



Friday 26th April 2024

Headteacher's Message

Following feedback from parents at a recent Parent Forum, we are updating the format of our weekly bulletin. We'd really appreciate any feedback you have.

We're also aware that many of our students are involved in activities and clubs outside of school and we are keen to hear about their successes in these areas. If you have anything you wish to share, please could you contact your House Leader so they can arrange for this to be added to the bulletin and our website. We are also trying to get our socials up to date. Watch this space!

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher



DEAR PARENTS/
GUARDIANS,



REMINDERS

Important Dates

29/04/24 - Y11 Exams start

30/04/24 - Deadline for Y10 Work Experience Packs

3/05/24 - Year 8 HPV vaccinations

3/05/24 - Deadline for Y11 prom payment via parentpay

Important information regarding School

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**. After this point students will be refused food. **Please ensure your child's account is always topped-up.**



Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the immunisation team will be in school on Friday 3rd May to administer the HPV vaccinations to those year 8 students who have consented.

If you have any concerns/queries or changes in your child's medical history prior to their visit, please contact them direct on: Telephone: 03333 583 397 option 2, option 1.



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. If you have received notification of your child not registering in school, please respond via either Schoolcomms or Classcharts – please do not ring.

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 along with any supporting evidence of the appointment so we can authorise their absence.

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.



House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4	Apollo A4	Endeavour E3	Voyager V2	Discovery D3
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Grace G C2	Apollo Lucia R A5	Endeavour Alexi B E5	Voyager Ruby C V1	Discovery Olivia H D3



Homework Champions

Year 8s have received the most homework points this week. Well done!

Golden tickets will be handed out by HALs this week.

The individual winners are:



Year 7	Manha C (V5) Leo W-H (D8)
Year 8	Alex D (D4) Finlay M (C6)
Year 9	Thomas P (V4) Maddie W-B (E3)
Year 10	Jasmin C (C6) Maksymilian N (V1)
Year 11	Jamie M (A6) Danielle E (A6)

Well done!



Hot chocolate Friday winners this week

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

- Ellie T, Kevin L – For excellent Science practical work
- Olivia J, Bethanie S, Ivy M, Ruby-May P – For helping out at Y11 GCSE moderation
- Caitlin T – for excellent work in phonics
- Anna E, Riley S – for being a really good mentor in the EAL reading buddy group
- Quincy W – for showing excellent determination
- Seamus E, Todor D – always being kind and ready to help
- Danjiel K, Enny F-B – for always being enthusiastic, focused and keen to help out
- Nataniel K – working extremely hard in Geography
- Lauren J – for showing a significant improvement in GCSE PE

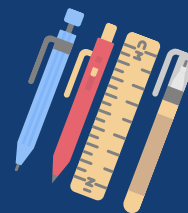


FANTASTIC



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 Bottle

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 [this form](#).

The zoom link to the session will arrive the day before.

Y11 Exams

Year 11 GCSE Exams next week (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).

Forward look to exams (W.C. 06/05/24)

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED.

Tuesday 7th May – BTEC Health & Social Care (**9am START**)

Thursday 9th May – Religious Studies Paper 1 (**9am START**)

Thursday 9th May – Urdu Listening & Reading (**1pm START**)

Friday 10th May – Science Biology paper 1 (**9am START**)

Friday 10th May – German Listening & Reading (**1pm START**)

THE FULL EXAM TIMETABLE CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#) ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER “SUMMER 2024 GCSE EXAM CALENDAR V2”.

Please also make yourselves familiar with the Candidate Exam Handbook, Warning to Candidates & Unauthorised Items posters which are located in the same place.

Year 11s continue to work through their revision guides (sent home before Easter). They are able to use Learning for Life lessons in school, as well as period 6s each day, to revise.

GOOD
LUCK



Safeguarding

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
- <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.



Y10 & Y11 Careers

Year 10 & 11 Upcoming Careers Events
NHS - Lancashire Teaching Hospitals

 Friday 3rd May 10:00am - 6:00pm

 Health Academy 1, Royal Preston Hospital, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 9HT

NHS CAREERS EVENT!!!


Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

This is your chance to speak with staff members from multiple departments including:



Physiotherapists, NWAS, Nursing, Dietetics, Recruitment and many more!!!

Location:
Health Academy 1
Royal Preston Hospital
PR2 9HT
(SCAN QR CODE)



for more information please email us at:
WIDENING.PARTICIPATION@LTHTR.NHS.UK



Homework Support

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