



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 17th November 2023

Headteacher's Message

With the colder weather upon us, we are encountering students wearing hoodies under their blazers. We do have a school jumper available to buy if students feel they need another layer to keep warm, however whilst in school, coats and hoodies must be removed.

Whilst the overwhelming majority of our community are very well presented and smart every day, we do have a small number of students who are beginning to wear jewellery or leggings instead of trousers. We understand that there are times when students have used their common sense and come to school in an alternative because, for instance their school skirt is still wet having been washed or their shoes have got soaked. This is why we retain a stock of uniform for loan. We always ensure that we have plenty of stock of skirts and trousers freshly laundered for when this is the case. We also have a stock of school shoes in all sizes so students wearing trainers can swap these.

Next week we will be reminding students of our expectations regarding uniform and confiscating any items of jewellery until the end of the day. Students wearing hoodies or jumpers, other than the WLD jumper can also expect those to be confiscated, if they are wearing them inside the school building.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

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SCHOOL CLOSURE FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Just a reminder that school will be closed next Friday 24th November for INSET Day.

Important information regarding School ParentPay Accounts

The school kitchen will be setting the lunch account limit to **-£4.80** from next week. 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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

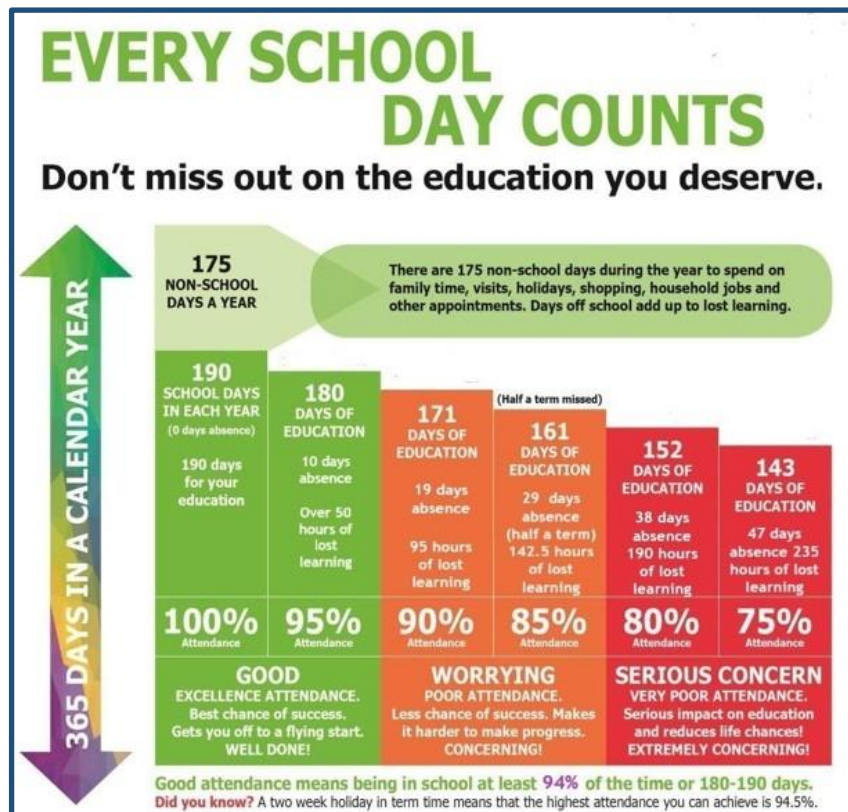
This year our Christmas Lunch will be on the same day as Christmas Jumper Day - **Thursday 7th December**. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please complete the form below by **12noon on Tuesday 28th November**.

[Christmas Lunch](#)

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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.



Year 11 BTEC: Important catch-up sessions in W/C 20th November

Please see letter emailed out regarding the Controlled Assessments for BTEC Digital Information Technology and Health & Social Care. These controlled assessments will be taking place all next week.

