



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 15th December 2023

Headteacher's Message

Parents collecting students from school will no doubt have noticed the police presence outside school. Unfortunately, we have had threats of violence made to some of our students outside of school. Most of these have been from students from other schools. Lancashire Police have supported us this week with a much-increased presence, and this will continue in a more discrete manner moving forward. I realise that this can be alarming to parents, however we felt we needed this support to send a very clear message that aggressive behaviour and threats of physical violence towards our community will not be tolerated.

Please can we remind parents that eyelashes and fake nails are not permitted. We recognise that students are gearing up for Christmas parties, but can we please appeal to parents to make any appointments for the afternoon of Friday 22nd December!

We are currently working towards a conversion date of 1st February for our conversion to an academy and joining Aspirational Futures. We have secured a significant amount of additional funding towards school improvement because of academisation. This will support in the funding of a secure fence around the school perimeter, revision programmes for year 11 students and other additional resources for the school including more 3D printing facilities, textbooks and laptops as well as increased leadership roles within the school. We have a new school website which will be launched in the new year and several updated policies. I will continue to use the bulletin to keep you up to date with these. In the meantime, I need to alert you to the updated privacy notice for pupils available on the school website, [linked here](#).

The Governors have approved the holiday dates for the next academic year and they can be found on our [website here](#).

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

UNIFORM

Unfortunately, over the last couple of weeks we have seen a decline in uniform standards. This is just a reminder of our uniform policy:

- If choosing to wear a skirt this **must be** black knee length pleated skirt – only available from school.
- Tailored black trousers - jeans-style, low waisted, very flared, legging-style, types of trousers **are not allowed**.
- All students **must wear** a grey tie.
- All students **must wear** their blazer.
- All students **must wear** black shoes. Trainers **are not allowed**.

Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Just a reminder that school will close to students at **12.30pm next Friday 22nd December** and will reopen on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Following the recent round of elections, congratulations go to Mr Chris Bilsborough who has been appointed as a Parent Governor.

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents should report any absences or medical appointments only 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.



Food Banks - Supporting our families this Christmas!



The local foodbank at **St Aidan's Church, in Bamber Bridge** provides food support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall, Clayton-le-Woods and Walton-le-Dale. They are open Monday and Friday 9:30am to 11:30am. Refrigerated frozen and fresh foods is now on offer together with life-long products for a contribution of £2.50. Our wonderful staff have made donations this Christmas!

While the Larder is open, coffee morning operates next door in the Community Hub. Drinks, toast and cakes are served for a voluntary donation and there is a children's corner with toys. Advisory agencies also visit to offer practical help and volunteers are always available to talk to. For more information:

Email christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com / 07762905978.

Blackburn Food Bank open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 2pm. They can provide up to three days' worth of nutritionally balanced meals - The Oaks, Oakenhurst Rd, Blackburn, BB2 1SN. They can be contacted via **email or telephone:** info@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk / 01254 672756.

If you wish for further support in referring to food banks, please contact Mrs Sheridan: r.butler@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk or Miss Yates s.yates@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk

Walton-le-Dale's Christmas Food Drive

For the food bank at St. Aidan's Church

**EVERYONE
CAN
MAKE
A
DIFFERENCE**

Please donate unwanted food items to D11 by Thursday 21st December



Interhouse competition this week – Design and make a Christmas card

Cards must be no bigger than A5 (A4 folded) we are looking for unique designs that have been handmade. Entries must be with Mrs McClelland or Mrs. Rowson (or on our desks in our office. My 9am Wednesday 20th December for judging.



Chillfactore Experience

We have been sent this offer from TGM/Chill Factor'e, it could make a great last minute Christmas present – beginners lesson Sunday 7th February 2024, limited places available. Follow the link here for more information: <https://tgmholidays.com/chillfactore/>



Thank you for taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day and for your kind and generous donations. There is still time to donate so if you didn't get chance, you can do so via the link below. Thanks very much for all your support.



Walton-le-Dale Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!

Whole School Messages

Which Year 11 Mocks have happened this week? French & German Speaking Exams and Art Exam

Firstly, I'd like to say a massive "well done" to the Year 11s that have had mock exams this week. You have all conducted yourselves brilliantly whilst adhering to the exam conditions. I hope this will give you more confidence and reassurance in what to expect for the rest of the mocks and actual exams next summer.

Secondly, I'd like to thank all students this week for recognising and respecting that exams are taking place and adhering to the request to keep noise levels down in these areas. This is an important time for our Year 11s and your support has been greatly appreciated.

Remember Year 11s if you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with your mocks or actual exams, please come and see me, your HAL or Mrs Brown and we will support you as best we can.

If you came to the Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 7th December, you were given your individual mock exam timetable when you signed in and if you were not able to attend your HAL will have brought it to you. However, if you need a replacement please come and see me.

