



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 10th November

Headteacher's Message

Following an accident outside school today in which one of our students was hit by a car, could I please ask parents to remind your children be extra careful crossing the road, particularly at this time of year. The sun is low in the sky at the time that students are walking into school and can make it difficult for drivers to see and dark nights, bad weather and wet roads can all contribute to road traffic accidents. Thankfully the young man who was hit was able to get up and has been taken to hospital and we are very grateful to our residents who alerted the school and his family.

We have noticed an increase in the number of students without full school uniform or wearing jewellery in school. Please can I remind parents that only Y11 students may wear the old-style school skirt and trousers must be tailored; leggings are not permitted. We understand that there are times when students may have, for instance, their skirt in the wash or their shoes may be wet. We do have stocks of spare uniform in order that students can change to meet our uniform standards.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents should report any absences or medical appointments on Classcharts or Schoolcomms by 9am. Please ensure that you contact the school on each day of your child's absence. A link to "How to report student absences using Classcharts" can be found on our website.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year our Christmas Lunch will be on the same day as Christmas Jumper Day - **Thursday 7th December**. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please complete the form below by **12noon on Tuesday 28th November**.

[Christmas Lunch](#)

Interhouse Pumpkin Carving competition results

1st place Voyager – Winning entry from V5 Pawel S
2nd place Endeavour – Winning entry E3 Miss Gonzalez and Alex L
3rd place Challenger – Winning entry C3 Robyn K M
4th place Apollo – Winning Entry A3 Brayden S
5th place Discovery – Winning Entry D4/D5 Alex D and Jessica S

Well done to everyone who entered it was a difficult decision:
V3 Form
Ruby May P – C3
C3 Form
E3 Form
A5 Form
Alicia D8
Emily Y and Angel L V5
Evie F A6
Chloe R D2
E7 Form



Whole School Messages

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December 2023



On Thursday 7th December, the same day as our Christmas Dinner, Walton-Le-Dale are taking part in the national Christmas jumper day to raise money for the amazing work of Save the Children.

For a donation of at least £2, students are welcome to come to school in a festive jumper along with their normal school uniform. Please be

rest assured we do not expect parents/carers to go and purchase a Christmas jumper for this event, anything festive will do. We would much prefer the money to go towards our £500 target for Save the Children.

By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we'll be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We'll be helping them fight for the future they deserve.

The money we raise could go towards some amazing things like:

£2 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter;

£5 could pay for a maths pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school;

£40 could give a family who've escaped war in Ukraine enough food for a month.



All you need to do to take part in this day is scan the code with your phone camera to give to the pot and it will go straight to Save the Children.

Alternatively, you can visit the JustGiving page directly here

[Walton-le-Dale Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Inter-house poetry competition

Young Writers Poetry Competition

Lest We Forget invites 4-18 year-olds to write a poem in any style on the theme of war and peace.

Here are some ideas for inspiration:

- The sadness of war
- The hope of peace
- The courage of soldiers
- The innocence of children
- From someone else's point of view
- What it's like to have a family member in active service
- Write for Remembrance Day

Poems can be written or typed, and there is no line or word limit - let creativity and expression flow!

All entries will be entered into the competition.



Please give your entry to:
Mrs McClelland or Miss Rowson

Deadline: Thursday 16th November



Online Safety Newsletter November 2023

Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

Talking to your child about sexting

It is important that we talk to our children about the risks of sexting. We understand that it can be difficult to start these conversations though. 'Children 1st' have an area on their website offering advice on talking to your child about sexting and ideas on how to start a conversation:

<https://www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/guidance-advice/sexting>

Amaze have also created a useful video – 'Sexting: What Should You Do?' which is worth a watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWxAimnKupE>

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**



What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

WhatsApp's editing feature

You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

Sensitive Content Warning on Apple devices

Apple released their new iOS 17 operating system in September. One of the new features includes a "sensitive content warning." You can choose to receive a warning about any photos or videos that might contain nudity before you view them. It also links to related resources and guidance.

If Sensitive Content Warning is activated on your device and the device believes an image/video contains nudity, then your device will blur the image and display a warning so you can choose to view it or not. You can activate this setting in 'Privacy and Security.' You can find out more here:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213834>

This article also links to further information about "Communication Safety on your child's Apple device." This is available for child accounts signed in with their Apple ID and part of a Family Sharing group.

