

Welcome to

our latest newsletter which once again highlights the breadth of activities that take place both in and outside of school. A particular highlight recently was our students winning their Rock Challenge heat at Bridlington Spa. As we find ourselves in the middle of exam season, I have been extremely impressed by the work ethic and commitment shown by our students, with so many taking part in early morning and after school revision sessions. I would like to wish all of our students the best of luck and look forward to celebrating their success on Results Day.



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ROCK CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to our students who won their Bridlington Spa Rock Challenge Heat for the second year in a row! The performance was based around the Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. Miss Atkinson said 'The students did the school and themselves proud and put on a stunning performance. We won Awards of Excellence for: Student Leadership, Video Performance, Soundtrack, Stage Crew, Visual Excellence, Drama, Concept and Healthy Lifestyle. I'd like to congratulate all involved as they really were fabulous!' This means that the students now progress through to the Northern Finals at Grimsby Auditorium. Rehearsals are continuing to fine

tune the performance and we wish everyone lots of luck for the next performance in June.



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE VISIT

At the end of March, three Year 12 students travelled to the University of Cambridge as part of the Higher Education Plus scheme. Along with students from other schools and colleges in the region, Emily Coates, Harvey Gornall and Beth Hoy visited King's College to sample lectures and seminars, attend applications workshops and meet students currently studying at Cambridge.

The visit was led by Mr Robinson, Sixth Form Student Services Manager, who said *"The event was designed to de-mystify the Cambridge experience. The students enjoyed an authentic flavour of everyday life for undergraduates at King's. I hope that this visit has piqued their interest in applying to study at the country's most competitive institutions."*



DEEP LEARNING DAY

Year 7 students have taken part in an 'Understanding E-Safety' day, where they have learnt about the need to be aware of the dangers when using the internet and measures that can be taken to protect themselves against these dangers and issues. The Year 8 cohort were involved in 'The Real Game', a careers based

event, where they aim to gain an initial understanding of the link between career choice and lifestyle. Year 9 students were involved in the ever popular Africa Day. It aims to celebrate different aspects of African culture including music, art and drama and also involves exploring some of the major issues

facing Africa in 2017. The day ends with an amazing performance by the Mighty Zulu Nation. Year 10 took part in preparation for their imminent work experience and Year 11 were presented with information about personal relationships, with representatives from agencies including Cornerhouse, East Riding Youth Team, Humberside Police and Hull Health Partnership. Thank you to all of the external providers who came in to make the day the success it was.



EASTER CONCERT

Mr Zobkiw, Associate Assistant Headteacher welcomed everyone to the Easter concert, saying *'It is a time of change here at Wolfreton and an evening of many firsts. This is the first concert in our new home. It is the first time that our students will have a chance to experience the acoustics and setup of the new theatre. It is also a chance to welcome a new member of the music*

team, Mr Douglas, to the school. You will see that the orchestra has grown dramatically and this shows the advantage of having all of our students together on one site. It is certainly the largest orchestra I have worked with in my time here at Wolfreton.

We have some fantastic Key Stage 3 students, and now they can work with the older students on a daily

basis and aspire to be like them. Tonight we will be presenting a range of soloists, our singing group and school orchestra. The students and staff give up many hours over the year in preparation for performances, for which I am very grateful. I hope you enjoy the performances of our students and have a restful Easter break.'

WOLFRETON WELCOMES JAPANESE STUDENT

Japanese student Riko Ubagai spent several days at Wolfreton, immersing herself in school life.

Her timetable included a mixture of Japanese lessons with various year groups at Wolfreton, as well as attending some sixth form lessons with her Year 12 host students. The school system in Japan differs from here, with students breaking up in March and then returning to start the new school year in April. GCSE equivalent exams take place at the end of Year 10 and their sixth form studies last for three years, from Year 11 to Year 13.



