



Friday 20th September 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been wonderful to see our new Year 7 students settle into Walton-le-Dale. They have quickly found their way around the school and have a newfound confidence. Our Year 11s have experienced a great start to the year and those on the Geography fieldtrip to Bowness were a credit to the school. Revision sessions have begun already after school and it is wonderful to see students accessing this resource from our staff team.

The students have adapted well to morning reading and form in the afternoon. We made this change because form time is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the day's successes but also to resolve any problems ready for a fresh start the following day. We know how important being able to read is as a life skill. A comprehensive study has shown that children need to have a reading age of 15 years and 7 months to be able to understand what the GCSE exam questions are asking from them. This is another reason why it is so important, because we do not want students to have the knowledge and understanding, but then not be able to demonstrate what they know in an exam. Therefore, we have retained our focus on reading and have moved it to the start of the day.

Finally, I apologise if you have tried to email me since September. All staff emails have changed to @wldhigh.co.uk and the transition has caused some issues. We have resolved these and hope that we have now contacted everyone who has experienced a significant delay in correspondence. We usually try to respond within 48 hours, so we are disappointed that we have been unable to do this at this crucial point in the year.

Mrs V Arden
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 3rd October

Open evening
(school closes to students at 13:00)

Thursday 10th October

Form tutor progress evening
(online, 16:00 - 18:00)

Wednesday 6th November

Year 11 GCSE History trip

Thursday 28th November

GCSE Awards Evening (2024 leavers)

Friday 29th November

INSET (school closed to students)

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Subject Awards: Art

The following students have been nominated for this week's subject award for fantastic effort and achievement in **Art**.



Year 7:

- Luke P
- Elsie C
- Aliena D
- Junior S

Year 8:

- Milo M
- Vinny R
- Tamzin B
- Alfie C
- Rhys R
- Sara S

Year 9:

- Jayden M
- Freddie T
- Eshaal Z
- Brayden M
- Harry S
- Oliver S

Year 10:

- Oscar G

Year 11:

- Lexie R-S

Hot Chocolate Friday

Name	Form	Year	Nominated by (full staff name)	Reason
Jake G	A1	9	Miss Fielding	For setting a good example in English.
Daisy D	A2	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Poppy-Ella C	A2	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Oscar B-W	A3	8	Mrs Denwood	Fantastic enthusiasm as a new librarian and encouraging students to check out books
Jess B	A4	10	Mr Moore	Being polite and helpful
Ava-Grace D	A5	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Aston McD	A5	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Lucy B	A6	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Cole M	C1	10	Miss Bryan	4th place for shot put and discus at U16's Athletics Championships
Ollie C	C2	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Ollie C	C2	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Eshaal Z	C4	9	Mr Samuel/Mrs Meadowcroft	Helping a new student settle into school
Athena D	C4	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Brandon L	C4	10	Miss Fielding	Working extremely hard and being helpful in the classroom.
Jayden W	C4	10	Miss Bryan	3rd place for triple jump at U16's Athletics Championships
Ollo H	C6	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Tegan E	D1	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Riley S	D3	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Riley M	D5	10	Miss Bryan	Significant improvement in attendance
Saphron A	E3	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Pranay P	E4	7	Miss Bryan	Great start to Year 7
Annie W	E4	7	Miss Bryan	Great start to Year 7
Zuzanna N	E4	7	Miss Bryan	Great start to Year 7
Asha N	E5	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Alice W	E6	7	Miss Hardman	Great start to Year 7.
Lilly G	V3	9	Miss Main	Outstanding effort with Titanic homework
Hemin M	V3	10	Miss Lappin	Excellent verbal contribution in Biology.
Imogen B	V4	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science
Poppy J	V4	11	Miss Ahmed	very positive start to Year 11
Megan R	V5	9	Mrs Brown	Working well in Science



Pastoral Awards

	Award	Challenger	Apollo	Endeavour	Voyager	Discovery
Golden Tickets	Kind and helpful	Josh C (C4)	Aston McD (A5)	Kurtis M (E1)		Lacie J (D1)
	Most points	Alex G (C3)	Shaun A (A2)	Alfie C (E5)		Noah B (D5)
House Trophies	Most points	C3	A4	E6		D5
	Highest attendance	C4	A4	E3	V3	D3
Golden Tickets	Most Homeworks	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
		Harry F (C5)	Eva T (A4)	Aoife C (C5)	Emily B (C5)	Uswa S (A2)
		Kayla N (C5)	Ethan W (E4)	Lilly M (C5)	Dylan G (D3)	Courtney O (E1)



Flu Vaccinations

Your child's flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Please complete the 2024 flu immunisation form by clicking the link below.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/cbd286e3>

The link is now open and will close on Wednesday 25th September 2024. Your child's flu immunisations will take place on **Monday 25th November 2024**.

