



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

Friday 29th September



Headteacher's Message

Today we raised money for MacMillian with a bake sale at break and there are details below of a follow up event "The Great Walton Bake Off", a House competition to celebrate European Day of Languages. Details of how you can enter are below. It would be great to see the talents of our budding Mary Berry's.

Lots more to celebrate this week, as you will read about below. This week's assemblies have focused on the opportunities available across the school for students to get involved in, including extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities. We hope you will encourage your child to get involved in the wider life at WLD.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

TOILET PASSES

Reminder that with effect from 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.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-INS

Our School Nurse, Gillian Stec, will be available for drop-ins during break and lunch time on Monday 2nd October 2023. Your child will need to go to the pupil office to attend the meeting room with Gill.

If you have any further queries regarding our school nurse, please contact school and ask for Mrs R Sheridan.

SCHOOL PHOTO

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 5th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

UNIFORM

Due to price increases by the school uniform suppliers from Monday 2nd October 2023 the cost of the school blazer and the optional black jumper will increase in line with our suppliers, full details will be available on the Uniform Shop website.

YEAR 11 SKIRTS

Year 11 girls have been spoken to on Wednesday regarding the length of skirts. They were initially not made to purchase the new kilts as this is their last year at WLD however this was on the conditions that skirts were long enough. Those with skirts that are too short have been given notice to ensure they have a skirt that is long enough or wear trousers by Monday. If they are unable to organise something school have an extensive collection of spare uniform, we can lend them in the meantime.

MATHS HOMEWORK – SPARX MATHS

Particularly for our new year 7 students but as a reminder for other year groups – all homework in Maths is set online using Sparx Maths (www.sparxmaths.com) which can be accessed from laptops, PCs, tablets, phones and any other devices with an internet browser. Student logins are their full name with no spaces (So Joe Bloggs would be “joebloggs”) and they set their own passwords.

Homework should take approximately 30 minutes for years 7-9 and 60 minutes for years 10 & 11 and will be a mixture of topics they have recently seen in lessons for practice, and topics that they have seen previously in the course for revision. Students need to work on paper and write their working out as they complete the homework – not try to do questions in their heads. If they get stuck there is a video help available on every question and they should watch the video, copying the example as it is explained. They can then re-try the question using the example they have copied as a guide on how to complete it. If they are still stuck then they should send a message to their teacher on Teams or by email asking for additional help and then move on to another question.

We expect students to try and use the video help to get themselves unstuck as it teaches good independent learning and revision skills, but they should NOT be spending lots of time struggling on one question – once they've had a genuine attempt at sorting the issue they should message for help and move on. We strongly advise that they try to complete the homework soon after it is set, so that they have time to get help with anything that they find difficult. Students are also welcome to access the computer room in the Maths area at lunchtimes each day in order to work on homework and get help from staff with any topics they are struggling with.

In terms of home support we ask that you please check in with your child each week to make sure that they are completing the homework, and Sparx will email parents to keep them informed if homework is being completed or not. Homework in Maths is crucial to giving students the practice and variety of questions to ensure that they can retain and recall the skills, and students that complete their homework well each week show considerably higher levels of progress over time than those that don't.

Calculators

There are still a small number of students who do not have a calculator of their own for use in lessons and homework. Please could you make sure that your child has a scientific calculator – any calculator with SIN, COS and TAN buttons will be sufficient, but we recommend getting a CASIO calculator with a model number starting in “FX-83” or “FX-85” as these have a “natural display” allowing fractions and square roots etc to be written on the calculator as they appear in questions.



- To celebrate European Day of Languages, we are holding a VIRTUAL cake bake off for staff and pupils. This is the next Inter-House Competition



Be creative, be daring, show off your talent! –
can you bake a fantastic FOREIGN THEMED cake or cupcakes?



- 1) You **MUST** submit 3 photos & give your cake a title.
 - A photo of you during the baking
 - A photo of you holding the finished cake
 - A photo of just the cake
- 2) Submit these via Teams to Miss Rowson or Mrs McClelland between 25th September – 6th October.

Rewards

Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Discovery		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C2	Apollo A7	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D1
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Robyn KM (C2)	Apollo Anton F (A6)	Endeavour Ellen J (E2)	Voyager Jacob M (V6)	Discovery Angel H (D3)

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 Josie C (C7)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Mal D (E1)	Voyager Cohen F (V2)	Discovery Jack R (D4)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Athena D (C4)	Apollo Nathan N (A2)	Endeavour Roxy F (E2)	Voyager Manha C (V7)	Discovery Jayden S (D4)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Brandon L (C4)	Apollo Lucy B (A6)	Endeavour Archie P (E4)	Voyager Thomas P (V4)	Discovery Leo M (D4)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Carla M-M (C5)	Apollo Precious C (A3)	Endeavour Chris C (E2)	Voyager Mason D (V1)	Discover Rhianna L (D6)

Subject Awards of the Week

GCSE Computer science	
10A/Cs1	Dominic M (A4)
10B/Cs1	Callum Y (A4)
11C/Cs1	Seamas E (C1)
11B/Cs1	Collin M (A5)
GCSE Business	
11A/Bs1	Kevin D (V3)
11C/Bs1	Collin M (A5)

Rewards

Subject Awards of the Week

Year 7 Computing	
7WA	Aydan A (D8)
7WS	Hattie T (V7)
7WP	Lisia S (E7)
7DI	Emmelia H (D7)
7DR	Diwan Y (D7)
7DE	Erin B (D7)
Year 8 Computing	
8WA	Charlie C (E4)
8WS	Athena D (C4)
8WP	Jenson C (C3)
8DI	Oliver J (V6)
8DR	Scarlet G (V6)
8DE	Billy D (D2)
Year 9 Computing	
9WA	Dylan G (D3)
9WS	Holly B (E4)
9WP	Piotr S (E1)
9DI	Daisy B (D5)
9DR	Hugo E-W (V6)
9DE	Grace L (A1)
Year 10 Business	
10WDS	Kevin L (E2)
10WDP	Kayla W (V2)
10WDI	Ruby D (D1)
10WDR	Daniel D (E3)
10WDE	Rowan M (V2) Lexi RS (E4)
Year 11 Business	
11WDS	Georgie D (E2)
11WDP	Oliver T (C5)
11WDI	Nerrissa W (D2)
11WDR	Jessica W (A1)
11WDE	Nicola G (E1)

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) Drama (B) Computing (A) RE (A) Languages – French and/or German	
Every 5 weeks	Technology	
Every half-term	Art	

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.