Riko is currently at the end of Year 11 and is still required to study a broad curriculum of nine subjects, including Japanese, Maths, Science and English as well as chosen options. It is the second time Riko has visited England. She says *'The students here are very kind. I think England is more free than Japan, it is more relaxed. In the future I want to work around the world so I am studying English hard. I would like to come back here again as I would like to speak more English and return to speak to my friends.'*

Since she has been here, Riko has developed a love of fish and chips, as well as some other Western 'delicacies', including English bread and cheese.

Japanese teacher Mrs Sands said *'Welcoming Riko to Wolfreton has provided a great opportunity for our students to put into practice what they have learned, by speaking to a Japanese student of a similar*



age. They have been able to introduce themselves to each other and understand more about the similarities and differences between their schools and lives in general.'

Student Izzy Finch said *'It's been really interesting, we have introduced ourselves to each other in Japanese and English. It turns out Riko and I have the same taste in music, we both like One Direction. There are definitely more similarities than differences between us – everyone loves fish and chips!'*



Wolfreton students once again embraced Red Nose Day, taking part in a variety of activities to raise money for Comic Relief. As well as the usual non-uniform day, there was a bake sale at break time. Assistant Head Mr

Clark once again compiled his eagerly-anticipated charity joke book, illustrated by Mr Broughton, Mr Tonks and Mr Ashdown and sold during the week by student helpers. The joke book, and the subsequent auction of the original artwork, raised £280. At lunchtime House teams competed in a lip sync battle, selling tickets for students to come and watch. Well done to everyone who took part, the winning team was Wilberforce. The final figure for Red Nose Day is £1748.65, this includes the lip sync battle and joke book sales as well as the bake sale and the non-uniform day proceeds. Well done everyone!



ACADEMY CONVERSION

After the conclusion of the formal consultation period regarding the proposed academy conversion of the school, the Governing body held an EGM on Monday 6 March 2017 to consider the available options and the following resolution was passed: The Governing Board of Wolfreton

School and Sixth Form College agrees, after the consultation process 16 January to 24 February 2017, to proceed with the conversion to Academy Status and to join the proposed Consortium MAT at the earliest opportunity, and with a target completion date of August 31 2017.

The school will now continue to work with partners to develop the plans for the Multi-Academy Trust and these will be shared with all stakeholders including students, parents and carers at the appropriate time.

ROY COOKE



It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Roy Cooke, who died on Wednesday 15 March. Roy was Headteacher at Wolfreton from January 1997 until his retirement in August 2007, after 39 years in teaching. Staff at Wolfreton remember former Headteacher Roy Cooke's many achievements during his time at the school. He established the school's link with Rushanje School in Uganda (which over many years saw staff and students on exchange visits between the two countries), secured funding for the improvement of the school's science facilities, on both our Upper and Lower school sites, led the school into Good Ofsted judgements, secured Language College status and initiated the strategic plans for a single site school. Roy was instrumental in starting the Investors in People Award scheme in 1997 and building on this framework the school has maintained this award since then. He was always forwarding thinking in terms of curriculum development, introducing vocational qualifications, and he also undertook the additional responsibility of taking a supportive leadership role at Bridge View. His achievements were wide ranging and showed him to be a forward-thinking strategic leader. He was highly respected by students and staff alike throughout his time at Wolfreton and we send our condolences to his family.

ASTROPHYSICS AT WOLFRETON

Leading Astrophysicist Professor Brad Gibson visited Year 11 and Sixth Form students at Wolfreton to give a talk on astrophysics and how it contributes to society and impacts on day to day life. As Professor and Director of the E.A. Milne Centre for Astrophysics at the University of Hull, Brad is responsible for the development of one of the United Kingdom's most dynamic research, education and outreach groups.

Wolfreton Physics teacher Mr Matthews welcomed Professor Gibson saying *'This is a perfect opportunity for some of our most able science students to have the chance to listen to a 'real' physicist talking about his background and achievements. We hope that this will provide encouragement for our Year 11 students to consider the benefits of going onto study A level Physics and our Sixth Form students to consider Physics at university.'*

Canadian Professor Gibson talked

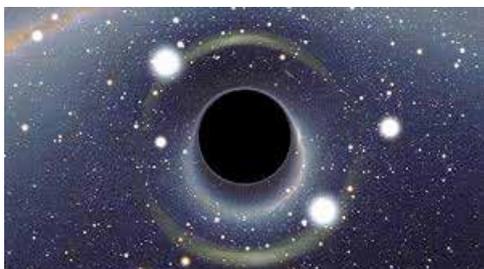
about his undergraduate degree in Physics and postgraduate degree in Astrophysics, explaining that physics at its heart is a way of using the laws of nature to problem solve.

