

THE WOLFRETON WAY

CHRISTMAS 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, marking the end of the Autumn 2023 term. The Christmas term is always a busy one and this year has been no different. It has been a pleasure to see the great levels of engagement our students have shown in so many aspects of the wider life of the school – both in and beyond the classroom and we are pleased today to share with you a small insight into the life of our school over the recent seven weeks.



This half term we have welcomed families into school for a range of events. Firstly, our Year 7 parents were able to come and meet their child's tutor and hear a little more about how they have settled in. It is hard to believe our youngest students have now completed a whole term with us – they have been fantastic and have certainly got involved in such a lot. We also welcomed families in for our Academic Awards Evening, a sample of photographs from which is shared within this newsletter. This is always an inspiring event and an important opportunity to reflect on just how many are able to really achieve success and be truly proud of this – ultimately, all we do is so our students can go forward and 'achieve their ambitions'; this evening certainly celebrated this. The final example was just this

week and our Christmas concert. Thank you to all who attended this sold-out event. From the youngest to oldest performers, the soloists to the groups, it was a great event and really showcased another aspect of what makes our school special.

Beyond events with families, we have had some great moments and times together in school this term. Our Remembrance Event, the Christmas stocking competition, Mission Christmas collecting and shopping, Golden Ticket events and so much more. I hope you enjoy the read.

Today, Mr Clark (Assistant Headteacher) leaves us to take up a promoted post as Deputy Headteacher at Filey School. We have shared our thanks in school but I would also like to take this opportunity to thank him publicly

for all he has given to Wolfreton, it's students and our families. We will miss him hugely and wish him every success – we know he will have that.

So, as the term draws to a close and we all turn our attention to Christmas Day on Monday, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school as we work together to achieve even more for our young people. We all know they hold the keys to our futures and from what I have seen this term, that future looks bright for so many.

I wish our students, our families and our whole school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Susanne Kukuc
Headteacher



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

On Thursday 30 November, the Performing Arts team took over 20 students from the school choir to the Star Inn, in order to celebrate the Willerby Christmas Lights switch-on. Willerby Parish Council asked if we could provide some musical entertainment. We performed Christmas classics with the choir and a trio from Year 11 also performed too. Our performances went out live on West Hull Radio, alongside performances from other groups, including a Ukulele ensemble. Our students Harriet R and Ruby W were asked to turn the lights on after the countdown by the town crier, which was a massive honour. When the lights were turned on after the countdown, lots of fake snow was shot into the air. It was freezing that night, and it started snowing for real at the same time! This gave everyone a seasonal feeling!



MISSION CHRISTMAS

Students from all Key Stages recently visited B&M stores both to drop off toys donated to Mission Christmas from our year groups and also to buy further presents with the proceeds of sales of Ronnie the Christmas Cat. The students represented Wolfreton superbly and as a school we were able to fill four trollies of gifts for this most worthwhile of charities.



VISIT BY DAVID DAVIS MP

On Friday 24 November the Rt Hon David Davis, MP for Haltemprice and Howden, visited Wolfreton to talk with students from Years 11, 12 and 13. During the visit Mr Davis spoke about his experiences as an MP including serving in the Cabinet and Foreign office as well as being the Conservative Party Chairman, Shadow Deputy Prime Minister as well as more recently the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union.

Mr Davis then faced a series of tough questions from students on a range of topics including BREXIT, the powers of MPs, the Electoral

System and Government's handling of the Covid enquiry. After the presentation students were asked what they thought, responses including:

"(It was) extremely interesting to hear about the operations of Parliament in real life",

"Informative, in preparation for upcoming A Level Politics exams",

"Inspirational"

"To have a real life MP to talk to was really exciting and sparked an interest in Politics for me"

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MOVIE AFTERNOON

On Monday and Wednesday of the final week, we held our Christmas reward events. 125 students in each Year group who had the highest number of House points were invited to attend a Christmas movie afternoon where we showed the film 'ELF' and provided students with cinema snacks.



For those students who were not in our top 125 this time, there will be further opportunities to attend our rewards event in the New Year.



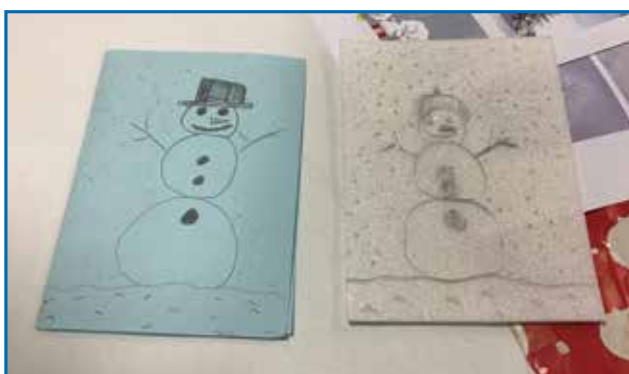
CYCLE SAFETY

On Wednesday 20 December, we were joined by PC Turner from Humberside Police and Christian Jordan from East Riding Road Safety team who came in to school to promote Cycle safety and provided students with free bicycle lights and high visibility items as a joint initiative to promote cycle safety and to help keep students safe on the roads this winter.