- Health and Social Care students who are involved in these catch-up sessions will be doing their controlled assessments on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st November**.
- Digital Information Technology students who are involved in these catch-up sessions will be doing their controlled assessments on **Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November**.

Attendance at these sessions is crucial. Year 11 students have been told if they are involved in these sessions and parents/carers will also have received an email.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Sweeney (Health and Social Care) and Mr Turner (Digital Information Technology)

Year 11 Progress Evenings and Mock Exams

Parents and carers of our Year 11 students are warmly invited to school on **Thursday 7th December (4pm-6.30pm)** to receive the first Year 11 report of the year and have conversations with teachers about how their child is getting on in this important year.

Year 11 students will sit their mock exams when they return to school in January. The mock exam fortnight will run from Monday 8th January to Friday 19th January 2024.

There will then be a second Progress Evening to discuss the mock exam results and revision on **Thursday 29th February 2024**.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students and parents and carers at these two evenings.

Mrs H Brown
Assistant Headteacher

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ClearRevise™ REVISION GUIDES

Year 11

Revision guides are now available on ParentPay for:

- GCSE Computer Science (option)
- GCSE Business Studies (option)
- BTEC Digital Information Technology (core)

£7.20 each

Please purchase before 4th December at 9am.

The books will be ordered in bulk after this date and available to collect from Mr Moorcroft before Christmas.



Inter-house poetry competition 2

Create an anti-bullying poem like the example provided.

Deadline: 24th November 2023

Please give your entry to Miss Rowson or Mrs McClelland.



Face to face or through a phone, bullying makes people feel alone.

Staying silent, is it wise?
Do you know the impact it has on our lives?

Going home wondering what it could've been.
Was it banter? Or was it bullying??

Of course, we won't like everyone.
We don't always agree,
But we can choose respect and unity.

And just because it is, doesn't mean it has to be,
A place of bullying or negativity.

Consider the impact of that DM or text.
Think of the repercussions, what will be next?

You can reach out! Be a helping hand.
Or maybe you can be the one to take a stand!

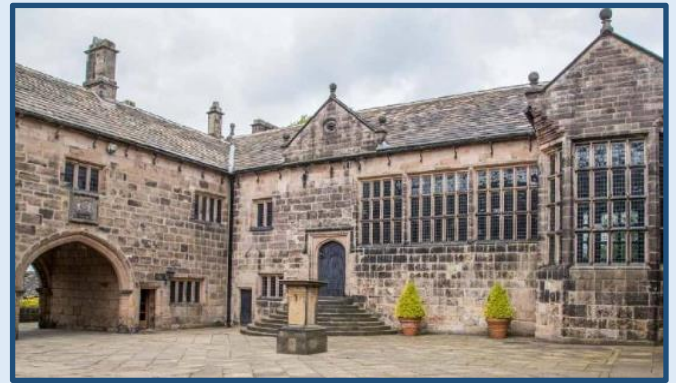
So, let's bring bullying to an end.
Think of the ways you can defend.

Let's make some noise, let's hear your voice.

Make a noise about bullying.
Together we can make it stop.

Year 11 History GCSE trip to Houghton Tower

On Tuesday 63 of our history GCSE students visited Houghton Tower, the aim of the trip was to gain a deeper understanding of Elizabethan England. The students listened to a talk about Elizabethan life and then toured the building. The students gained an understanding of what a Tudor grand house would have looked like and its functions. They saw an example of a priest hole, burn marks in the wood on the well (to protect against evil spirits) and the high-status Tudor bedroom. Students then had another talk, this time about Elizabethan religion and the links that the house had to Cardinal Allen and Thomas Campion.



The guides were engaging and knowledgeable and tailored the talk and the tour to the needs of our GCSE students. Our students were amazing, they were polite and asked and answered lots of questions. The students were a credit to the school and to their parents/carers.

I would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Lo for planning and organising the trip.