He touched on his previous research and achievements which include building the world's first Liquid Mirror Telescope, determining the expansion rate of the Universe and creating computer simulations of our Milky Way Galaxy. He is based at the E. A. Milne Centre of Astrophysics at the University of Hull, which is home to the 'Viper', the UK's most powerful physics supercomputer.

He talked about the wide range of career options available for physicists, highlighting web development and programming, defence, journalism, bio medical physics, fund management and economic forecasting as well as the more traditional teaching. He touched on a number of things that astronomy has done for the world, including the creation of WiFi, new computer languages, global positioning satellites, solar storms and the early detection of cancer.



Professor Gibson concluded that studying astrophysics provides students with problem solving transferable skills which are highly desirable in industry. He said *'In July the E. A. Milne Centre for Astrophysics will be hosting the UK National Astronomy Meeting, where we will bring together hundreds of delegates from the UK astronomy community. NAM 2017 will feature a wide-ranging scientific programme, in parallel with exciting outreach and cultural events. NAM 2017 is part of the Hull City of Culture programme in 2017. During the conference week, local students will be invited to take part in a day of activities, including the use of our planetarium and the chance to learn about telescopes. We look forward to seeing some of you there.'*



ADVANCE NOTICE - GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS EXAM RESITS TO TAKE PLACE DURING OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Although this will only affect a very small number of our students, we would like to advise parents that the AQA English and Edexcel Maths exam boards have announced that the GCSEs resits for both English Language and Maths will take place on dates during the East Riding October half term. This year the East Riding school holidays are out of synch nationally. This is for information only. Maths paper 1- Thursday 2 November, Maths paper 2- Monday 6 November, Maths paper 3- Wednesday 8 November, English Language paper 1- Wednesday 1 November, English Language paper 2- Friday 3 November.

JOHNSTONE'S PAINTER OF THE YEAR

Good luck to former Wolfreton student Chris Dady and his team at D&D Painters & Decorators, who are finalists in the national Johnstone's Painter of the Year awards. They are being recognised for their work decorating our new school building to a such a high standard as part of the Priority Schools Building Programme. The Johnstone's Painter of the Year awards are dedicated to recognising and encouraging

the highest standards within the decorating industry. It provides recognition and is the ultimate accolade across the painting and decorating industry community in the UK. D&D Painters & Decorators is a family business. They have operated at a local and national level from offices in Hull for nearly fifty years.

Chris Dady said *'This is the second time we have been entered into this*

national competition and it is nice to get recognition for our work. We take great pride in what we do and, as a former student, it was great to get the contract to work back at Wolfreton as part of the team working on the amazing new school building.'

We look forward to finding out how Chris and the team do at the Awards ceremony.

THE CHASE

The Sixth Form Council hosted a Wolfreton version of 'The Chase' to raise funds for mental health charity Mind. A team from each of the five Houses competed against teacher Mr Bainbridge, who was The Chaser. The teams comprised of students from across the year groups, with questions covering a wide range of subjects from geography to sport to history and maths, along with popular culture.

The two highest scoring teams were from Rowntree and Tomlinson Houses and, having beaten The Chaser, they went on to a head to head, with one member from each team answering a sudden death question. The winning team were Tomlinson, who were represented by Emma Lamplough, a Year 7 student. Head of Tomlinson House Miss Atkinson said *'Tomlinson is clearly a very talented House as I chose the students' names from a hat*

from a list of over 20 volunteers.'

