



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 1st March 2024

Headteacher's Message

The school's conversion date of 1st March 2024 has unfortunately had to be delayed. This is a planned delay and is not an indication that the trust will no longer be supporting the school. The trust, Local Authority and Regional Director's Office are meeting very soon to agree a new conversion date, which I will communicate with you once it has been confirmed.

We have seen an improvement in behaviour standards this week and I would like to thank parents for supporting us with the new detention system which has enabled us to "Restore" relationships between students and staff, which is in turn having a really positive impact.

If parents need any support in ensuring students are "Ready" for school, e.g. loans of uniform etc, please contact your HAL. As mentioned below, we will have a stationery shop from next week. Please send your child in with change if they need to buy anything.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

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. Please could we also remind parents/carers that they need to complete the Classcharts notification and these are not to be made by students or siblings.

Year 9 Options 2024-26: What happens next?

Monday 4th March - lessons 4 and 5

Year 9 students will have a short guidance conversation with Mrs Brown, Mrs Wall, Mrs Ardern or Mrs Long when students can tell us which options they are choosing. This conversation is a chance for us to check their options choices to make sure that they are choosing an EBacc subject and that they have decided on a balanced choice of option subjects that will support their future choices for going to college, doing an apprenticeship, getting a job. Don't worry if they haven't yet made a final decision, we can talk about that too.

Thursday 7th March 4.00-6.30pm: Year 9 Progress Evening and Options Info

Year 9 students, parents and carers are warmly invited to our progress evening when you can talk to teachers about how your child is getting on and find out more about their option choices. The booking system is now open for this via the school website: <https://www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk/parents/progress-evenings>

Week commencing Monday 11th March - submitting your final option choices

Students will make their final options choices and submit them to Mrs Brown. Year 9 students will be doing this in school, on a school computer during lesson time. They will use a system called 'Options Online'. Mrs Brown is organising when and where they will do this and she will give students more information on how this will work later next week.

Year 11 Edge Hill University Visit – Wednesday 27th March

Reminder that closing date for parental consent is **3pm on Tuesday 12th March.**

Whole School Messages

Behaviour Curriculum

Be
READY

Attend school and arrive on time



Wear the correct uniform

Be in and on time for all your lessons

Bring all the equipment you will need for the day

This week we would like to focus on being **READY** to learn.

Each week we publish whole school attendance figures. Students are also made aware of their attendance figures on classcharts. Being in school is important but it is also important students are in every lesson for all the lesson.

Truancy is when students miss a large part or whole lesson without good reason. Students who truant will receive a 30 minute after school detention the next day to make up missed time. Persistent truancy could result in suspensions and parents being brought into school.

Student should not be late for school or lessons. If a student is late for school they will receive a late break detention as a sanction. If students are late to lessons, they receive a late strike and will be sanctioned in a similar way if it's a persistent problem.

To know that we have a uniform to reduce peer pressure and bullying, promote discipline and professionalism, to foster equality and

inclusivity and to promote pride and unity. Students cannot wear false nails, eyelashes or jewellery for health and safety reasons. Uniform policy can be found [HERE](#).

If students have a problem with missing uniform school will lend a replacement item to support. Parents will be contacted by school to report the fact that uniform is missing. If there are persistent problems parents should contact the student HAL. The link to the uniform shop to replace or buy new uniform is [HERE](#).

Stationery Shop

We are pleased to announce that from Monday 4th March students will be able to purchase stationary items with cash. The shop will be run by Year 11 prefects during morning registration in the Dining Hall. This supports our Behaviour Curriculum to be **READY** to learn



Equipment Price list

Black Pen 5p
Red Pen 5p
Green pen 5p
Pencil 5p
Rubber 10p
Ruler 10p
White board pen 10p
Highlighter 10p
Glue stick 30p

St Aidan's Larder



This week our charity ambassadors Billy D, Ada V, Jess S, Ava D and Evie T were able to visit St. Aidan's Larder in Bamber Bridge. The Larder provides food support to individuals and families from the local area, and it is entirely volunteer ran - relying on food and monetary donations from local businesses, communities, and schools. Our students were able to see how the Larder is run and is restocked and they were each given roles to do to help prepare for the next opening.