The full 2-week timetable for January can be found below, and although it looks extremely busy nobody will be sitting every exam. You may have days where you only have 1 or 2 exams and others where you have none. Please remember that on the days/periods you do not have a scheduled exam it will be lessons as normal.

W/C 08/01/2024						W/C 15/01/2024								
	8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
P1 09:05 - 10:00	KEEP FREE	French & German Writing (F- 1h & H- 1h 15m)	Chemistry 1h 45m & Combined Science 1h 15m Paper 2	Geography Paper 1 1h 30m	Maths Paper 2 (Calc) 1h 30m	1h 50mins	P1 09:05 - 10:00	DT 2h - 08:55 start	English Lit 2h 15m - 08:55 start 11.10 finish	Performing Arts Unit 1 2h - 08:55 start	Performing Arts Unit 2 2h - 08:55 start	Business Paper 2 1h 30m	1h 50mins	
P2 10:00 - 10:55							P2 10:00 - 10:55							
Break 10:55 - 11:15							Break 10:55 - 11:15		BREAK 11:10 - 11:30 for Year 11 only					
P3 11:15 - 12:10	Biology 1h 45m & Combined Science 1h 15m Paper 1	English Lang 1h 45m	Maths Paper 1 (Non calc) 1h 30m	Food Prep 1h 45m	Physics 1h 45m & Combined Science 1h 15m Paper 3	1h 50mins	P3 11:15 - 12:10	Maths Paper 3 (Calc) 1h 30m	French Listening & Reading (F) 1hr 50m (A16)	BTEC DIT 1h 30m	German Listening & Reading 1h 50m (A16)	Business Paper 1 1h 30m	French Listening & Reading (H) (A16) 1hr 50m	1h 50mins
P4 12:10 - 13:05							P4 12:10 - 13:05							
Lunch 13:05 - 13:45							Lunch 13:05 - 13:45		Lunch 1:20 - 2:00 for French (F) Students only.					
P5 13:45 - 14:40	PE Paper 1 1h	PE Paper 2 1h	Computer Science Paper 1 1h	RS Paper 1 1h	History Paper 1 1h	1h 20 mins	P5 13:45 - 14:40	Geography Paper 2 1hr	Computer Science Paper 2 1h	RS Paper 2 1h	History Paper 2 1h	KEEP FREE	1h 20 mins	
Reading 14:40 - 15:05							Reading 14:40 - 15:05							



Have a chilled weekend ready for the last week of term.

Mrs Crozier
Exams Officer

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4	Apollo A7	Endeavour E7	Voyager V4	Discovery D1
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Louis L (C5)	Apollo Aska F (A3)	Endeavour Evie T (E6)	Voyager Gaynor N (V2)	Discovery Alesha W (D1)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Endeavour		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C4	Apollo A7	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D7
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Thomas M (C7)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Izabela D (E2)	Voyager Freya V (V3)	Discovery Alicia M (D8)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Lily M (C5)	Apollo Fariya J (A7)	Endeavour Annabelle T (E6)	Voyager Hugo E W (V6)	Discovery Anna E (D1)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Jasmine C (C6)	Apollo Daisy D (A2)	Endeavour Kevin L (E2)	Voyager Aaron M (V3)	Discovery Riley S (D3)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Ruby-Lynn O (C1)	Apollo Ebony S (A6)	Endeavour Jack A (E1)	Voyager Maddison S (V1)	Discover Alex R (D3)

Rewards

ICT Awards of the Week

GCSE Computer Science	
10A/Cs1	Ava C (V6)
10B/Cs1	Cameron B (E6)
11C/Cs1	Jack B (A3)
11B/Cs1	Lewis V-W (A1)
GCSE Business	
11A/Bs1	Jack M (E1)
11C/Bs1	Connie H (V5)
Year 7 Computing	
7WA	Josie C (C7)
7WS	Tamzin B (D7)
7WP	Lily M (D8)
7DI	Angela S (D7)
7DR	Josie-Jay Y (D8)
7DE	Fariya J (A7)
Year 8 Computing	
8WA	Phoebe W-B (E5)
8WS	Reilley B (A5)
8WP	Layla R (A4)
8DI	Lucy B (A6)
8DR	Jessica S (D5)
8DE	Anna H (V2)
Year 9 Computing	
9WA	Layla H (D4)
9WS	Lily E (D2)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Daisy B (D5)
9DR	Jack R (D4)
9DE	Kian L (A6)
Year 10 Business	
10WDS	Aaron M (V3)
10WDP	Amber R (V5)
10WDI	Ruby D (D1)
10WDR	William G (A1)
10WDE	Jasmine C (C6); Lexi R-S (E4)
Year 11 Computing	
11WDS	Georgie D (E2)
11WDP	Ryan D (E6); Morgan G-O (E4)
11WDI	Ellen J (E2)
11WDR	Logan R (D5)
11WDE	Amber B (A5)