



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Date Friday 22nd December

Headteacher's Message

We have had some wonderful celebrations in school this week and many of our prize winners are listed below. Alongside these, we have also celebrated students' involvement in charity work and community events, we have had a Christmas Karaoke and rewards films with snacks for our students who have completed all their homework tasks this term. It really has been a lovely end to the year.

As mentioned last week, we have seen an increase in the number of students with incorrect uniform. Please can I ask parents to ensure Christmas nails and eyelashes are removed before the New Year. Students have the choice of the school skirt or tailored trousers, leggings are not permitted, nor are any piercings or jewellery. We look forward to welcoming back our students after a restful break but please request that our standards of presentation are met so that we are not coming into conflict in the new term.

Year 11 will return straight into their mock exams. The timetable for these has been shared with parents and students and can be found on the school website through the link below. Please encourage revision for these exams since preparation at this stage allows for better retention of information, deeper understanding of subjects, and provides ample time for effective reinforcement and clarification of key concepts, so our students are not overwhelmed by the volume of work in preparation for the summer exams.

And finally, from me, we recognise that not everyone observes Christmas, yet we extend our warmest and most sincere wishes to all. Whether you celebrate this holiday season or not, may this time be filled with peace, joy, and happiness for you and your loved ones. May the spirit of kindness and goodwill prevail, and may the coming days be blessed with love, laughter, and cherished moments. Best wishes to you during this festive season, however you choose to spend it.

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.

Free School Meal Vouchers

The FSM vouchers have been ordered, £30 per child to cover the fortnight and they will be emailed directly from Edenred. Please note the school will not be open to deal with any queries until after the Christmas break.

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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.



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

Do you have a safeguarding concern this Christmas?

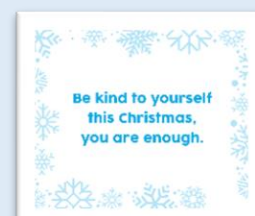
There are lots of services available for you to speak to.

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)
- **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>



Wishing you a safe and Happy Holidays!

Whole School Messages

Getting ready for Mock Exams

As we all start winding down for the holiday, I just wanted to put together a little checklist of things you will need as you return in January:

1. You – Well rested, on time and ready to start.
2. Drink – Only water will be allowed in clear bottles. Juice or bottles that cannot be seen through will not be allowed into the exam hall.
3. Equipment:
 - a. Clear pencil case
 - b. At least 2 Black pens (Blue will not be accepted)
 - c. Appropriate other equipment such as Pencils, rulers, protractors, overlays and rubbers etc.
 - d. Calculators – These will be provided for you by school and will be available in all exams, unless it is stated you are not allowed to use them.

Reminders of what you are **not** allowed to bring:

1. Mobile Phones – These are **not** allowed to enter the exam room, so you may want to leave it at home.
2. Watches – No watches of any kind are allowed this includes Analogue, digital and smart watches. You may want to leave it at home.
3. Revision notes – No notes of any kind are allowed into the exam room(s), please ensure these are left in your bag.

Please take a few minutes to read over this before you return - https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/JCQ-Preparing-to-sit-your-exams-2023_24.pdf

A reminder that the full mock exam timetable can be found [here](#) under “Mock Exam timetable Jan 2024”.

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.

Have a fantastic break and New Year!

Mrs Crozier
Exams Officer

Homework

Year 7s have been completing homework in core subjects only this term to aid with their transition from primary to secondary school. This will change after Christmas and they will begin to complete homework in all of their curriculum subjects.

	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 (once per technology rotation, e.g. food, graphics etc)	
Every half-term	Art Drama	

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Homework Support After School

Please be aware that there will be **NO** homework support in the library after Christmas. There are plans to re-start it but please check this bulletin for updates.

Homework Champions



As promised, those students who have completed all homework since the start of the year were treated to a 'cinema afternoon' on Wednesday. They were treated to candy cones, ice-cream tubs and drinks whilst watching a festive favourite on the big screen.

There will be another celebration event before February half-term to recognise the hard work of those students working independently at home.



Thank you for taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day and for your kind and generous donations. There is still time to donate and so if you did not get chance, you can do so via the link below.

Even if no more donations are received, we have raised £200 which is a fantastic amount that will help many children and families this Christmas in the UK and beyond.



