



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



22nd September 2023

Headteacher's Message

Our HALs (House Achievement Leaders) have been holding assemblies with their houses this week and we have had our first house competition. Many parents will have had contact with their HAL over the first few weeks and they have all been busy forging relationships with the families in their care. This morning we held interviews for House Captains, and the students will hear if they have been successful next week. I thank everyone who applied for the positions, it was heart-warming to see how many students wished to support the school community in this way. The House Captains will support the HALs in creating their house identity and encourage participation in competitions and events throughout the year. There will be many more opportunities for student leadership coming up and I would encourage anyone who feels they would like to support our fantastic community in any way to apply to be a prefect.

We really do value communication with families and if you need our support we do aim to help as swiftly as possible. Your HAL should be your first port of call and will aim to acknowledge any contact you make within 24 hours, but many matters and incidents which they are dealing with will take time to investigate so please bear with us and we will try to update you within 48 hours.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

TOILET PASSES

We understand that there are certain times when a toilet pass is needed by our students and this is related to a medical need. On **Friday 29th September** we will be removing all toilet passes from Classcharts. If your child needs a toilet pass please provide this in writing along with any medical evidence to your child's House Achievement Leader – this can be found on the parent bulletin sent out on 8th September.

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.

OPEN EVENING

Reminder that school will close to all students at 12.30pm on Thursday 5th October to allow preparations for our Open Evening.

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

PROM

Save the date - Year 11 prom will take place on Thursday 27th June 2024, further information will be sent out later this year.

Kind Regards
Mrs Eckersley
Assistant Headteacher

2023-24: YEAR 11 AND YEAR 10 EXAMS

This year, our Year 11 students will sit assessments in their usual classrooms over a fortnight starting on 16th October and finishing on Friday 3rd November (with the half term holiday in the middle). These assessments will show us where students are up to at the start of Year 11 and the outcomes of these will be discussed with students and parents at the Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 7th December.

In the New Year, Year 11 students will then sit their formal mock exams in the Sports Hall starting on Monday 8th January. This will be a two-week mock exam period. This gives students the opportunity to experience what their 'real' exams will be like, particularly getting used to sitting longer exams in a formal exam setting in the Sports Hall with external invigilators.

Year 10 exams will happen later in the academic year. These will take place in June 2023, after the formal external exam period for Year 11 has finished.

We will provide our Year 10 and 11 students with more information about the exam sessions in assemblies.

Kind regards
Mrs Helen Brown
Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 HISTORY

Please see the message sent out last week for the year 11 History trip to Hoghton Tower on 14th November. Please book via Parentpay by Tuesday 31st October.

UNIFORM

Our uniform policy states that Students in years 7 – 10 who wish to wear a skirt must wear our school skirt purchased through our uniform shop and trousers must be tailored. They must not be skinny or cropped.

All uniform orders will need to be collected by students from the Uniform Shop (B7) at break time.

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	
Every half-term	Art Drama (B)	

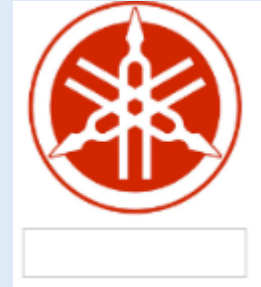
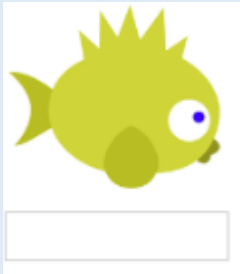
Homework Support

Homework support will begin again from Monday 11th September. This will run in the Library and D4. Students can access support from members of staff until 4pm each day.

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

Interhouse Competition

Throughout the year activities, competitions will take place as part of our interhouse competition. Other key aspects of excellence in school life like attendance, punctuality, smart uniform and good behaviour and conduct will also be included.



We ran our first competition as a logo quiz last week these were some of the logos that our students didn't know, can you guess the answers?

The results were:

1st place Voyager

2nd place Discovery

3rd place Challenger

Joint 4th place Apollo and Endeavour

Points are achieved based on placing 6 for the winner down to 2 for the last placing.

The next interhouse competition will run next week with 2 events linked to European Languages week.

REWARDS

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Challenger		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E3	Voyager V2	Discovery D3
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Madison C (C3)	Apollo Jay M A4	Endeavour Georgie D (E2)	Voyager Scarlett E (V3)	Discovery Andrew D (D1)

Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Discovery		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C7	Apollo A7	Endeavour E7	Voyager V3	Discovery D7
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Emily B C2	Apollo Jeffrey D A7	Endeavour Levi B E6	Voyager Nicola J (V7)	Discovery Benjamin H D3
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger George T C4	Apollo Domnic C A7	Endeavour Poppy E E7	Voyager Aaron M (V3)	Discovery Jessica S D5
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Dillon C C1	Apollo Elisha T A4	Endeavour Bethany S E3	Voyager Oliver M (V1)	Discovery Daisy B D5
Most Improved Student	Challenger Kyle R C5	Apollo Rubie-Leigh P A6	Endeavour Harrison D E5	Voyager Archie G (V6)	Discover Caleb B D7

REWARDS

Subject Awards of the Week

This week subject rewards are from Maths

Year 7 Awards	
7WA	Milo M (E7)
7WS	Tamzin B (D7)
7WP	Lillie P (C7)
7DI	Emmelia H (D7)
7DR	Daniella N (A7)
7DE	Fariya J (A7)
Year 8 Awards	
8WA	Harley M (V5)
8WS	Ollie C (C2)
8WP	Jenson C (C3)
8DI	Lily F (V1)
8DR	Nathan N (A2)
8DE	Lillybelle S (V4)
Year 9 Awards	
9WA	Layla H (D4)
9WS	Caleb T-W (C5)
9WP	Amy-May H (V6)
9DI	Inara T (C6)
9DR	Aiden L (C3)
9DE	Thomas P (V4)
Year 10 Awards	
10WDA	Ivy M (E6)
10WDS	Summer H (E6)
10WDP	Austina K (D6)
10WDI	Aaron M (V3)
10WDR	Kevin L (E2)
10WDE	Mia F (D2)
Year 11 Awards	
11WDA	George D (C2)
11WDS	George R (C3)
11WDP	Alex L (E3)
11WDI	Quisha C (C1)
11WDR	Gaynor N (V2)
11WDE	Danielle E (C2)

Next week subject awards will be from the ICT and Business department.