



# WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Headteacher's Message

The festive season began here at WLD with many staff and students choosing to wear Christmas jumpers in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. We have raised £140 so far. If anyone has not yet donated or would like to contribute to this total, the link is [here](#). Thank you all for your generosity so far.

I hope the children enjoyed their Christmas dinner. I certainly enjoyed sitting with the children, pulling crackers and playing charades. It has certainly helped us feel a little more festive.

Please can I remind parents that leggings are not suitable school trousers. School trousers should be tailored. Girls should also come to school in full uniform and not in leggings in order to change in school. Thank you for your support in ensuring high standards of dress are upheld.

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.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Just a reminder that school will close to students at **12.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and will reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Reminder that the closing date for submission of entries will be **12noon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

# WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES

## 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

### 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' PERFORMANCE

Last week Year 11 watched a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by Initiate Theatre. This was an excellent opportunity for students to revise the plot, characters and themes in preparation for their English Literature GCSE.

### Mock Exams and Progress Evening

Reminder that on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, year 11's will be having their **French and German** Mock Speaking exams respectively.

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, year 11 **Art class** will be undertaking their Mock exam.

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

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

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students and parents and carers at this evening.

**Could you be boosting your grades?**

**National Tutoring Programme**

With free after school tutoring, you could make an additional 4 months of progress over the course of year 11 in:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- French
- History
- Geography
- RE
- German

Speak to Mr Moorcroft to arrange a day that suits you...

Refreshments provided! ☺

To discuss tutoring options for your child, please contact:  
[i.moorcroft-jones@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:i.moorcroft-jones@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk)

## Whole School Messages



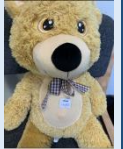
Children In Need Fundraiser to name the teddy.

Introducing..... Nutty the Teddy

**Well done Billy D (D2)**

**We raised £18.30 for Children in Need**

**Thank you to all who took part.**



### Interhouse Competition - Who's the baby?

Forms competed by taking part in an online Kahoot quiz to guess which staff were in the baby photos

- Winning House was Challenger with 49838 points C7 were the winning form
- 2nd Place was Apollo with 44051 points A6 were the winning form
- 3rd Place were Discovery with 36555 points D5 were the winning form
- 4th Place were Voyager with 33610 points and V2 were the winning form
- 5th place were Endeavour with E7 being the winning form



**Next week Interhouse competition is a physical challenge for forms to complete the Hula Hoop Challenge. Watch this video to get a taste of what we will be asking our forms to do.**

**Which form will work best as a team and complete the challenge in the fastest time?**



### **RUNSHAW ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE TRIP**

Congratulations to the six students who participated in an Enterprise Challenge at Runshaw College this week, where they competed against five other local high schools. All students demonstrated impressive business skills and their exemplary behaviour reflected positively on our school and the Business Department.

Well done for your outstanding efforts! 😊

# Homework

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
<b>Weekly</b>	English Maths Science Geography History	English Maths Science Option A Option B Option C Computing
<b>Once every 2 weeks</b>	Music (A) Computing (A) RE (A) Languages – French and/or German	
<b>Every 5 weeks</b>	Technology (or at the end of each rotation)	
<b>Every half-term</b>	Art Drama	

## Homework Support: Monday to Friday in D4 and the Library

### Homework Champions

Please be aware that homework is set on Classcharts.



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:

<b>Year 7</b>	Estelle S (A7) Diwan Y (D7)
<b>Year 8</b>	Lexie D (A1) Cody W (V4)
<b>Year 9</b>	Caleb T-W (C5) Abigail G (A1)
<b>Year 10</b>	Jasmin C (C6) Lorinc S (D5)
<b>Year 11</b>	Emily Y (V5) Maizie N (A6)

## Rewards

### Attendance awards

House with Highest Attendance			Discovery		
Form with Highest Attendance	<b>Challenger C4</b>	<b>Apollo A7</b>	<b>Endeavour E7</b>	<b>Voyager V3</b>	<b>Discovery D1</b>
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	<b>Challenger</b>	<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Endeavour</b>	<b>Voyager</b>	<b>Discovery</b>

### Classcharts Awards

House with Most Positives			Voyager		
Form with the most Positives	<b>Challenger C6</b>	<b>Apollo A7</b>	<b>Endeavour E3</b>	<b>Voyager V3</b>	<b>Discovery D3</b>
Kindness Golden Ticket	<b>Challenger</b> Emily B (C5)	<b>Apollo</b> Harry S (A3)	<b>Endeavour</b> Nikola G (E1)	<b>Voyager</b> Mia C (V1)	<b>Discovery</b> Billy D (D2)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	<b>Challenger</b> Ollo H (C6)	<b>Apollo</b> Fariya J (A7)	<b>Endeavour</b> Levi B (E6)	<b>Voyager</b> Aaron W (V5)	<b>Discovery</b> Billy D (D2)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	<b>Challenger</b> Jasmine C (C6)	<b>Apollo</b> Lexie D (A1)	<b>Endeavour</b> Jake S (E5)	<b>Voyager</b> Lorinc S (V5)	<b>Discovery</b> Diwan Y (D7)
Most Improved Student	<b>Challenger</b> Andrew N (C4)	<b>Apollo</b> Ebony S (A6)	<b>Endeavour</b> Lexie RS (E4)	<b>Voyager</b> Poppy J (V4)	<b>Discover</b> Riley M (D5)



## Rewards

### Maths Awards of the Week

Year 7 Awards	
7WA	Grace Z (D8)
7WS	Alicia M (D8)
7WP	Lexie T (C7)
7DI	Alfie W-N (D8)
7DR	Dylan J (D8)
7DE	Antonia A (V7)
Year 8 Awards	
8WA	Ada V (V1)
8WS	Katy K (D4)
8WP	Evie T (E6)
8DI	Alexandra D (D4)
8DR	Jessica S (D5)
8DE	Anna Susan E (D1)
Year 9 Awards	
9WA	Abigail G (A1)
9WS	Piotr S (E1)
9WP	Jack S (V6)
9DI	William W (E5)
9DR	Hollie R (C4)
9DE	Brandon L (C4)
Year 10 Awards	
10WDA	Cameron B (E6)
10WDS	Summer H (E6)
10WDP	Jasmine C (C6)
10WDI	Daniel D (E3)
10WDR	Kevin L (E2)
10WDE	Kian O (C3)
Year 11 Awards	
11WDA	Wing Y (V5)
11WDS	Jessica J (A5)
11WDP	Dmitri K (A5)
11WDI	Jake S (C6)
11WDR	Nicola G (E1)
11WDE	Danielle E (C2)



## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday winners are:

**Estelle S A7; Paige C E6; Dominik P E5; Daisy D A2; Lily F V1;  
Billy D D2; Alfie S C6; Finlay M C6; Pawel S V5; Nikola J V7;  
Amelia M V2; Ollo H C6; Alex R D3; Sophie O C6**