Earlier in the term, we were also joined by Safer Roads Humber who gave a presentation to all students to help promote safer cycling.

WINTER TREES ART WORKSHOP

Some lucky students recently took part in a Winter Trees art workshop. They sketched, printed and painted snowy trees! They learned how to use masking fluid to create snowy effects when using watercolour and made their own hand-printed Christmas cards... all whilst listening to some festive tunes-a very enjoyable session for everyone.



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

This year we held our annual Christmas card competition where students were invited to create our official Wolfreton Christmas card. Congratulations to our winner Leila F (Year 9) who designed this year's card. Special recognition goes to Freya W (Year 7) and Sophie B (Year 7) who came in second and third place.

Mrs Perry (Assistant Headteacher of KS3) and Mr Hawley (Year 7 Pastoral Manager) along with some of our Year 7 students also delivered some cards to some of the local residents and we received some lovely feedback.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

This year once again, all tutor groups from Year 7-13 designed their very own Christmas stocking to decorate the forum. Here are some of our favourites:





EVENTS

ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING 2023

On Thursday 23 November we held our annual Academic Awards Evening. Students have shown great commitment, determination and resilience, and are a fantastic example of all that is great in our young people. We are immensely proud of them all. **#Excellence #Endeavour #Respect**





YEAR TEAMS NEWS

YEAR 7

Year 7 have achieved 180781 House points so far, which is an amazing achievement. Every student in Year 7 who started in September have reached their bronze award- 300 House Points

The Year 7 Pastoral Team

YEAR 8

I am proud to have taken on Year 8 this year. It has been a pleasure so far. We have so many great students who are showing great respect towards their education, the vast majority of students get stuck into all aspects of school life including extracurricular activities

The Year 8 Pastoral Team

YEAR 9

I am really proud how much Year 9 have matured so far this year. They have been great representatives of the school. On occasions where we have had external visitors, they have shown to have our school's values and our visitors have commented on their good behaviour and respect

The Year 9 Pastoral Team.

YEAR 10

This half-term saw Year 10 launch a new attendance competition in which all Year 10 tutor groups compete to be crowned the first-time winners of the Premier League Attendance Trophy.

Each tutor group has nominated two attendance captains who look to lead by example and encourage their team to attend school every day and contribute to their success.

Consistency is key and the 2023 winners of the competition will be revealed on the last day of term!

Year 10 have embraced their option choices with vigour and, along with Mr Walsh, we have seen the shoots of success already in place for many of our learners.

The Year 10 Pastoral Team

	10MCI	10MCI	10MCI	10MCI	ATTENDANCE
1st	10MCI	2	0	40	95.0%
2nd	10MCI	2	0	40	93.6%
3rd	10MCI	1	1	30	96.4%
4th	10MCI	1	1	30	95.6%
5th	10MCI	1	1	30	94.4%
BREAKING NEWS					
10MCI GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE!!					
10MCI LEAD THE WAY FOR ATTENDANCE IN YEAR 10.					



YEAR 11

Year 11 have shown particular resilience with their approach to the recent mock examinations and have a clear platform to build upon. I take great pleasure in watching my year group meet the challenges put before them.

The Year 11 Pastoral Team

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Name	Positive ↓
Nightingale	150472
Owen	144677
Rowntree	140692
Tomlinson	134974
Wilberforce	131193

CURRICULUM

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Diwali Workshop



In November Kamlesh Kaur visited the school to run a workshop for Year 8 about the festival of Diwali. Mr Richardson-Medd supported with the creation of clay Diya lamps in the Art department

and students learnt about the meaning behind the festival and the significance of light for Hindus and Sikhs at this time of year.

Students also took part in some Indian dancing, learnt about traditional clothing and tasted food traditionally eaten at this time of year! A huge thank you to Mrs Kaur for leading the workshop and Mr Richardson-Medd for supporting with the event!

MATHS

Since September in Sparx maths, our Year 7 to 10 students have ...

... completed 5,658 hours of personalised maths learning!

... answered 205,452 questions correctly!

... earned nearly 1000 housepoints for Sparx maths alone!

The proportion of Year 7 to 10 students completing their maths homework has risen from below 90% to above 97% since the introduction of Sparx maths at Easter this year; the impact on outcomes for these students will be huge. Our SEND students in particular have said how much they like Sparx maths, and how it has improved their homework experience.

A special shout-out goes to the following students who have earned the most XP (Sparx points) over the course of this term:

Year 7: Farah E (winner- 12,613 XP), Joshua W, Lilah G, Amelie S and Ava T.

