



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 20th October

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. I am so proud of how the children have adapted to the changes in school and settled into their new vertical form groups and it has been wonderful to watch them compete in house competitions across the year groups. Many of them have established strong relationships with their House Achievement Leaders and I would encourage those students who have maybe not introduced themselves to their HAL yet to do so in the new term.

This is always a tiring half term for everyone after the long summer break and the students and staff have earned a well-deserved rest for all their hard work.

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.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN

We would like to remind parents of the current guidance regarding Covid. School continues to follow the NHS guidance. Further information on this guidance and the symptoms of Covid-19 can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19-advice-and-services/>

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

We know that you know your child best, but sometimes it is difficult to judge when they should be coming to school if they are showing signs of illness. The NHS have put together some guidelines which may be useful to determine if your child is too ill to come to school. These can be found on the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please support us by working together to keep our attendance figures as high as possible.

FSM Vouchers

Free School Meals vouchers will be sent today via email, directly from Edenred, this covers the October half term holidays, you will receive £15.00 per eligible student.

Whole School Messages

Half Term – Half Term Mental Health Resources:

Teen Sleep Hub - <https://teensleephub.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/>

How to tell if social media is harming your Mental Health Guide -

<https://www.zocdoc.com/blog/how-to-tell-if-social-media-is-harming-your-mental-health/>

FLU E-CONSENT FROM NHS



The Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 16th November** to administer the Flu vaccinations for all students in years 7–11.

Please complete the flu immunisation consent link below as soon as possible – **the link will close on Thursday 2nd November 2023.**

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/92110d34>

If your child has their immunisation at the GP or any details change after form completion, please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

Charity Ambassadors

Well done to the charity ambassadors for their work over the last few weeks for their hard work and effort in organising two well attended events. The first being a charity bake sale for Macmillan in which over £100 was raised and the second a staff dodgeball competition in which students could pay 20p to watch staff get very competitive. Look out for further events as we lead up to Christmas.

Interhouse Halloween competition

This is a spooky kind of competition; can you carve the best pumpkin?

Enter as an individual or as a form.

All carving must be your own work and submissions can be made with a photo of the pumpkin next to a piece of paper saying your name and form and the date.

Closing date is midnight 31st October 2023



Whole School Messages



**Form with the most baskets
was V6 with 32 baskets**

Interhouse Basketball competition

The winning house
was:

Voyager with 163
baskets – Winning
form V6

2nd Apollo with
159 baskets –
winning form A4

3rd Discovery with
157 baskets –
winning form D5

4th Endeavour with
150 baskets –
winning form E1

5th Challenger with
137 baskets –
winning forms C3
and C6

We've had an amazing term in the library. Lots of new Year 7 students have joined our lovely Library team and the existing librarians have given them a very warm welcome. We are all decorated for Halloween now with the team working on some amazing displays and we were lucky enough to have real life author Ruth Eastham visit us and talk about her books and life as a writer which was a hugely inspiring experience for our budding authors and avid readers.

The winners of our 'Caught Reading' initiative were Nikola G and Alicia M so a huge congratulations to them.



Keep up the amazing reading everyone, next term it could be you and I'm sure the girls would agree the prizes were pretty amazing for the bookish amongst you 😊

Have a great half term everyone, happy reading and remember to colour your days bright!

Miss Bradshaw, School Librarian

Under 16s Basketball Takes off!

Since September we have had unprecedented interest in extra-curricular basketball. Practices have been running Monday after school and Thursday lunchtimes since September with a lot of new members.

This season sees Walton-le-Dale enter the Lancashire schools basketball association (LSBBA) with a squad made up of year 10 and 11 boys. In the lead up to squad selection, players have been logging health and fitness goals prioritising cardiovascular fitness, healthy eating and sleep routines.

A running competition between the year 10 and 11 students, playing friendly matches against each other. Currently the year groups are tied 2 games to 2! Head coach Mr Golden has been impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment with most pupils not missing a single practice. He also plans to enter the school into a 3x3 tournament in February 2024.

