



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



15 September 2023

Headteacher's Message

It has been another positive week at WLD with Discovery House taking the lead on both attendance and positive points. It is wonderful to see students celebrating their positive achievement points in assemblies. During our tours of the school, we have witnessed high levels of engagement in lessons and are proud of the start our students are making.

We do work with children, however and we appreciate that things don't always go well. We all make mistakes from time to time, so if your son or daughter finds themselves in this position, please speak to them about what went wrong and how they can move forward. This includes attending detentions or isolations because of issues inside or outside the classroom. It is during this time that we can speak to students ourselves and support them in strengthening relationships and supporting them in their behaviours and conduct moving forward.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

500 BUS SERVICE

Please see message below from Moving People regarding the 500 Bus Service:

It has been observed this week that the 500 is struggling to get to school on time and no longer collects or drops off in Gregson Lane Village. We propose to omit Gregson Lane Village from the route with effect from 11/09/23.

Open Evening

We will be holding our Annual Open Evening on Thursday 5th October, therefore school will close to all students at 12.30pm.

Whole School Messages

Student Absence Reporting

Please see the link to our website [here](#) where you will find information on reporting student absences “How to report student absences using Classcharts”. We only use Classcharts and Schoolcomms as the only two methods of notification. Please do not ring or email school. If your child has a medical appointment, please upload a copy of this evidence onto Classcharts.

Year 11 History

Please see the message sent out earlier in the week for the year 11 History trip to Hoghton Tower on 14th November. Please book via parentpay by Tuesday 31st October.

Parent Forum



We are trying to increase the number of parents involved in our parent forum. This is an opportunity for you to give us feedback on current practice and new ideas we have for improving the learning experiences of our students and your input is helpful in supporting our decision making. If you would like to join our parent forum, please contact Mrs Rachel Long, Deputy Headteacher r.long@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk

Years 7 to 9 Reading Tests- week commencing 18th September 2023

Next week students in Years 7 to 9 will be doing a Reading test in one of their English lessons. We do these tests because we know that developing literacy and reading ability is fundamental to a pupil's ability to access the curriculum in secondary school. The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is an assessment that reliably measures reading skills against the national average so that we can support our students who need help with their reading.

The test will be done in an English lesson. Students do the tests on a computer and it takes about 40 minutes to an hour to complete the test.

It is important that our students concentrate well in the test and work to their potential so that we have an accurate picture of where their strengths lie and what their areas for development are. This will enable us to put support in place where appropriate.

Our students shouldn't worry about doing these tests and do not need to do any preparation in advance of the test.

We will be in touch with parents and carers once we have the results of the Reading tests with strategies to support reading at home.

Mrs Helen Brown, Assistant Headteacher

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Discovery 87.42%		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C2 94.97%	Apollo A7 96.43%	Endeavour E3 93.81%	Voyager V1 93.68%	Discovery D1 90.59%
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Liam S (C6)	Apollo Emily S-D (A7)	Endeavour Mylee N (E4)	Voyager Riley M (V4)	Discovery Frank J (D6)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Discovery		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C2	Apollo A1/A3	Endeavour E3	Voyager V2	Discovery D7
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Freddie T (C1)	Apollo Lucia R (A5)	Endeavour Emmie W (E4)	Voyager Antonia A (V7)	Discovery Cydan T (D2)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Verity P (C2)	Apollo Jessica W (A1)	Endeavour Izabela D (E2)	Voyager Regan K (V6)	Discovery Jessica S (D5)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Leah B (C2)	Apollo Reilley B (A5)	Endeavour Ethan W (E7)	Voyager Giles W (V5)	Discovery Abi E (D5)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Andrew N (C4)	Apollo Jessica B (A4)	Endeavour Zack B (E7)	Voyager Luke B (V7)	Discover Diwan Y (D7)

Subject Awards of the Week

From 25th September one department each week will nominate one student per class to receive an award for exceptional attitude to learning.

Whole School Messages

Homework

Please be aware that homework will be set on Classcharts.

In order to aid transition for our Year 7 students, we have reduced the number of subjects setting homework for the first term to English, Maths and Science. Of course, when students have assessments, they will be asked to revise for them - regardless of the subject.

For students in Years 8 to 11, the following guidelines will be followed.

	KS3	KS4
	30 mins per subject	1 hour per subject
Weekly	English Maths Science Geography History	English Maths Science Option A Option B Option C Computing
Once every 2 weeks	Music (A) Drama (B) Computing (A) RE (A) Languages – French and/or German	
Every 5 weeks	Technology	
Every half-term	Art	

Homework Support

Homework support will begin again from Monday 11th September. This will run in the Library and D4. Students can access support from members of staff until 4pm each day.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the link [here](#) to this month's Online Safety Newsletter.

CAREERS MESSAGES

Runshaw College Open Evening

Please see the information below for Runshaw College's upcoming Open Events. Click on the link to book your place: <https://openday.runshaw.ac.uk/>



The poster features three students (two boys and one girl) holding large white letters that spell 'PRA'. The background is red with a large '50th' logo. Text on the poster includes: 'You are invited to our OPEN EVENTS', 'Saturday 23rd September, 10.00am – 2.00pm', 'Thursday 12th October, 4.00pm – 8.00pm', 'Tuesday 21st November, 4.00pm – 8.00pm', 'RUNSHAW COLLEGE', 'runshaw.ac.uk/openevent', and a '50th' anniversary logo.