[Walton-le-Dale Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

ASPIRE Ceramics Workshop for Holocaust Memorial Week



As part of their investigation into religion and conflict during ASPIRE Day on 14th December, Year 10 students were invited to take part in a ceramics workshop. They had the chance to work with different types of clay to create small figurines of people in different praying or meditating positions. They used images of people praying from all of the main world religions as inspiration for their figures and were given demonstrations of clay joining and forming techniques. It was a chance to get hands-on and creative and students did a fantastic job demonstrating their individual talents! Staff are looking forward to seeing the students' work fired and glazed and ready to be exhibited.



The figures they made will form part of a larger artwork to represent people of all faiths and nationalities coming together to pray for peace. The students work will be exhibited at St. Annes Synagogue at the Lancashire Holocaust Commemoration service on 26th January. Expected attendees include the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, local MPs and other dignitaries as well as representatives from local and national press.



Thank you to our wonderful students form Year 10 who worked fantastically on this project! Well done year 10!



End of Term Rewards Assembly

Rewards are an important part of life at Walton-Le-Dale. This week we have come together to celebrate the exceptional effort and attitude of students across the whole term.

Student with the most positives this term		
Fariya J	A7	Most Positives in Apollo
Ollie C	C6	Most Positives in Challenger
Jessica S	D5	Most Positives in Discovery
Kevin L	E2	Most Positives in Endeavour
Aaron M	V3	Most Positives in Voyager

Student of the term		
Maizie N	A6	Student of the term - Apollo
Emily B	C5	Student of the term - Challenger
Alesha W	D1	Student of the term - Discovery
Alex L	E3	Student of the term - Endeavour
Riley M	V7	Student of the term - Voyager

Students with the highest number of Reading and Literacy positives		
Nathaniel K		A7
Leo H		A7
Noah M		E6
Oliver R		V4
Mohammed U		A4
Maximus O-A		E4
Kayla W		V2
Henry B		D5
Alfie D		C4
Amelia T		A1

Homework Champion of the term		
Year 7	A7	Estelle S
Year 7	A7	Max D
Year 8	D5	Harry S
Year 8	D4	Alexandra D
Year 9	C5	Caleb T-W
Year 9	D5	Niamh R
Year 10	E2	Kevin L
Year 10	E3	Bethanie S
Year 11	C4	Joshua B
Year 11	D5	Abi Evans

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Student who achieved 100% attendance and bronze attendance badge			
Abigail G	A1	Austina K	D6
Rachel N	A2	Jayden S	D6
Nathan N	A2	Tamzin B	D7
Harry K	A3	Kian D	D7
Jay M	A4	Freddie H	D7
Reilley B	A5	Leah H	D7
Ava-Grace D	A5	Diwan Y	D7
Jamie M	A6	Grace Z	D8
Enny F-D	A7	Harry L	E1
Hugo H	A7	Christopher C	E2
Leo H	A7	Amelia L	E3
Daniella N	A7	Ivan G	E4
Blake W	A7	Morgan G O	E4
Oskar W	A7	Evan L	E4
Freddie T	C1	Joe M	E4
Owen C	C2	Cameron B	E6
Alfie D	C4	Umar S	E6
Logan S	C4	Vinny R	E7
Reece H	C5	Lily F	V1
Robbie N	C5	Harley L	V1
Finlay M	C6	Sophie W	V1
Thomas M	C7	Kian I	V2
Felix O	C7	Rowan M	V2
Ruby D	D1	Luke W	V2
Anna Susan E	D1	Jack H	V3
Lauren G	D1	Wing Lun Y	V3
Reaz B	D2	Thomas P	V4
Xain A	D3	Aaron W	V5
Benjamin H	D3	Nikola J	V7
Eleanor H	D4	Hattie T	V7
Rosalind L	D4	Oliver S	D5
Henry B	D5	Lexi D	D6

End of Term Rewards Assembly

Staff nominated a student from each year group who had been outstanding in their subject this term to receive the subject commendation award.