Head Boy Josh Whittingham said *'It was good to see the whole school getting involved to raise money for Mind and to see so many clever younger students.'*

Sixth Form Council member Rachael Hardy said *'I was really excited to raise money for mental health charity Mind as they don't receive enough funding from the NHS and it's a charity close to my own heart.'*

Mr Bainbridge, aka 'The Chaser', said *'I am thrilled as a keen 'quizzier' myself to see how many brilliant students we have, it was really impressive to see them in action today.'*

Mr Robinson, Sixth Form Student Services Manager said



'Congratulations to the Sixth Form Council members for the successful organisation of a special Wolfreton version of 'The Chase'. More than 200 students packed into the Sports Hub to raise money for the Sixth Form's designated charity, Mind. Thanks to Mr Bainbridge aka 'The Chaser'. The event raised well over £100 and brought together students from all year groups and all Houses. Well done to all!

ANNIE

Following an earlier flashmob to promote the event, the whole school production of Annie delighted audiences over three nights. Playing to a packed Theatre, students from Year 7 to Sixth Form delivered amazing performances.

Mrs Roberts said *'The cast have been working very hard since the end of September to put together the first whole school performance in our new building. Over 50 students across all key stages, including The Consortium,*



have either performed, supported or directed to bring this whole show together. It has been wonderful to see those involved making new friends, learning new skills and

pushing themselves creatively and confidently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them, and their parents for their commitment.'

ALAN JOHNSON MP VISITS POLITICS STUDENTS

Politics students had the opportunity to meet Alan Johnson, MP for Hull West and Hessle. Mr Johnson spoke to students about his background, his thoughts on the current political climate locally, nationally and internationally, as well as taking questions from the floor.

He said that although this is the most uncertain of times in politics for as long as he can remember, looking back to his parents' time when they faced two world wars put things in perspective. Although as a nation we face the difficulties of working with an American President-elect who is a 'climate change denier', along with the state of flux regarding the European Union, locally Hull and the East Riding are enjoying good times. He said *'Along with many other*

people, I was heavily involved in the work that went behind securing Siemens' investment in Hull. This has led to the creation of 1,000 jobs and could lead to investment by other companies. One of the reasons that we secured our City of Culture status for this year was by not just trading on our past, but also looking to our future and where we want the city to be as we move forward. There's definitely a feeling of optimism –the city has been waiting for a new opportunity like this since the collapse of the fishing industry.'

Students asked him questions ranging from how Brexit may have a negative effect on Hull's City of Culture status, his thoughts on Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, to how he sees his own career progressing. Questions then moved on to whether he could understand why, not only here but across Europe and in the USA, big upsets had



occurred in recent elections, whether support for the SNP has comprised Labour support and why there are no tuition fees or prescription charges in Scotland.

Politics teacher Mr Thornham said *'Our students are enjoying learning about different aspects of the political system but nothing beats having someone like Alan Johnson here, with his wealth of experience. It has been fascinating listening to his thoughts and I'd like to thank him for giving our students a great opportunity to quiz him on such a wide range of subjects.'*



ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY

We have been informed by the East Riding Assistant Road Safety Officer that School Crossing Patrol Officers have reported that some parents are driving too fast down Willerby Carr Lane when the Patrol is crossing pedestrians, as well as some parents using mobile phones whilst driving. Whilst we are aware that this behaviour only affects a very small minority of our parents, in a bid to make the area safer, the East Riding Assistant Road Safety Officer would like to remind everyone to drive with care shown at all times to other road users including pedestrians and, in particular, our students.

EAST YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS

The Year 8 and 9 rugby teams both travelled to Driffield to compete in the East Yorkshire Finals' day. Both played a number of teams who showed some excellent skills. Fortunately we again played some really good rugby and came away winners, having not lost a single game. The boys showed a consistently good attitude throughout the day. Well done to both teams.



REAL RUGBY HERO

Congratulations to PE teacher Mr Marshall who has been presented with a Natwest Real Rugby Hero award at a special awards ceremony at Twickenham.