The Larder runs from St. Aidan's Church Hall where anyone who needs its help can congregate over cake and coffee. The team are supportive and welcoming to all with a play area and someone to talk to not just food support. School will be running charitable events soon in support of The Larder

The Larder is open 9.30-11.30am Mondays and Fridays. If you would like more information or would like to use or support The Larder please contact: Joan – christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com

Whole School Messages

Hot Chocolate Friday



The following students were invited to have Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher today for a variety of reasons:

Kian O'M – for always helping out with the reading books;
Billy D, Thomas P, Mark K, Dylan G, Inara T – for helping to deliver the 'all different, all equal' assembly;
Dominik A – for working hard out of lesson time writing an incredible story;
Oliver R – for being a supportive friend and helping a student every lesson;

Max M – for always being so pleasant, helpful and a model student;
Freya V – for consistent hard work and effort in History lessons;
Leila J – for amazing improvement in Attitude to Learning and effort in History;
Bethanie S - for consistent hard work and effort in History lessons;
Olivia J - for consistent hard work and effort in History lessons;
Archie P - for significant improvement in basketball layup.

Do you have a safeguarding concern? 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)
- **Papyrus** – Prevention for young suicide contact: 0800 068 4141
- **Samaritans** - for support call 116 113 for free or email jo@samaritans.org

SCAN ME

- <https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/our-services/service-finder-z/children-and-young-peoples-psychological-services>
- **Young Minds** – Crisis messenger is a free 24/7 UK service. Text 'YM' to 85258

t: 0300 247 0040
w: lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk



Scan this code to contact us via Chat Health, for anonymous advice Mon-Fri 9-5

SCAN ME

Scan here to access our website



School Nurse Drop ins – Carol Williams

Our school nurse will be in for breaktime drop ins on **25th March 2024**
D2 meeting room 10:55am-11:15am.

If you wish to contact our school nurse, please scan the QR code or contact Mrs Sheridan on 01772 335726.

Year 8 HPV Immunisation

The immunisation team will be in school on Friday 3rd May to administer the HPV vaccination to the Year 8 pupils.

Please complete the form to CONSENT or REFUSE the vaccination by following the link below, **which will close at midnight on 15th March.**

If you have made an error or are unsure whether you have already completed a form, please contact us on the telephone number below. **Please do not attempt to complete another form.**

Link - <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/8478f91d>

Telephone: 03333 583 397 option 2 option 1.

Homework

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 Rewards

Homework Submissions this week: Year 10 are the winners!

- **Every homework must be completed**
- Teachers will be sending **postcards** home particularly for homework
- **Certificates** will be awarded in our awards assemblies for homework, as this shows your dedication to your studies and learning
- Each half-term, 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
- These students will also receive a 'golden ticket' to swap for a small prize (HALs will give these to students in assembly)

Year 7	Alfie W-N (E2) Poppy E (E1)
Year 8	Mal D (E1) Emily S (V4)
Year 9	Thomas P (V4) Grace L (A1)
Year 10	Archie P (E4) Lexie R (E4)
Year 11	Lewis V (A1) Quisha C (C1)

Rewards

Attendance awards week beginning 19th February

House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4	Apollo A4	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D8
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Thomas M C2	Apollo Nathan N A2	Endeavour Evan L E4	Voyager Eva W V3	Discovery Austina K D6

Rewards

PSHE Awards of the Week

<i>Year 7 Awards</i>	
7WDA	Esmae M (C2) Lillie P (C2)
7WDS	Eva T (A4)
7WDP	Amelia M (E6)
7DDI	Hattie T (V4)
7DDR	Emmelia H (D6)
7DDE	Ruby P (V2)
<i>Year 8 Awards</i>	
8WDA	Jayden S (D6)
8WDS	Ethan R (C4)
8WDP	Annabelle T (E6)
8DDI	Nathan N (A2)
8DDR	Michaela-Angel C (V1); Lily F (V1)
8DDE	Oliver J (V6)
<i>Year 9 Awards</i>	
9WDA	Mark K (D1)
9WDS	Inara T (C6)
9WDP	Callum H (E2)
9DDI	Aidan L (C3)
9DDR	Leon C (V2)
9DDE	Thomas P (V4)
<i>Year 10 Awards</i>	
10WDA	Eleanor H (D4)
10WDS	Katie W (C4)
10WDP	Emily F (V6)
10WDI	Elliot S-J (C1)
10WDR	Courney O (E1)
10WDE	Alfie W (A5)
<i>Year 11 Awards</i>	
11WDA	Emma W (D4)
11WDS	Alexa N (C6)
11WDP	Morgan G-O (E4)
11WDI	Kai L (A5)
11WDR	Eva W (V3)
11WDE	Finlay H (V6)