



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 12th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the new year. I have been speaking to the students about new year's resolutions and habits in assemblies, as we often see students who struggle to get into routines again. Building simple habits such as when you take off your school uniform, put your tie in your pocket, can prevent students coming into conflict over missing uniform each day.

We do still have some students with acrylic nails - please ensure these are removed over the weekend to avoid further sanctions. Leggings are not permitted and nor are trainers, if you are struggling with uniform, please contact your child's HAL.

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

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

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.



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SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR INSET DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed to students on **Monday 22nd January** for Inset Day and will open as normal Tuesday 23rd January.



School ParentPay Accounts

As mentioned in previous bulletins, the lunch accounts are now limited to **-£4.80**. This means students will be allowed to go into arrears for **a maximum of 2 meal deals only**.

After this point students will be refused food. Please can you check your child's account regularly and top up if needed.

Do you have a safeguarding concern? There are lots of services available for you to speak to.

If you have concerns for a child's welfare and you require advice, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720. For out of hours (evenings and weekends) please call 0300 123 6722. For a child who resides in the Blackburn area, please ring the Children's advice and duty service on 01254 666400. For out of hours (evenings and weekends) please call 01254 587547.

If you have immediate concerns for a child, please dial 999 and ask for the Police.

For mental health support services, please see the links below for information and contact details:

- **Kooth** - all anonymous and over text (there is an app to download)
- **School Nursing Service** - 11-19 years olds can text their school nurse on 07507330510 or scan the QR code to contact them via Chat Health, for anonymous advice 9-5pm =
- **Shout** - Text SHOUT to **85258** (more of a crisis line if struggling to cope)
- **Papyrus** – Prevention for young suicide contact: 0800 068 4141
- **Samaritans** - for support call 116 113 for free or email jo@samaritans.org
- <https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/our-services/service-finder-z/children-and-young-peoples-psychological-services>
- **Young Minds** – Crisis messenger is a free 24/7 UK service. Text 'YM' to 85258



SCAN ME

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched The Big Ambition. This is a campaign to hear the views of young people in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world and what their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

We hope you will encourage your child to give their views. The survey can be completed here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Upcoming Progress Evenings

Our Year 8 Progress Evening (Parents/ Carer Evening) is on Thursday 8th February (4pm-6.30pm). Our second Year 11 Progress Evening of the year will take place on Thursday 29th February (4pm-6.30pm).

We invite you to attend our Progress Evenings which are face to face events and take place in the school building. We use SchoolCloud as our online booking system and we will send parents and carers more details soon about each of these evenings and how to book your appointments with subject teachers.

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

Year 10 and 11 Revision Strategies Evening

Mock examinations are well underway. Students will be provided with 'next steps' in their learning and revision, following these assessments.

We are working with Elevate Education this year to support our students in preparing for their examinations. As part of this preparation, we have invited parents/carers to a revision workshop on 8th February 2024 (book [here](#) if you would like to attend). We have also opened this evening to parents/carers of students in Year 10.

In addition, Elevate Education are running some online revision webinars starting later this month. Details of these have been emailed to parents/carers (11/01/24). Please see email sent out previously with the relevant attachments for booking.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students are now halfway through their mock exam period. Mock exams are an important event in the calendar for our Year 11 students because it is crucial that they know the routines and rules that are an expectation in the 'real' summer exams. We are proud of how our students are coping with their mock exams.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Students must be on time for their exams.
2. Behaviour in the exam hall must be excellent.
3. Mobiles phones, watches and ear pods cannot be taken into the exam.
4. Students cannot communicate with any other students in the exam room in any way. Once in the exam room, students can only communicate with the invigilators and school staff.

Please find more important 'Information for Candidates' on our school website:

<https://www.waltonedale.lancs.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/examinations>



Scouts gives young people #SkillsForLife.

Squirrels (4-6yrs)

Beavers (6-8yrs)

Cubs (8-10 ½)

Scouts (10 ½-14)

Explorers (14-18)



Want to try something new? Want to learn a new skill? Want to meet a new group of friends?

Each week we help young people have fun, go on adventures and develop #SkillsForLife. Why not be one of them!

Register your interest at

<https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/> and we will match you up with the right group for you.

