 11)

After school (from 3pm)

Homework Club (All Years)
'Little Shop of Horrors' Musical Rehearsals
Library Club (Year 7, 8 and 9)
Needlecraft Club (All Years)
Cross Country (All Years)

GCSE Music Coursework Club (Year 11)
A Level Chemistry Club (Years 12 and 13)
Design & Technology Coursework Catchup
Club (Year 11)

Thursday

Lunchtimes (from 1:15pm)

GCSE Science Revision Club
(Years 10 and 11)
Chemistry Catch-Up Club (Years 10 to 13)

Badminton (Years 9, 10 and 11)
History Club (Years 7 and 8)

Friday

Lunchtimes (from 1:15pm)

Year 11 Technology GCSE Lunch Club
GCSE Science Revision Club (Years 10 and
11)

GCSE Religious Studies Revision Club (Years
10 and 11)
Equality Club (All Years)
Dodgeball (Years 7 and 8)

Everyday

Music Live Performances in the Main Hall
(All Years)



Personal Development

This week I would like to update you on what Year 8 and 9 doing in their STARS sessions this half term. Both year groups are focusing on the 'Citizenship' aspect of the STARS curriculum this half term.

Year 8 are considering the themes of law and order, justice, and democracy this half term. Year 8 pupils started this term by exploring issues around young people and the law. They looked at the attitudes of some young people to the law and what happens to young people when they break the law, including the role of the Youth Court. In the last few weeks of this half term, Year 8 will look at the issue of local democracy. They look at the function of local councils and consider how they form part of the democratic system in this country.

Year 9 are looking at the issue of Human Rights this half term. Pupils started the term by looking at what the UN was and what its function is. Following on from that, pupils then explored what is meant by 'human rights' and examples from across the world where there are human rights abuses. Pupils will finish the half term by debating whether everyone, including terrorists for example, deserve to have their human rights met.

Careers Update

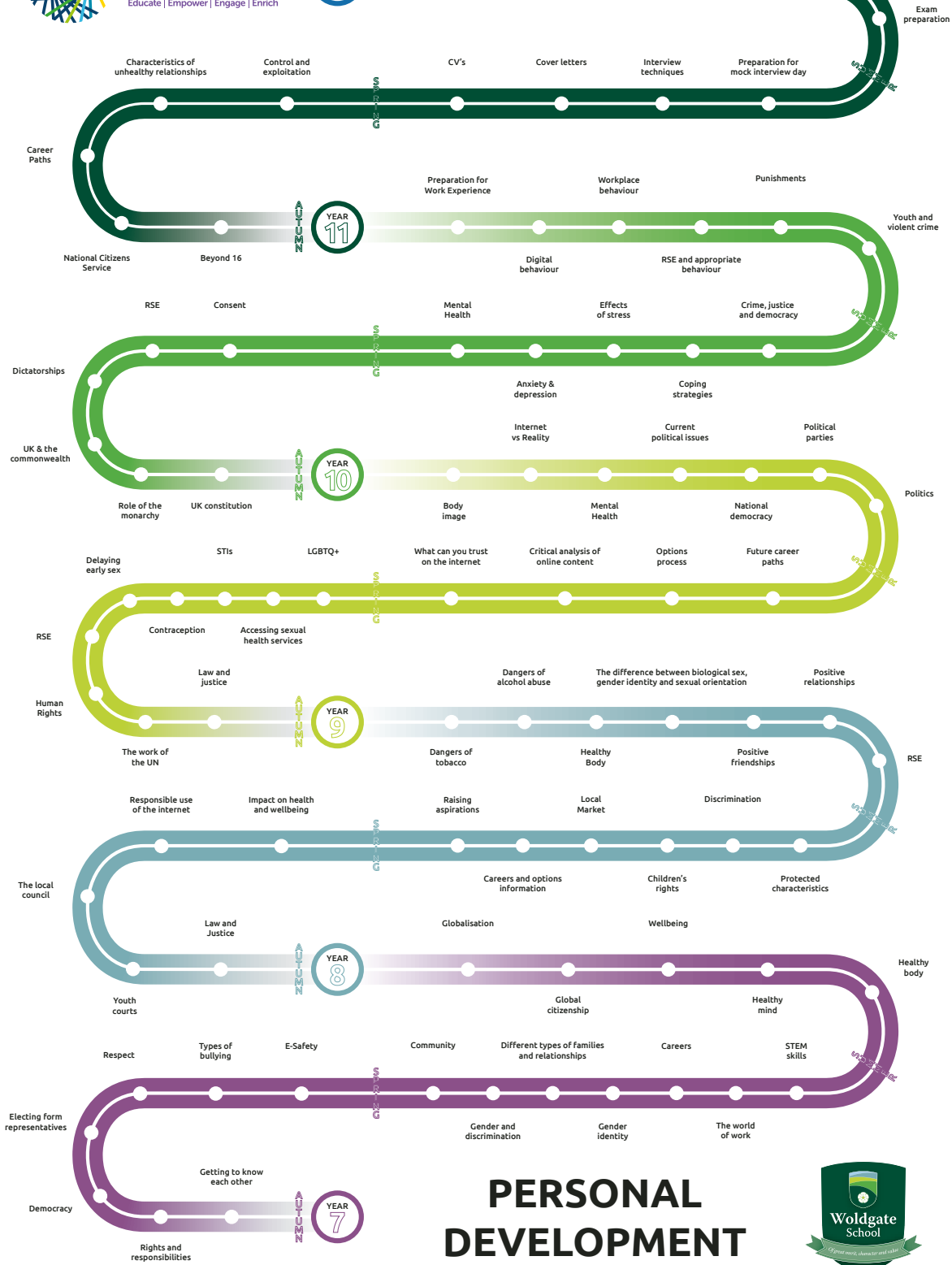
I would like to bring your attention to a website that is very useful for pupils as well as parents/ carers. www.skillshullandeastyorkshire.co.uk is a one stop shop for key information relating to careers information and opportunities in and around the Hull and East Yorkshire area. One of the particularly useful aspects of the website is its local market information. The website breaks down the region by town and city and gives details of the jobs market in those locations. This could help pupils plan which sectors they want to work in and the availability of opportunities in their locale. The website also has a great employability support section. This has great careers tools such as the 'careerometer' and the 'skillsometer', tools which can help pupils and students to see which are their dominant skills and which careers they might be suited to. We will continue to profile aspects of the website in future editions.