Subject Commendations			
<i>Art</i>	Year 07	Oskar W	A7
<i>Art</i>	Year 08	Anna Susan E	D1
<i>Art</i>	Year 09	Benjamin H	D3
<i>Art</i>	Year 10	Kayla W	V2
<i>Art</i>	Year 11	Abi E	D5
<i>Drama</i>	Year 07	Daniella A	V7
<i>Drama</i>	Year 08	Alexandra D	D4
<i>Drama</i>	Year 09	Mark K	D1
<i>Drama</i>	Year 10	Ivy M	E6
<i>Drama</i>	Year 11	Zack H	E5
<i>English</i>	Year 07	Josie C	C7
<i>English</i>	Year 08	Aoife C	C5
<i>English</i>	Year 09	Caleb T-W	C5
<i>English</i>	Year 10	Kayla W	V2
<i>English</i>	Year 11	Eva W	V3
<i>French</i>	Year 07	Josie C	C7
<i>French</i>	Year 08	Nathan N	A2
<i>French</i>	Year 09	Abigail G	A1
<i>French</i>	Year 10	Cameron B	E6
<i>French</i>	Year 11	Alesha W	D1
<i>Geography</i>	Year 08	Alexandra D	D4
<i>Geography</i>	Year 09	Benjamin H	D3
<i>Geography</i>	Year 10	Cameron B	E6
<i>Geography</i>	Year 11	Eva-May B	E1
<i>Geography</i>	Year 07	Willow C	C7
<i>German</i>	Year 08	Owen C	C2
<i>German</i>	Year 09	Benjamin H	D3
<i>German</i>	Year 11	Rhianna L	D6
<i>Health and Social</i>	Year 10	Lacey J	C5
<i>Health and Social</i>	Year 11	Taylor H	C2
<i>History</i>	Year 07	Josie C	C7
<i>History</i>	Year 08	Ethan R	C4
<i>History</i>	Year 09	Inara T	C6
<i>History</i>	Year 10	Eleanor H	D4
<i>History</i>	Year 11	Rosa W	C6

Subject Commendations			
<i>ICT</i>	Year 07	Xavier K	C7
<i>ICT</i>	Year 08	Phoebe W-B	E5
<i>ICT</i>	Year 09	Jack R	D4
<i>ICT</i>	Year 10	Aaron M	V3
<i>ICT</i>	Year 11	Kevin D	V3
<i>Maths</i>	Year 07	Estelle S	A7
<i>Maths</i>	Year 08	Ava-Grace D	A5
<i>Maths</i>	Year 09	Evan L	E4
<i>Maths</i>	Year 10	Chloe R	D2
<i>Maths</i>	Year 11	Alex L	E3
<i>Music</i>	Year 07	Jessica R	D7
<i>Music</i>	Year 08	Lucas M	E2
<i>Music</i>	Year 09	Amelie P	C5
<i>Music</i>	Year 10	Kayla W	V2
<i>Music</i>	Year 11	Seamas E	C1
<i>PE</i>	Year 07	Khaleesi A	V7
<i>PE</i>	Year 08	Joe M	E4
<i>PE</i>	Year 09	Thomas P	V4
<i>PE</i>	Year 10	Jacob P	A5
<i>PE</i>	Year 11	Connie H	V5
<i>RE</i>	Year 07	Elisha G	A7
<i>RE</i>	Year 08	Athena D	C4
<i>RE</i>	Year 09	Daisy B	D5
<i>RE</i>	Year 10	Rowan M	V2
<i>RE</i>	Year 11	Grace T	A1
<i>Science</i>	Year 07	Blake W	A7
<i>Science</i>	Year 08	Alexandra D	D4
<i>Science</i>	Year 09	Emily B	C5
<i>Science</i>	Year 10	Eleanor H	D4
<i>Science</i>	Year 11	Katie L	A4
<i>Technology</i>	Year 07	Manha C	V7
<i>Technology</i>	Year 08	Harry S	D5
<i>Technology</i>	Year 09	Daisy B	D5
<i>Technology</i>	Year 10	Eleanor H	D4
<i>Technology</i>	Year 10	Theo S	D1
<i>Technology</i>	Year 11	Ryan D	E6

End of Term Rewards Assembly

Commendations

Staff nominated one student in each class for attainment and two for effort and those with the correct numbers of nominations were awarded Bronze, Silver, and Gold Commendation. Over 400 individual students received at least one commendation which shows the amazing attitude to learning our students have.

Bronze Commendation Winners		Silver Commendation Winners	
Grace T	A1	Oskar W	A7
Mohammed U	A4	Ollie C	C2
Reilley B	A5	Emily B	C2
Dillon C	C1	Taylor H	C2
Elliot S J	C1	Brandon L	C4
Kian R	C2	Alfie D	C4
George T	C4	Abigail G	A1
Robbie N	C5	Rosa W	C6
Louis L	C5	Josie C	C7
Alesha W	D1	Willow C	C7
Xain A	D3	Theo S	D1
Jack R	D4	Benjamin H	D3
Daisy B	D5	Jessica S	D5
Angela S	D7	Alicia M	D8
Lilly M	D8	Eva-May B	E1
Roxy F	E2	Bethanie S	E3
Lucas M	E2	Alex L	E3
Callum H	E2	Hailie W	E5
Olivia J	E3	Caitlin T	E6
Joe M	E4	Ethan W	E7
Evie T	E6	Eva W	V3
Ada V	V1		
Leon C	V2		
Rowan M	V2		
Amelia M	V2		
Cody W	V4		
Leah S	V5		
Emily Y	V5		
Amy-May H	V6		