For further information please contact our team.

jan.townley@westlancsscouts.org.uk

lizzy.baker@westlancsscouts.org.uk

Can you help young people in West Lancashire step up and dream big?

We need volunteers to help our young people develop #SkillsForLife.

Whole School Messages

Homework Club

Please be aware that homework club is currently not on due to staffing changes. We hope to offer this service again soon.

Homework Champions

Homework is set on Classcharts.



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 8. Individual Champions are:

Year 7	Manha C (V7) Alfie C (E7)
Year 8	Leo M (D4) Annabelle T (E6)
Year 9	Thomas G (A4) Ella P (A3)
Year 10	Isaac H (V4) Thomas C (E6) Summer C (A4)
Year 11	Oliwier J (E3) Summer W (E6)

Rewards

Classcharts Awards

Form with the most Positives	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E4	Voyager V3	Discovery D7
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Kyle R (C5)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Charlie C (E4)	Voyager Georgia H (V3)	Discovery Jessica S (D7)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Verity P (C2)	Apollo Fariya J (A7)	Endeavour Daniel D (E3)	Voyager Aaron M (V3)	Discovery Kayden M (D3)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Ethan R (C4)	Apollo Lucy B (A6)	Endeavour Annabelle T (E6)	Voyager Aaron W (V5)	Discovery Leo M (D4)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Isabelle K (C4)	Apollo Jess Brown (A4)	Endeavour Lexie R-S (E4)	Voyager Emily F (V6)	Discover Mia F (D2)

Humanities Rewards

Year 7 Geography awards	
7WA	Lily T (V7)
7WS	Alicia M (D8)
7WP	Eva T (A7)
7DI	Daniella N (A7)
7DR	Lola P (C7)
7DE	Josh C (7)
Year 7 History awards	
7WA	Nikola J (V7)
7WS	Tamzin B (D7)
7WP	Oskar W (A7)
7DI	Amelia M (E7)
7DR	Estelle S (A7)
7DE	Manha C (V7)
Year 7 RE awards	
7WA	Jacob O (D7)
7WS	Alicia M (D8)
7WP	Ethan W (E7)
7DR	Estelle S (A7)
7DE	Manha C (V7)
Year 8 Geography awards	
8WA	Ada v (V1)
8WS	Cody W (V4)
8WP	Evie T (E6)
8DI	Hollie C (D2)
8DR	Jessica S (D5)
8DE	Lilybelle S (V4)
Year 8 History awards	
8WA	Athena D (C4)
8WS	Reilly B (A5) Caleb C (A1)
8WP	Casey R (E3)
8DI	Harry S (D5)
8DR	Scarlett D (C2)
8DE	James K (E3)

Year 8 RE awards	
8WA	Anthony G (A6)
8WS	Layla R (A4)
8WP	Casey R (D5)
8DI	Alexandra D (D4)
8DR	Jessica S (D5)
8DE	Oliver R (V4)
Year 9 Geography awards	
9WA	Brodie S (A1)
9WS	Amy H (V6)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Ben H (D3)
9DR	Andrew N (C4)
9DE	Thomas P (V4)
Year 9 History awards	
9WA	Emily B (C5)
9WS	Alfie S (C6)
9WP	Brogan W (E3)
9DI	Daisy B (D5)
9DE	Giles W (V5)
Year 9 RE awards	
9WA	Layla H (D4)
9WS	Amy H (V6)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Niamh R (D5)
9DR	Emily H (C3)
9DE	Thomas P (V4)
GCSE Humanities rewards	
10A/Gg1	Cameron B (E6)
10A/Hi1	Alfie G (V4)
10B/Hi1	Kayla W (V2)
10B/Re1	Rowan M (V2)
10C/Gg1	Amelia M (V2)
10C/Hi1	Summer H (E6)
10C/Hi2	William B (E4) Rowan M (V2)
11A/Hi1	Ruby W (E5)
11A/Re1	Rhianna L (D6)
11B/Gg1	Connie H (V5)
11B/Hi1	Emilia T (C5)
11B/Hi2	Izabela D (E2)
11C/Gg1	Izabela D (E2)
11C/Hi1	Alex L (E3)
11C/Re1	Grace T (A1)