



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Monday 22nd April

Headteacher's Message

We are really pleased with how smart the children looked last week and the dramatic improvement we have seen in uniform. I wish to thank you all for your support with this.

We have seen an increase in year 11 students staying behind to complete work, the DT workshop has been particularly busy this week. Well done year 11, keep up the good work.

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. 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.

Although we ask parents/carers to refrain from booking medical appointments during school time, we understand there may be times that this cannot be helped. Therefore, please can we ask you to specify on Classcharts: what time your child needs to leave site and whether they are getting picked up or making their own way to their appointment.

If you do not have access to Classcharts, please contact your child's HAL.

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.

Arriving after Registers Close

As you are aware school has a statutory responsibility to closely monitor Attendance and Punctuality to school. This year attendance and punctuality has been a real focus for the school.

Here at Walton-le-Dale we are always looking at ways to improve attendance and punctuality and ensure that our students maximise every opportunity to be in school and achieve their full academic potential. There will a clear correlation between attendance and academic success.

You may already be aware that as per attendance policy, Students who arrived after 9:05am receive an Unauthorised mark in the register. This U mark affects their attendance percentage as they do not receive their morning mark, effectively halving their daily session marks and overall attendance percentage.

In certain circumstances we may have no alternative but to apply for legal intervention in the form of Fixed Penalty Notice for persistent lateness to school. However, as always, we would much rather work in partnership with all parents/carers to address any issues, if you know of any reason why your child should be persistently late then please contact the attendance team to request an urgent meeting to address any issues.

Punctuality plays an important role in all aspects of life including college, work and appointments we are trying to help our students with learning skills needed for life!

As always, we appreciate your help and support. Walton-le-Dale is committed to the success of every child.

Important information regarding School ParentPay Accounts

Reminder that the Parentpay lunch account is limited to **-£4.80**. This means students will be allowed to go into arrears for **a maximum of 2 meal deals only**. Please ensure your child's account is always topped-up.

After this point students will be refused food.

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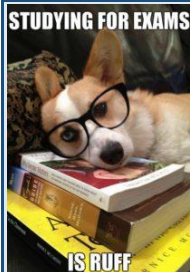
Stationery Shop

Students can buy stationery every morning from our prefects who run the stationery shop. This a cash run shop but the cost of items is very low and part of our support for students to be READY to learn.

Drinks bottles



Please could we remind parents to send their child to school with a refillable drinks bottle to allow them to get water at the water fountains throughout the day, as we are unable to provide cups for them to use. Thank you.



Kooth Webinar - Exams

With exam season upon us, we understand the challenges that students face in managing stress. As a parent it can be a challenging time to help your child through this period. [Kooth](#) are offering webinars to help parents and carers support their child. Please see booking form [this form](#). The zoom link to the session will arrive the day before.

[Home - Kooth](#)

Year 11 GCSE Exams this week (W/c 22/04/24)

Monday 22nd April – French Speaking exam (All day, individual time slots have been sent).

Tuesday 23rd April – German Speaking exam (All day, individual time slots have been sent).

Friday 26th April – Urdu Speaking exam (All day, individual time slots have been sent).

Forward look to exams (W/c 29/04/24)

Monday 29th April – Art (All day)

Tuesday 30th April – Art (All day)

Thursday 2nd May – BTEC Digital Information Technology (**1pm START**).

Friday 3rd May – Polish Speaking exam (All day, individual time slots have been sent).

Year 11 Revision

Year 11 students and parents/carers have all been provided with a day-by-day Easter (and beyond) revision schedule.

In addition, a timetable of online lessons has been published to students. They are encouraged to access these lessons at the scheduled times, via Teams.

Mrs Long
Deputy Headteacher

Year 10 Progress Evening - Thursday 25th April

Year 10 students and their parents/carers are invited to our Year 10 Progress Evening on **Thursday 25th April**. The evening will take place in school. It will run from 4-6.30pm. Parents and carers will be able to use the school booking system SchoolCloud to make appointments with subject teachers. The booking system will open after the Easter holidays. We will send parents and carers an email when we open SchoolCloud so that appointments can be made.

Homework Support

Homework support runs every day after school in D4. Students can access support from members of staff until 4pm each day.