Pictured below are the 2022-23 under 16s squad at last year's 3x3 tournament.



Whole School Messages

We've had an amazing term in the library. Lots of new Year 7 students have joined our lovely Library team and the existing librarians have given them a very warm welcome. We are all decorated for Halloween now with the team working on some amazing displays and we were lucky enough to have real life author Ruth Eastham visit us and talk about her books and life as a writer which was a hugely inspiring experience for our budding authors and avid readers.

The winners of our 'Caught Reading' initiative were Nikola G and Alicia M so a huge congratulations to them.



Keep up the amazing reading everyone, next term it could be you and I'm sure the girls would agree the prizes were pretty amazing for the bookish amongst you 😊

Have a great half term everyone, happy reading and remember to colour your days bright!

Miss Bradshaw, School Librarian

Aspire Day – Friday 13th October

Last Friday all students were off timetable and had the opportunity to experience a variety of different activities.

Year 7 focused on careers. Students interviewed six people from a wide range of careers and companies, they found out what their jobs entailed, how they got their job and what skills and qualities were needed to do the job. Our students were praised for their excellent questions, good listening skills and respectfulness. Students then considered their own strengths and identified areas they wanted to develop over their time at Walton-le-Dale. Finally, students met virtually with Dave Hopkinson, a former Walton Le Dale student, who lives in the USA and is the Chief Mechanic for Harley Davidson and Superbike champion, Kyle Wyman. The aim of the day was to encourage our Year 7 students to realise that with hard work and dedication they can achieve their life goals and dreams.



Year 8 was a celebration of international culture because it's not only important to understand and accept cultures that are different to our own, but it's also fun, inspiring and exciting. Students had the opportunity to learn Arabic, German, Latin Dance, Mandarin, create some world music and all about El día de los muertos.

Year 9 completed an introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They took part in a range of activities, developing skills essential for the Award completion and improving their teamwork along the way. Groups used stoves to make hot drinks, put up tents, developed map skills and looked at first aid. As a result of the Aspire Day, they will be able to sign up to complete the Award in full later in the year.

Year 10 did 'The Apprentice.' Students created their own business idea and then competed to see who could sell the most of their product to "The Boss" (Mr Turner) and who could make the most money.

Year 11 had the opportunity to meet a number of employers during our speed networking event. This allowed them to gain an insight into the different skills and qualifications needed for a variety of roles.

Following this there was the opportunity to meet and ask questions of a variety of Further Education and Higher Education providers. The remainder of the day Year 11 students were set tasks in order to prepare them for forthcoming careers events. This involved them:

- Applying for a mock job
- Refreshing their CV

In December students will be interviewed by an employer and will present these documents.

Students then reviewed and updated their personal statements ready for our college application day in December.

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) Computing (A) RE (A) Languages – French and/or German	
Every 5 weeks	Technology (or at the end of each rotation)	
Every half-term	Art Drama	

Homework Support: Monday to Friday in D4 and the Library

Homework support will continue after half-term in D4 and the Library with our new Librarian: Miss Oxley.

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C7	Apollo A5	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D4
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Sophie O (C6)	Apollo Elisha T (A4)	Endeavour Christina B (E3)	Voyager Charlie M (V7)	Discovery Emma W (D4)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Discovery		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E7	Voyager V7	Discovery D7
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Ruby-May P (C3)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Vinnie R (E7)	Voyager Daniella A (V7)	Discovery Jayden S (D6)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Ethan R (C4)	Apollo Nathan N (A2)	Endeavour Poppy E (E7)	Voyager Aaron M (V3)	Discovery Alexandra D (D4)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Emily B (C2)	Apollo Estelle S (A7)	Endeavour Cameron B (E6)	Voyager Leon C (V2)	Discovery Harry S (D5)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Shaun R (C1)	Apollo Emilly S (A1)	Endeavour Lexi RS (E4)	Voyager Tyler W (V5)	Discovery Tyler Y (D3)