Gold Commendation Awards	
Shaun A	A2
Daisy D	A2
Nathan N	A2
Rachel N	A2
Fariya J	A7
Estelle S	A7
Oskar W	A7
Todor D	C1
Seamas E	C1
Emily B	C2
Ethan R	C4
Caleb T W	C5
Willow C	C7
Anna Susan E	D1
Dylan G	D3
Benjamin H	D3
Alexandra D	D4
Harry S	D5
Jessica S	D5
Alicia M	D8
Izabela D	E2
Caitlin T	E6
Kayla W	V2
Thomas P	V4
Connie H	V5
Manha C	V7

Section Cup winner this half term is:

DISCOVERY

On behalf of all the staff we would like to say a big well done to all the award winners.

Career News



University of Central Lancashire Training 2000

What happens next... for year 11 students

Apply to Training 2000 From Nov 23 onwards	Prepare your CV From Nov 23 onwards
Come to our open evenings Wednesday 17th January & Thursday 1st February	We'll get in touch Initial contact in March 2024 to book an interview during the Easter holidays. If you apply after Easter we will be in touch within a week to arrange an interview
Interviews with companies	
Confirm your GCSE results August 2024	

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Summer Career Experiences
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Last Chance: Students can use the code SUMMER15A at checkout for 15% off all Summer Experiences.

Our 15% early-bird discount on our immersive summer career will end on 31st December.

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InvestIN is listed as an official activity provider on the UCAS application. Did you know, an impressive 78% of our alumni who featured their InvestIN experience on their UCAS applications were accepted into their first-choice university.

View & Register: Ages 15-18 **View & Register: Ages 12-14**

Hear from the expert team behind our Summer Experiences

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ONLINE Q&A
On 13th January join our Principal, Dr Ian Palmer, for an online Q&A session.

BOOK NOW

CAREER News 2023

Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Wallon to Dale High School

Well, here we are, almost at the end of term - and what a busy term it has been! Year 11s had their Aspire Day last week and completed college applications, CVs and personal statements. A number of colleges have already started interviewing - most will continue after Christmas, with some colleges interviewing in school. Please don't panic if you have put the wrong information on your application forms, all this can be changed at interview or reinstated (particularly if it's exam grades).

However, it is really important that your attendance is good from now till the end of Year 11 - colleges operate in a different way to schools and if your attendance drops below a certain percentage, they will ask you to leave. You must stay in either education, employment or training until the age of 18, so if you leave college, the county council will step in and try to place you elsewhere, but that could be anywhere that has spaces - definitely not a situation you want to be in!

There are lots of useful articles in this week's Career News: webinars, conferences, fairs, open events to look out for. If you are an aspiring medic, you really should be looking into the Medic Mentor programme of events. Good GCSE and A-level grades will not be enough for entrance to medical school, you need to know that you have engaged with work experience, volunteering and so on.

Speaking of open events, there will be more states at all the local colleges after Christmas. Even if you have already visited a college or training provider, you can go again. Likewise, if you haven't yet visited, you really must do so. You will be at college for two years, perhaps only studying one subject, so you need to know that it's the right place for you. Don't choose because your friend has applied, you are unlikely to have the same timetable, even if you choose identical subjects. You are very different people and will have very different experiences.

Finally, if you need advice on any aspect of careers, drop me an email: p.bentley@wallondale.lancs.sch.uk

18th - 24th December 2023

Amazing Apprenticeships

THIS IS MY STORY

Amazing Apprentices: This Is My Story

Brand-new film released today

Today, we launched 'Amazing Apprentices: This Is My Story' at an exclusive event at BBC New Broadcasting House in London.

We were joined by the amazing apprentices who featured in the film, their family, employers and training providers, to celebrate the film's first screening.

This brand-new film (with British Sign Language interpretation) follows the inspirational stories of apprentices with learning and physical differences, disabilities and health conditions.

Watch Now

Watch the film to learn how these apprentices are progressing their careers through apprenticeships and the ways that their employers and training providers are supporting them.

WATCH THE FILM!