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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 =



SCAN ME

- **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
- <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



School Nurse Drop-in Clinic

The School Nurse, Carol, will run a service of drop-ins during break and lunchtimes on the following dates:

22-05-24; 04-06-24; 10-06-24; 19-06-24

These will be held in Meeting Room 1 and any student wishing to attend will need to access this via the Pupil Office. On 04-06-24 the drop-in clinic will be in Meeting Room 2.

Easter Raffle

Before the break, we ran some Easter Raffles for both staff and students. We raised an amazing **£166.20** for St Aidens Larder. This money will go towards helping towards the running costs and food for this essential community project. 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. Thank you for your help and support.

The Larder runs from St. Aiden'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.

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

Celebrations



Before Easter, one of our Head Students Eva-May B performed an hour long set of her own songs at HMV in Blackpool. The gig was really well attended and Eva-May thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Music is something that she is passionate about and would like to make a career out of. Eva-May said "Music is something I love. It is my voice. For me, words are powerful and with my music I hope to make change." Well done Eva-May!



One of our Year 10 students Kayden F represented England in the World Muay Thai championships in Bangkok before the Easter holidays. Kayden fought his way to the final - he stopped his opponent from Kazakhstan and then he won in the final by a unanimous decision against India. Well done Kayden – a world champion!

Rewards

Hot Chocolate Friday



The following students were invited to have Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher on Friday for a variety of reasons. Fantastic work all of you - keep it up!

Alex L, Rosa W, George D - For attending all online History revision sessions

Ellie S - For achieving a great result on the end of term test

Mark K - for excellent contributions in reading lessons

Reece H, Lexi D, Ethan W, Ava Grace D - Working really hard in phonics

Riley M, Max M, Estelle S - for always being willing to help in French lessons

House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4	Apollo A4	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D1
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Todor D C1	Apollo Jake G A1	Endeavour Piotr S E1	Voyager Riley M V4	Discovery Nicole W D3

Careers Messages

Year 10 reminder – Work Experience packs

Don't forget to return your Work Experience packs to Mrs Crozier once you have secured your placement.

Work Experience Top Tips! - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmk_-bOceC0

Year 10 & 11 – Upcoming Careers Events

Wigan & Leigh College – Meet the Employer & Apprenticeship Team

 Monday 22nd April 4:30pm – 7.30pm

 Wigan & Leigh College, Parson's Walk, Wigan, WN1 1RS

<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

**CREATING
OUTSTANDING
FUTURES**

MONDAY 22 APRIL

**OPEN EVENING
AND
MEET THE EMPLOYER &
APPRENTICESHIP TEAM**



Our Open Evening is an excellent opportunity to look around our campus which includes some exciting new developments including our brand new Centre for Performing Arts, VR Learning Space and Esports Room. Are you interested in doing an apprenticeship? Our Meet the Employer event is ideal for school leavers and current 16-18 students seeking an apprenticeship. You will have the opportunity to speak to a range of employers about their apprenticeship opportunities. Book your place [here](#).

Blackpool Sixth Open Evening & Careers Showcase

 Wednesday 24th April 5:30pm – 8:00pm

 Blackpool Sixth, Blackpool Old Road, Blackpool, FY3 7LR



April Open Evening - Blackpool Sixth Form

OUR OPEN EVENING IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COME AND SEE BLACKPOOL SIXTH. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WALK AROUND OUR FRIENDLY CAMPUS AND FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING WITH US. THERE WILL BE EMPLOYERS, UNIVERSITIES AND ALUMNI FOR YOU TO TALK TO.

THIS IS ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GET A FEEL OF WHAT IT'S LIKE AS A BLACKPOOL SIXTH STUDENT.

Learn about the courses we have on offer, speak to teachers, see our outstanding classroom facilities and talk to our current students about what life is like studying at Blackpool Sixth.

You will be able to collect information about the enrichment programme we have on offer and get financial and transport advice from our pleasant support staff.

Our catering company will have live-theatre cooking taking place, where you'll be able to sample and see some of the typical meals our current students have each day.

Our Principal, will also be discussing some essential information and the advantages of studying at Blackpool Sixth in our theatre.

[Sign up](#) today and join us for a day of discovery, interaction, and inspiration.