Rewards

MFL Awards of the Week

Year 7 French Awards	
7WA	Josie C (C7)
7WS	Harry Y (E7)
7WP	Oskar W (A7)
7DI	Kian D (D7)
7DR	Riley M (V7)
7DE	Josh C (C7)
Year 8 French Awards	
8WA	Athena D (C4)
8WS	Codie W (V4)
8WP	Aaron C (V1)
8DI	Nathan N (A2)
8DR	Verity P (C2)
8DE	Billy D (D2)
Year 8 German Awards	
8WA	Harley M (V5)
8DI	Harry S (D5)
Year 9 French Awards	
9WA	Callum H (E2)
9WS	Lily E (D2)
9WP	Violet B (C5)
9DI	Leon C (V2)
9DR	Andrew N (C4)
9DE	Thomas P (V4)
Year 9 German Awards	
9WA	Layla S (A1)
9DI	Leon C (V2)
GCSE MFL Awards	
10C French	Leah S (V5)
11C French	Amelia C (D6)
11C German	Rosa W (C6)

Whole school Classcharts Awards

Over all the students were awarded a total of **51125** positive points this half term.

The following students have achieved a BRONZE AWARD for obtaining 100 points which is over 100 students an amazing effort.

Apollo		Challenger		Endeavour		Voyager		Discovery	
William	A1	Emily	C2	Mal	E1	Lily	V1	Ruby	D1
Abigail	A1	Ollie	C2	Izabela	E2	Maksymilian	V1	Tegan	D1
Jessica	A1	Scarlett	C2	Callum	E2	Cohen	V2	Lauren	D1
Shaun	A2	Brayden	C2	Danny	E2	Rowan	V2	Mark	D1
Rachel	A2	Verity	C2	Kevin	E2	Kayla	V2	Theo	D1
Nathan	A2	Lucy	C2	Daniel	E3	Blake	V3	Jacob	D2
Layton	A2	Jenson	C3	Benjamin	E3	Jack	V3	Lewis	D2
Jack	A3	Oskar	C3	Olivia	E3	Ryan	V3	Billy	D2
Harry	A3	Kian	C3	Brogan	E3	Aaron	V3	Chloe	D2
Hallie	A3	Ruby-May	C3	Archie	E4	Hemin	V3	Layla	D3
Dominic	A4	Casey	C3	Abigail	E5	Eva	V3	Dylan	D3
Jay	A4	Athena	C4	William	E5	Imogen	V4	Rylee	D3
Romy -Louise	A5	Andrew	C4	Hailie	E5	Thomas	V4	Benjamin	D3
Reilley	A5	Ethan	C4	Paige	E6	Oliver	V4	Riley	D3
Ava-Grace	A5	George	C4	Noah	E6	Lilybelle	V4	Alexandra	D4
Charles	A6	Emily	C5	Ivy	E6	Cody	V4	Layla	D4
Fariya	A7	Reece	C5	Umar	E6	Pawel	V5	Katy	D4
Nataniel	A7	Jack	C5	Poppy	E7	Aaron	V5	Daisy	D5
Indigo	A7	Amelie	C5			Scarlet	V6	Henry	D5
Oskar	A7	Kyle	C5			Amy-May	V6	Leo	D5
		Caleb	C5			Taylor	V6	Niamh	D5
		Ollo	C6			Daniella	V7	Oliver	D5
		Inara	C6			Evie	V7	Harry	D5
		Josie	C7					Jessica	D5
		Josh	C7					Lexi	D6
		Willow	C7					Jayden	D6
		Alfie	C7					Filip	D6
		Poppie	C7					Aydan	D8
		Lillie	C7					Alfie	D8
		Lexie	C7					Josie-Jay	D8
								Bethany	D8