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C2	Apollo A7	Endeavour E3	Voyager V2	Discovery D1
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Lilly M (C5)	Apollo Jay M (A4)	Endeavour Maddison W-B (E3)	Voyager Kyle N (V2)	Discovery Jayden S (D6)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Discovery		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C2	Apollo A7	Endeavour E7	Voyager V7	Discovery D3
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Finlay M (C6)	Apollo Estelle S (A7)	Endeavour Mal D (E1)	Voyager Pawel S (V5)	Discovery Shaun D (D4)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Athena D (C4)	Apollo Nataniel K (A7)	Endeavour Emily R (E4)	Voyager Manha C (V7)	Discovery Ben H (D3) Shaun D (D4)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Orla H (C3)	Apollo Lucia R (A5)	Endeavour Morgan G O (E4)	Voyager Ryan J (V3)	Discovery Leo M (D4)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Kian R (C2)	Apollo Benjamin B (A2)	Endeavour Jakob B (E2)	Voyager Jason DH (V5)	Discover Nerrissa W (D2)

Rewards

Arts Awards of the Week

Year 7 Art Awards	
7WA	No nomination due to staff absence
7WS	No nomination due to staff absence
7WP	Esmae M (C7)
7DI	No nomination due to staff absence
7DR	Evie H (D7)
7DE	No nomination due to staff absence
Year 8 Art Awards	
8WA	Lilly M (C5)
8WS	Enia B (C2)
8WP	Ellie Mai S (E1)
8DI	Harry S (D5)
8DR	Brayden M (C2)
8DE	Anna Susan E (D1)

Rewards

Year 9 Art Awards	
9WA	Elisha T (A4)
9WS	Lillie Mae S (D6)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Evie W (V6)
9DR	Poppy G (V4)
9DE	Rubie-Leigh P (A6)
GCSE Art Awards	
10C Art	Austina K (D6)
11A Art	Emily Y (V5)
Year 7 Drama Awards	
7WA	Milo M (E7)
7WS	Lisia S (E7)
7WP	Sophie H (C7)
7DI	Daniella A (V7)
7DR	Evie H (D7)
7DE	Josh C (C7)
Year 8 Drama Awards	
8WA	Athena D (C4)
8WS	Reilly B (A5)
8WP	Ella-Mai S (E1)
8DI	Ethan R (C4)
8DR	Scarlet G (V6)
8DE	Lexi D (D6)
Year 9 Drama Awards	
9WA	Danny H (E2)
9WS	Amy-May H (V6)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Mark Killeen (D1)
9DR	Hollie R (C4)
9DE	Harvey R (D4)
GCSE Drama Awards	
10B Drama	Olivia J (E3)
11B Drama	Alex L (E3)
Year 7 Music Awards	
7WA	Grace Z (D8)
7WS	Ryan G (D7)
7WP	Lilly M (D8)
7DI	Poppy E (E7)
7DR	Dylan J (D8)
7DE	Owen J (D8)
Year 8 Music Awards	
8WA	Ollie C (C2)
8WS	Aoife C (C5)
8WP	Lucas M (E2)
8DI	Jay M (A4)

Rewards

8DR	Ella N (E5)
8DE	Anna H (V2)
Year 9 Music Awards	
9WA	Danny H (E2)
9WS	Oscar G (V3)
9WP	Olivia S (V2)
9DI	Leon C (V2)
9DR	Gracie-Mae M (D1)
9DE	Karalee W (V1)
GCSE Music Awards	
10A Music	Kayla W (V2)
11B Music	Jorja S (D1)



Homework Champions

Homework is an important way of students learning how to study independently and also of consolidating their learning.

- Each week, Mrs Long (DHT) will award an SLT Classcharts badge for the most homework submitted for students in each year group; these students will also receive a 'golden ticket' for the dining room (HALs will give these to students in assembly).
- **Certificates** will be awarded in our awards assemblies for homework, as this shows your dedication to your studies and learning.
- Before Christmas, there will be a **reward activity** – off-timetable- for those completing their homework (Miss Rowson will provide more information).
- Each week, Mrs Long will award an **SLT Classcharts badge** for the most homework submitted.

The Homework Champions for this week are:

Year 7	Daniella N (A7) Estelle S (A7) Erin H (D8) Max D (A7) Igor K (C7)
Year 8	Alexandra D (D4) Ava-Grace D (A5) Hollie C (D2) Annabelle T (E6) Harry S (D5) Leo M (D4) Lucia R (A5)
Year 9	Hayley A (E3) Brandon L (C4)
Year 10	Ryan J (V3) Alfie G (V4)
Year 11	Shardaya B (A3) Morgan G-O (E4)