



Friday 4th April 2025

Headteacher's Message



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Important Dates

Tuesday 22nd April

School re-opens for Summer term

Monday 5th May

School closed for Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May

Year 8 vaccinations

Shortcuts

Awards



Online Safety



Penalty Notices



Messages



Careers newsletter



Avoidance Letter



Pastoral Awards

w/c 24-03	Award	Challenger	Apollo	Endeavour	Voyager	Discovery
Golden Tickets	100% draw	Muhammad I (C5)	Logan N (A2)	Aaron D (E6)	Cady T (V5)	Taylor-Mae S (D3)
	Kind and helpful	Jasmine C (C6)	Cadi M (A4)	Paige H (E1)	Kamsiyochukwu O (V1)	Thomas R (D3)
	Most points	Sumaya M (C5)	Sara S (A5)	Noah I (E1)	Jayden Y (V3)	Oneshi R (D4)
	Most improved	Scarlett D (C2)	Cole W (A6)	Amina G (E3)	Jack F (V5)	
Form Trophies	Most points	C4	A5	E3	V3	D4
	Highest attendance	C2	A2		V4	D6
House Trophies	Most points	Apollo				
	Highest attendance					
Golden Tickets	Most homeworks	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
		Josh Y (V2)	Ethan W (E4)	Anna H (V2)	Dylan G (D3)	Uswa S (A2)
		Cameron D (V6)	Eva T (A4)	Neve H (V2)	Layla D (D3)	Aaron M (V3)

Social media

Walton-le-Dale High School is on Facebook and Instagram.

Follow our socials to see what's going on around school each week.



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Walton-le-Dale High School



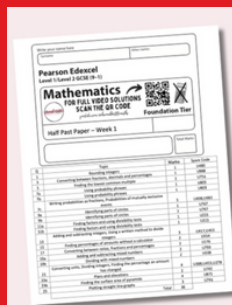
MP visit

The Member of Parliament for Ribble Valley, Maya Ellis MP visited Walton-le-Dale High School last week. Politicians are used to getting a grilling but Maya Ellis MP didn't expect the intellectual heft of the questions from our students. Thank you to Maya for her time.

Maths corner

Maths revision is every day after school. We can't stress enough how much you need to attend!

Are you following @hannahkettlemaths yet?



Ideal for homework and/or revision, these are GCSE Maths past papers, split into odd and even question numbers to give a 45 minute paper each week.

Each paper has a QR code on the front, which will take you to a YouTube tutorial with guidance and solutions for all questions. The topics for each question are also listed on the front page.

Hannah will also do each paper LIVE on a Thursday evening on TikTok and YouTube (@hannahkettlemaths) from 7-7:45pm for Foundation and 7:45-8:30pm for Higher.

We are doing our best to encourage everyone in school to use Sparx. It is set for homework every week by every Maths teacher. Last week:

Reached a new XP Level:
104 students

Well done to everyone making an effort to complete their homework, we hope you can see the impact on your understanding.

Free school meals

Free school meal vouchers for Easter will be £30 per student and will be delivered directly by Edenred on Monday 7th April.



RSE

As a part of your child's education at Walton le Dale High School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme.

PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, strategies and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. Over the next five weeks, starting 22nd April 2025, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons in years 7-11 include teaching about: Healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe, consent and contraception; developing self-esteem and confidence.

Students will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world. PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the [school's website](#) for more details about our PSHE curriculum or contact Mrs Sweeney for more in depth information including the materials and resources being used in lessons and advice on how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.

All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more, we encourage you to contact Mrs Sweeney through her email: rsweeney@wldhigh.co.uk

Please could you spend 5 minutes completing the [survey](#) about what you feel is important at the moment, this will help with the planning for our curriculum for September 2025.

Uniform orders

All ordered uniform or stationery packs will be available for students to collect the day after placing the order from the Uniform Shop (B7) at breaktime daily 11.00am – 11.15am.

Students are responsible for collecting all orders from the Uniform Shop.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and for further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **BLUESKY SOCIAL APP**

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.



LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.



ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.



KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



Meet Our Expert

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.