

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. A particular welcome to our new year 7s, who have conducted themselves incredibly well so far. We are delighted to have you join our community.

This week we have been mostly encouraging students back into routines and establishing positive relationships. It has been heartwarming to witness so many of our older students supporting our new starters in finding their way around our building.

We have noticed an increase in the volume of traffic at the front of school, which is understandable as parents get routines established once more. In order to try to reduce the congestion, could I suggest parents parking a little further from school in the coming weeks? Please also be respectful of our neighbours. In particular the nursery which needs access for parents collecting their children and the industrial estate opposite, which requires access for HGVs. Thank you.

Mrs V Arden Headteacher



Tuesday 10th September

Year 11 Geography field trip to Bowness

Friday 13th September

Year 7 and year 11 photographs

Thursday 3rd October

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

Thursday 10th October

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



RSE Parent Guide

Whole School Messages

School Avoidance letter

Penalty Notice Fines



Student photographs

Friday 13th September

Year 7 and year 11 photographs

At Walton-le-Dale we sometimes take photographs of pupils and use student names on display boards around school (for example. to celebrate their achievements). This could be as part of a display of excellent work, or as part of the daily student notices such as seating for examinations, groups for trips). We use these photos on the school's website and on display boards around school.

If you to opt out of your child's name or photo to be used on any publicity material/website etc, please contact your child's House Achievement Leader.

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Apollo:	Miss Fox cfox@wldhigh.co.uk	
Endeavour:	<u>Mrs Bailey</u> ebailey@wldhigh.co.uk	
Voyager:	Mrs Nuttall enuttall@wldhigh.co.uk	
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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.

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-
- ·Young Minds Crisis messenger is a free 24/7 UK service. Text 'YM' to 85258

 www.wldhigh.co.uk	



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.

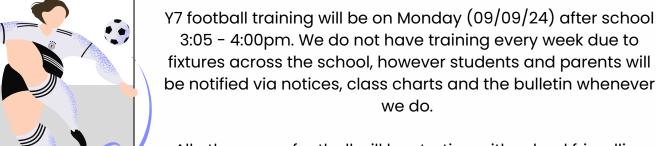
Thank you.



Please inform school via schoolcomms if you have changed email / home address / phone number recently so that our records can be kept up to date. Thank you.



Football Training



All other years football will be starting with school friendlies next wednesday with year 9 v year 10 being the first fixture.



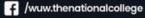


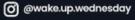
10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support. MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED **COMMUNICATE WITH** 99 THE SCHOOL SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM CHECK THE SCHOOL PREPARE FOR WEBSITE TRANSITION DAYS **READ THE MENTAL HELP TO MANAGE HEALTH POLICY** FRIENDSHIPS **LEARN ABOUT** 5 PLAN SELF-CARE SEN SUPPORT Meet Our Expert The ayer is a freelance mental health trainer for schools, an author and a content. She is an Associate for Diverse Educators, a fellow of the Chartered College of ing and ITT wellbeing coach. Amy has previously been a SMHL coach, helping the Charter of the Char **National** College



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Does your child vape or smoke?

Do you want to find out how to
support your child?

Join our monthly Parent Information online drop-in sessions

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am & 6.30pm



Use QR code to book with Eventbrite to secure your FREE place

smokefreelancashire.org.uk spoc.smokefree@wearewithyou.org.uk

Please visit
www.smokefreelancashire.org.uk
for more information on the service

If you're a parent dealing with children who vape or smoke, this FREE online event is perfect for you. Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am or 6.30pm for information about vapes and advice on how to handle this challenging situation. Starting on September 18th, this workshop will focus on:

- What's in a vape
- Types of vapes
- Why Young People are vaping / smoking
- The effects of nicotine on the young brain
- Vaping Laws
- How we can help to support young people

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other parents facing similar issues.

Smokefree Lancashire has dedicated teams to help support both young people & adults who use nicotine products.

Please book your space on **Eventbrite**.

See you there!