RECRUITMENT: EXAM INVIGILATORS

****Final Call****

This is a paid casual role and will be required for both Year 11 mock exams (Dec/Jan) and the real exams (May/June). Full training will be given.

The job spec for this role is:

- To conduct examinations in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), awarding body regulations and instructions.
- To have a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the external examination/assessment process.

Before examinations

- Report to and be briefed by the exams officer prior to each exam session
- Keep confidential exam question papers and materials secure before, during and after exams
- Ensure exam rooms are set up according to the requirements
- Admit candidates into exam rooms under formal examination conditions
- Give full attention to conducting the examinations properly
- Identify candidates and seat candidates according to the required arrangements
- Distribute the correct question papers and exam materials to candidates
- Instruct candidates in the conduct of their exams
- Deal with candidate questions
- Start exams

During examinations

- Supervise and observe candidates at all times and be vigilant throughout examinations
- Keep disruption in examination rooms to a minimum
- Deal with emergencies or irregularities effectively
- Record/report any incidents, disruption or irregularities
- Complete attendance registers
- Deal with candidate questions according to the regulations

After examinations

- Instruct candidates in finishing their examinations and collect examination scripts and materials
- Dismiss candidates from the examination room
- Check candidates' names on scripts, match the details on the attendance register
- Securely return all examination scripts and materials to the exams officer

If you are interested in this important role, please contact Mrs Lindsay Crozier on:
(l.crozier@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk).

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!](#)

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Challenger		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E4	Voyager V3	Discovery D1
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Taylor H (C2)	Apollo Grace L (A1)	Endeavour Kacey G (E1)	Voyager Scarlette E (V3)	Discovery George R (D5)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Challenger		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E3	Voyager V7	Discovery D1
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Robbie N (C5)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Emmie W (E4)	Voyager Lucas F (V7)	Discovery Kaydan M (D3)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Ollie C (C2)	Apollo Fariya J (A7)	Endeavour Levi B (E6)	Voyager Manha C (V7)	Discovery Bethany Y (D8)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Jenson C (C3)	Apollo Brayden S (A3)	Endeavour Danny H (E2)	Voyager Anna H (V2)	Discovery Lexi D (D6)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Jude L (C6)	Apollo Anton F (A6)	Endeavour Zak L (E5)	Voyager Nathan R (V1)	Discover Alex R (D3)

Rewards

English Awards of the Week

Year 7 English Awards	
7WA	Aydan A (D8)
7WS	Willow C (C7)
7WP	Oskar W (A7)
7DI	Max D (A7)
7DR	Estelle S (A7)
7DE	Manha C (V7)
Year 8 English Awards	
8WA	Athena D (C4)
8WS	Isis J (V3)
8WP	Mal D (E1)
8DI	Sienna-Mae L (E1)
8DR	Aston M (A5)
8DE	Lilybelle S (V4)

Rewards

Year 9 English Awards	
9WA	Abigail G (A1)
9WS	Harvey J (C1)
9WP	Caitlin T (E6)
9DI	Inara T ((C6)
9DR	Chloe P (A5)
9DE	Thomas P (V4)
Year 10 English Awards	
10WDA	Rowan M (V2)
10WDS	Theo S (D1)
10WDP	Leah S (V5)
10WDI	William G (A1)
10WDR	Ethan F-C (D4)
10WDE	Ashley B (D1)
Year 11 English Awards	
11WDA	Emilia T (C5)
11WDS	George D (C2)
11WDP	Joshua B (C4)
11WDI	Nico M (A6)
11WDR	Alex L (E3)
11WDE	Amber B (A5)



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 8. Individual Champions are:

Year 7	Alicia M (C7) Max D (A7) Igor K (C7)
Year 8	Anna H (V2) Wing Lun Y (V3)
Year 9	Caleb T-W (C5) Layla D (D3)
Year 10	Issy P (A3) Robbie N (C5)
Year 11	Joshua B (C4) Leah B (C2)