If your child has their immunisation at the GP, you wish to withdraw your consent form, any details change after the form is completed or any other queries, please contact the Lancashire Immunisation Team on the number below.

0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime					
	Y10/Y11 Geography Revision, Mrs Ward, A17	School Newspaper, Mrs Denwood, Library	Amnesty International, Miss Hill, A14	Drumming, Mrs Murray, A5	Basketball Mr Golden, Sports Hall
		Y7 Music, Mrs Murray, A5	Y10/11 Music, Mrs Murray, A5	International and Cultural Celebrations, Miss Hill, A14	Korea Club, Miss Hardman, D12
	Science Work Room, Mr Martin, B6	Science Work Room, Mr Martin, B6	Science Work Room, Mr Martin, B6	Science Work Room, Mr Martin, B6	Science Work Room, Mr Martin, B6
	Computing A23		Computing A23	Computing A23	
	Library	Library	Library	Library open only for Reading Ambassadors, Librarians and Year 7s	Library
		Year 10 History GCSEPOD A16	Year 11 History GCSEPOD A16		Simply singing, Mrs Murray, A5
After School					
	English Mini Y11 Booster, Mr Gardner / Mrs Cox, D9	Year 10 History GCSEPOD A16	Year 11 History GCSEPOD A16	GCSE Business Revision, Mr Turner, A9	GCSE Triple Biology drop in sessions (Year 10 and 11) Starting Oct 1/2 term.
		Arts Award, Mrs Murray, A5	Singing group, Mrs Murray, A5	Y11 Music, Mrs Murray, A5	
	Homework Club, Mrs Denwood, Library	Homework Club, Mrs Denwood, Library	Homework Club, Mrs Denwood, Library	Homework Club, Mrs Denwood, Library	Homework Club, Mrs Denwood, Library
		English Mini Y11 Booster Session, Miss Christian	GCSE Business Revision, Mr Turner, A9		

Ties

Some of our students have requested regular ties rather than clip-ons. Our suppliers could offer us regular ties, but we would need to make a large order so we would like your opinion.

Would you prefer the option to buy a regular tie?



[Click here to respond](#)

Homework Club

Every day in the Library
until 4pm.



Year 7 Homework

Homework will be set for core subjects (English, Maths and Science) until Christmas to allow students to settle into their life at Walton le Dale High School. Other subjects may set homework but this will be optional.

Free School Meal Reminder

Students on a free school meal are allocated £2.40 per day. If they want to buy extra, their ParentPay must be topped up.

We allow students to get a free piece of toast at break. Anything extra to this will be taken from their daily £2.40 allowance, unless they have money on their account. The £2.40 is enough for a meal deal, which consists of a hot meal and a biscuit or a drink from the dining room, or at the canopy a sandwich, biscuit and drink. If they are having a panini or baguette then they can have a biscuit or a drink.

Uniform

All orders placed online for uniform/stationery packs will need to be collected by students from the Uniform Shop (B7) at break time.



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.

**Water Bottles are now available to purchase from Stationery Shop every morning at a cost of £1.
Thank you.**



2024: Dates for your diary

Please find below the dates for our Progress Evenings this year.

Years 7 to 11	Thursday 10th October 2024	Settling in parents' evening (video- call)	Appointments with Form Tutors	4.00-6.00pm
Year 7	Thursday 20th March 2025	Progress Evening (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers	4.00-6.30pm
Year 8	Thursday 27th February 2025	Progress Evening (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers	4.00-6.30pm
Year 9	Thursday 6th February 2025	Progress Evening & Options Information Evening (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers and opportunities to find out about the Year 9 Options Process	4.00-6.30pm
Year 10	Thursday 16th January 2025	Progress Evening (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers	4.00-6.30pm
Year 11	Thursday 5th December 2024	Progress Evening 1 (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers	4.00-6.30pm
Year 11	Thursday 13th February 2025	Progress Evening 2 (face to face)	Appointments with Subject Teachers	4.00-6.30pm

The first one will take place on 10th October. This is a 'settling in' parents' evening when you will have the chance to speak to your child's form tutor to see how they have settled into the new academic year. This will be done virtually by video call through SchoolCloud. More details will follow on this, along with details for Year 7 parents and carers to explain how to log in to SchoolCloud.

All our other Progress Evenings this academic year will take place in the school building with face to face appointments. We also use SchoolCloud as our appointment system for our face to face Progress Evenings. We encourage our students to come to the Progress Evenings with you.

These details can also be found on the school website.

We look forward to seeing you at these evenings.

Mrs Helen Brown