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GCSE EXAMINATIONS





LOCAL CAREER INFORMATION WEBSITE

The Skills Hull and East Yorkshire website helps residents of the East Riding, especially young people and their families, to make more informed decisions about their career by providing FREE local employment and labour market information.



Explore Job & Career Roles

- Find out which jobs are most in demand in our region.
- Explore our library of 'Careers of the Week'.
- Watch short inspirational career videos in 'How Did You Get That Job?'

Informative & Inspirational Content

- Find out which of the region's employment sectors are growing.
- Discover local employers in our Company Profiles and interactive 'Businesses in Your Area' map.

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- Get career tips and advice in our Employability Support Guides and careers blog.

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Skills Hull and East Yorkshire is an East Riding of Yorkshire Council service

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*



Rewards

Rewards for the Week

Our school motto is **'Everything we 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.

85,095

MERIT

11,045

CHARACTER

5,906

VALUE

157,064

TOTAL

Our School Houses

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.

49,855

HOUSE TOTAL



29,354



33,633



31,751



27,371



26,720



Awards

Headteacher Awards

The Headteacher Award is given to those exceptional pupils and students who achieve the highest number of rewards in their year group each week.

The recipients of the Headteachers Awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Lacie Dodsworth
- Year 8:** Ellen Greensted
- Year 9:** Jack Doherty
- Year 10:** Bethany Harmon Slone
- Year 11:** Edna Machado
- Year 12:** Jakob Hesmondhalgh
- Year 13:** Joseph North

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 most Great Character awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Charlie Cooper
- Year 8:** Orson Innes
- Year 9:** Austin Beevers
- Year 10:** Yuri Korchaha
- Year 11:** Grace Duncan
- Year 12:** Adam Brown
- Year 13:** Oscar Rose

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 most Great Merit awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Alfie Barras
- Year 8:** Katy Harrison
- Year 9:** Alfie Cooper
- Year 10:** Leon Cook
- Year 11:** Will Parker
- Year 12:** Chloe Delaney
- Year 13:** Jennifer Aguirre Hernandez

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 most Great Value awards last week were:

- Year 7:** Leon Anderson
- Year 8:** Chloe Graves
- Year 9:** Phoebe Berry
- Year 10:** Bryan Jackson
- Year 11:** Alice Markham
- Year 12:** Ella Wilkie
- Year 13:** Emily Guest

Meet our Pupil Care Team



Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 7

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Year 9

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Sixth Form

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Care & Achievement Coordinator: Diabetic Care and First Aid.

Mrs L Kendra

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Teach with Wonder

Paid Teaching Internship Programme 2025

£1,275
Teaching
Internships
available
now!

After an extremely successful internship programme in 2024, we are delighted to once again be able to offer more young people an opportunity to find out why teaching is such an inspirational career choice.

Our internship programme combines professional development, talks from external speakers, a visit to one of our primary schools, planning a trip and of course an opportunity to teach our pupils. You receive dedicated mentorship, support, and training over the three-week period and in your final week, you can choose to teach your very first lesson. It is simply a privilege to see our interns flourish and utterly amazing to see them stand in front of their first class after just three weeks.

In addition to all the great opportunities you will receive during this three-week programme, you will also receive a payment of £1,275.00 funded by the Department for Education.

Our paid internships are available for people who:

- have a genuine interest in teaching
- have not already accepted a place on an Initial Teacher Training programme
- have not completed a paid internship before
- have (or are working towards completing) a degree or a related degree in mathematics, physics, chemistry, or modern foreign languages (French and Spanish)

We are recruiting for placements in maths, physics, chemistry and modern foreign languages starting on:

- 9th June 2025 to 27th June 2025
- 23rd June 2025 to 11th July 2025

Our internships are available at both:

Woldgate School and Sixth Form www.woldgate.net

and

Longcroft School and Sixth Form www.longcroftschoo.co.uk



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Recruitment now open!

To register and receive an application pack please contact:

Victoria Tomlinson

Wonder Institute of Education

IOE@WLP.education





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Recruiting

Head of PE

Closing Date:

9am 21st October 2024

Interview:

23rd October 2024

Apply:

recruitment@wlp.education



Pocklington Junior School

www.pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk

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Recruiting

Term time only + 5 days

Administration & Attendance Manager

Join our forward thinking team

SCP6 £23,893 (pro rata)

Monday to Thursday: 8.15am-4.45pm, Friday: 8.15am-4.15pm

Interview Date: W/c 11th November 2024

Closes: 4pm 8th November 2024

Information and Application Form: www.wlp.education

Applications to: admin@pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk