



WLD HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN



Friday 23rd February 2024

Headteacher's Message

We have had a very positive start to the new term with the implementation of the new behaviour curriculum. Thank you to parents for your patience as we worked to improve the service on the Blackburn bus, the new route did arrive on time on Thursday. You can see the link to the new timetable [here](#).

We have introduced a new lates detention daily, which is having an impact on punctuality. Being punctual to school is vital for students to form good habits for later life. Punctuality records also form part of references passed onto employers or higher educational institutes.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

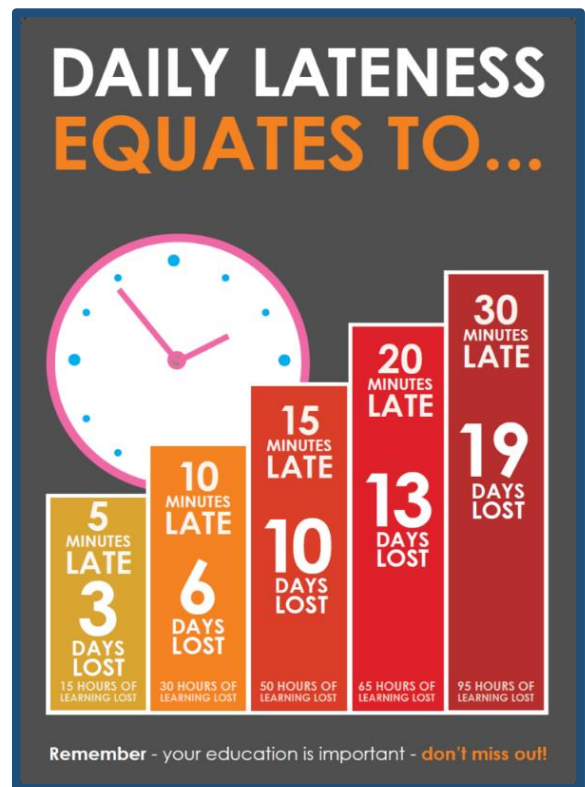
Year 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the Immunisation Team will be in school on **Tuesday 27th February** to administer Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations to those Year 9 pupils who have consented.

If you have any concerns/queries or changes in your child's medical history prior to the visit, you should contact the Immunisation Team direct on: 0333 358 3397, opt 2, opt 1.

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents should report any absences or medical appointments on Classcharts or Schoolcomms by 9am – **please do not** ring/text or email school for student absences. 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.



Please can parents try and refrain from booking medical appointments during school time, if this cannot be helped, evidence of medical appointments will need to be added onto classcharts when inputting their absence.

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Netball

It was our Year 11's last netball tournament on Tuesday 20th February. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their commitment and dedication to representing WLD sport over the years.

It has been a pleasure to take you to fixtures and I hope you continue to play in the future.

Miss Bryan

Year 11 Information: Upcoming Dates

Year 11 Progress Evening- Thursday 29th February 2024 (4-6.30pm)

On Tuesday this week, parents and carers of our Year 11 students should have received a summary of their child's mock exam grades by email (from the exams they did at the start of January). Year 11 students also received a paper copy of their grades. We look forward to seeing parents and carers next week at the Year 11 Progress Evening to discuss these grades. At the progress evening next week, teachers will also be able to discuss predicted grades, current attitude to learning and how students should prepare for their exams in the remaining weeks.

The SchoolCloud booking system for this is now open. Please find the link for the booking system on the school website: <https://www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk/parents/progress-evenings>

Revision

Year 11 are given a 25-minute revision slot each day in 'period 6'. They spend Monday period 6 planning out their very specific revision tasks for the coming week. They then complete these tasks. So feel free to ask them to show you what they have been revising in these sessions.

Summer Exams 2024

The full exam timetable is now on our [website](#). Please be aware that this timetable is set by the national exam boards and is therefore subject to change (by the exam boards). As we head closer to the exams, we will provide students with their own individual exam timetables.

Year 11 Edge Hill University Visit

As part of the upcoming ASPIRE day on Wednesday 27th March we are planning on taking all students in year 11 on an aspirational visit to Edge Hill University in Ormskirk. The day will consist of information on higher education and the different types of courses on offer, a tour of the campus, opportunities to speak to students about university life, and a study skills session which will aid with their GCSE exam revision. The day is designed to give students an insight into university life and try to address some of the barriers that young people face when considering whether university is right for them, as many students often don't consider higher education because they feel that "university isn't for people like me".

The trip is free of charge and will take place entirely within the normal school day, setting off from school just after 9am and returning before 3pm. Students will need to be in full school uniform as usual, will need to have suitable outer clothing for the weather conditions when walking around the campus, and need to bring a packed lunch with them as there are unlikely to be any opportunities to buy food at the campus. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take but will need to order it the day before.

We have sent an electronic consent form out on ParentPay, which covers consent to go on the trip and permission or not for Edge Hill to use images from the day as part of their marketing and publicity. Please could you complete this consent by **3pm on Tuesday 12th March** to allow us to confirm numbers and make arrangements for any students that are not going on the trip. Students who are not on the trip will be expected to be in school as usual and will have a day of self-study if remaining in school.

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

Please find payment details in ParentPay for anyone wishing to complete their Duke of Edinburgh. Payment needs to be made by 1st March. Any interested pupils should have received a letter this morning with details on. If you need any more information, please contact Mr Cairns. d.cairns@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 9 Options Process

Please find our Options Booklet, the options columns for this year and a 'quick subject comparison' on our school website <https://waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/options-y9> .

We look forward to seeing students, parents and carers at our Year 9 Progress Evening and Options Information on Thursday 7th March 2023. The SchoolCloud booking system for this will open next week.

The final deadline for students to submit their options choice online will be Tuesday 12th March. We will explain to students how this will work nearer the time. Students will make their option choices using an online system. This will be done in school and teachers will support them to do this.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions:
h.brown@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk

Behaviour Curriculum

At Walton-le-dale, we aim to provide an education for all students free from disruption, and that enables the school to focus on improving outcomes for all students. Research shows that good behaviour must be explicitly taught and modelled by all.

This behaviour curriculum explains to everyone in school, clear expectations under the overarching behaviour principles of being ready to learn, respectful of everyone and being safe in school. The principle of a behaviour curriculum is to create a positive ethos around school and a culture where we have high expectations of our students. This will create better relationships, a consistent environment from classroom to classroom and support all students no matter what ability or learning need.

We feel that the behaviour curriculum will:

- Simplify a student's day in school by having the same keystone routines and rules in every classroom so it's easy to know our expectations
- Will teach students how to behave not just expect them to know.
- Will make school a calmer and safer place for all to learn.
- Will make students able to understand their own behaviour and learn how to improve it.

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

Be
RESPECTFUL

Have good manners

Give people respect, they don't need to earn it

Be kind and helpful to others

Accept everyone as the individuals they are

Line up and conduct ourselves properly when required

Be
SAFE

Move around school calmly

Caring for your school and any equipment you use

Caring for others in school - be kind and helpful

Breaks and lunchtimes should be calm

Mobile phones should not be used, to safeguard us all in school

Restorative practise in school

One of the key aspects of the behaviour curriculum is the implementation of restorative practice in the way we resolve behaviour that doesn't meet our expectations. This means that staff and students use carefully researched conversations to reflect on the issues, understand what needs to improve and support students and avoid future similar problems.

Staff have received training we have created time for these conversations to happen after schools to that matters are resolved on the same day, when staff are available, so that resentment and conflict are resolved for a fresh start the next day.

Already the impact of these conversations is apparent. We believe that we will empower our students with the ability to self-reflect and improve their own behaviour in the future.

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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:



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- **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
- <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: lancsyoungeoplefamilyservice.co.uk



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

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Scan here to access our website



School Nurse Drop ins – Carol Williams

Our school nurse will be in for breaktime drops 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.

Homework Club

Homework club resumes this week every evening after school until 4pm. Students must come to the Library or D4. They will be able to access our wonderful library and its resources and also a suite of computers. They will also be able to ask for support with homework from our staff.

Homework Rewards

Homework Submissions this week: Year 7 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	Daniella N (A4) Alfie W-N (E2)
Year 8	Lexi D (D6) Levi B (E6)
Year 9	Thomas P (V4) Samantha P (A4)
Year 10	Cameron B (E6) Kian I (V2)
Year 11	<u>Joepaul</u> K E (D2) Emily Y (V5)

Rewards

Attendance awards week beginning 5th Feb

House with Highest Attendance			Discovery		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4 86.1%	Apollo A5 83.1%	Endeavour E1 89.2%	Voyager V4 88.5%	Discovery D3 91.6%
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Lilly M (C5)	Apollo Jay M (A4)	Endeavour Maddison W-B (E3)	Voyager Kyle N (V2)	Discovery Jayden S (D6)

Classcharts Awards week beginning 19th Feb

House with Most Positives			Apollo		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C2	Apollo A4	Endeavour E3	Voyager V3	Discovery D3
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Hollie R (C4)	Apollo Harry S (A3)	Endeavour Alfie W-N (E2)	Voyager Nikola J (V2)	Discovery George R (D5)
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Inara T (C6)	Apollo Hallie W (A3)	Endeavour Lisia S (E3)	Voyager Oliver R (V4)	Discovery Tamzin B (D2)
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Jess A (C4)	Apollo Daniella N (A4)	Endeavour Cameron B (E6)	Voyager Khaleesi A (V3)	Discovery Emmelia H (D6)
Most Improved Student	Challenger Verity P (C2)	Apollo Gabriella S (A1)	Endeavour Lexie R-S (E4)	Voyager George R (V6)	Discover Alfie D (D3)

English Awards of the Week

Year 7 English Awards	
7WA	Erin H C4
7WS	Jessica R D5
7WP	Lilly M E2
7DI	Oliver W E3
7DR	Erin B D2
7DE	Enny F-D A5
Year 8 English Awards	
8WA	Lilly M C5
8WS	Cody W V4
8WP	Evie T E6
8DI	Ethan R C4
8DR	George R D5
8DE	Lillybelle S V4
Year 9 English Awards	
9WA	Caleb T-W C5
9WS	Harvey J C1
9WP	Kelsey-Ann H-B D4
9DI	Inara T C6
9DR	Jakob B E2
9DE	Autumn T V2
Year 10 English Awards	
10WDA	Summer N D4
10WDS	Lewis G A3
10WDP	Lacey J C5
10WDI	Jasmine H E1
10WDR	Alexsandra Y A2
10WDE	Ashley B C6
Year 11 English Awards	
11WDA	Georgie D E2
11WDS	Zack H E5
11WDP	Shardaya B A3
11WDI	Sophie W V1
11WDR	Dimitri K A5
11WDE	Lewis V-W A1