He spent the day at Twickenham at the invitation of the RFU Schools' President, watching the U15s and U18s Schools' Cup Finals in the Royal Box. The Natwest Real Rugby Heroes represent all those working behind the scenes in school and college rugby. He was one of ten



who were recognised from over fifty nominations, enjoying a pitch-side presentation of his award between the two matches. He was presented with his award in recognition of over ten years work in both schools rugby and the East Riding Merit League. He said *'It was a pleasure to receive this award in recognition of my work in school. I'd also like to thank all the other staff who work with me tirelessly to help us achieve so many opportunities for our students, and especially the support we receive from Hullensians RUFC and Cottingham Tigers RLFC as they're a big part of what we do.'*

YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017



ENGLAND
GOLF

Congratulations to Year 12 student Joe Allenby who was the individual winner of the North and East Yorkshire Schools 2017 Golf Championships.

SKI TRIP

Students from across the year groups enjoyed the annual Easter ski trip to Italy. The trip started with an arrival late morning, when students were taken to the ski hire to organise boots, skis and helmets. Lunch was provided followed by checking in at the hotel. The first evening ended with a quiz and an early night, ready for the skiing ahead. Each day followed a routine of breakfast, followed by an equipment check. There were two hours of morning skiing followed by lunch then two more hours in smaller ability based groups. Evening entertainment was varied and included karaoke, a pizza evening, a visit to an ice cream parlour, presentation, disco and bowling.



AWARD IN COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERSHIP



After completing the Quality Assurance Assessment, the following Year 13 students have achieved the Award in Community Sports Leadership from Sports Leaders UK: Elizabeth Arksey, Lucas Collishaw, Scarlett Honour, Hussain Jawad, Lydia Keough, Lydia Knight, Elle McCann, Charley Parkin, Chloe Proudlove, Ben Ratcliffe, Aidan Wickenden, Rob Wickenden, Elliot Windley and Olivia Young. Mr Temperton said *'This is thoroughly well-deserved, by our best leadership group for a number of years. Well done everyone!'*

GB U16 WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Congratulations to both Year 8 student Martha Brown and Year 11 student Megan Harrison who have been chosen to play ice hockey for the GB under 16s Women's team. In February 2017, the International Ice Hockey Federation hosted the IIHF Girls' Global Game. This year, 37 member federations took part in a game played in rinks across the globe. The Great Britain Women's

Programme hosted their game in Sheffield on 18 February – stop 21 of a hockey game that will make its way right around the world. The girls have both been selected to participate in the years IIHF Girls' Global Game and undoubtedly we will be seeing future Olympians on show. Well done! We look forward to hearing how you both get on.



FOOTBALL NEWS

'After over 100 school football fixtures this year we are approaching the end of the school football season. Among the highlights are the Year 8 'B' team and Year 11 'A' team who once again did incredibly well, with both making the National Cup Quarter finals. All five year groups won their regional 7 a side competitions and will now play on the East Riding Finals night after Easter. The Year 8 'A' and 'B', Year 10 'B' and Year 11 teams have all qualified for the Humberside Cup Finals which will again be played after the Easter holidays.

After beating Driffield on penalties in the semi final, the Year 7 team played in their East Riding Cup Final. Against a good South Hunsley team with numerous academy players, the team ethos really stood out. With goals from Will Barrass and Liam Jacklin, Wolfreton ran out comfortable 2-0 winners. On the same night the Year 10 'B' team met South Hunsley again, this time in the Humberside Cup Final. In a very close tense match, goals from Ben Mitchell and two from Matty Thomas gave Wolfreton a 3-2 victory. A special mention to Zhao Zhang who had never played a

football match before this season and is now a Humberside Cup Winner! A huge thank you to Mr Jackson for all his hard work and dedication to school football once again this year.'

Mr Rowe



U18 GIRLS' RUGBY



After finishing 2nd in the East Yorkshire Finals, the U18 girls were invited to play in the Yorkshire finals at York RUFC on Wednesday 29 March to play against the best girls' teams in the county. Despite tough competition, the girls finished 4th with a valiant effort from all involved. It is the first season that we have managed to field a sixth form Girls' Rugby team and for them to compete and perform at the highest level against a range of private and grammar schools is particularly impressive! *Miss Hull and Mr Rockett*