Year 8: Ruby B (winner- 19,275 XP), Jasmine C, Alisha B, Matthew R and Maya C.

Year 9: Ella W (winner- 11,590 XP), Spencer A, Leila F, Josh S and Steven C.

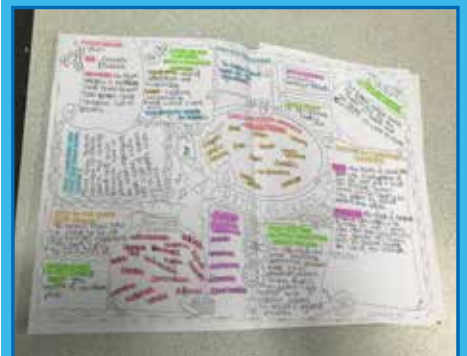
Year 10: Will S (winner- 9040 XP), Hubert A, Marchus F, Chido M and Ellie C.



ENGLISH

Year 9 students have been preparing for the festive season by studying the Dickens classic 'A Christmas Carol'. As well as learning about how Ebenezer Scrooge is taught humility and the Christmas spirit through the visitations of a variety of ghosts, students have learned about the social conditions in the Victorian period and how they encouraged Dickens to write political novels.

Their work culminated in an essay about how Dickens presents poverty throughout the novel and it is clear from their planning that students enjoyed the novel, produced high quality work and demonstrated an ability to plan and write detailed essays about literary texts.



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JAPANESE

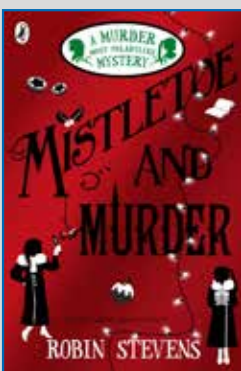


Many Japanese students have started working on a new group project on Thursdays. They are working towards a national contest for schools called “JaLaChamp: Japanese Language Championship 2024”. They are tasked with creating original video clips in Japanese on given themes of “our talent” (KS4) and “what we want to save for the future”(KS5) .

Four KS4 groups and one KS5 group were formed and, after allocating roles within groups, considered “what message do we want to convey and how?” as their first step. They have now sorted their story boards and translated dialogues, and are just about start recording with camcorders. Mr Dowsland and Mr Paffley (from The Consortium Academy Trust) are generously assisting the IT side of this project. They have also received kind help and assistance from Mr Zobkiw, Mr Richardson-Medd and Mr Ashdown. Arigatou (thank you) so much!

Christmas books we think would make great stocking-fillers:

- **Let it Snow** by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle – A Young Adult romance novel (and Netflix film) following the interactions of three couples during a Christmas Eve snowstorm.
- **I am Scrooge: A Zombie Story for Christmas** by Adam Roberts – Ebenezer Scrooge returning to his former self may be the world’s only hope against attacking zombie hords!
- **I’ll be Home for Christmas** – A collection of stories and poems from the UK’s leading Children and Young Adult authors. £1 from every copy sold will be donated to the charity Crisis, supporting people facing homelessness.
- **Mistletoe and Murder** by Robin Stevens – From the Murder Most Unladylike series, this story is a lovely Christmas in Cambridge turned whodunit. Perfect winter reading!



LIBRARY

Our Library is looking wonderfully festive this December! Students from Library Committee enjoyed getting in the spirit making paper decorations throughout November, and we think that their hard work has really paid off.

Since September, over 550 books have been borrowed from the library and we are thrilled at how much our students love to read! Congratulations to the 16 students who have already earned their first (and second) certificates for reading books from the Canon – what an achievement!



The Real Game - Year 8

On the 14 November we held The Real Game Enrichment Day for our Year 8 students. They took part in a range of activities throughout the day which included:

- Budgeting – Students had to budget a lifestyle to fit the income from the job role they were given
- Smashing the Stereotypes – The aim of the session was for students to understand what stereotyping is and challenge ideas which may have already formed.
- Labour Market Information- This session gave the Year 8's insight to the different industry sectors and what is happening in these sectors in the Humber region.
- Unifrog – The students were introduced to this careers platform. After taking the personality quiz they had the opportunity to research suggested careers
- Careers Speed-networking – The Year 8's were given the opportunity to network with a variety of people from different industry sectors to gain insight to their job role and career journey. Some of the companies involved were NHS, GW Power, Swift Group, Police, Hobson & Porter, Northern Gas Networks, HETA, Hull College, Transwaste, ERYC – Early Year Development.

Work Experience

Year 10: The Year 10 assembly on 16 November launched the work experience programme for this year. All Year 10 students will be doing one week of work experience in the summer term. We like to encourage students to find their own placement as this guarantees they are placed with a company that they are truly interested in. Students have until 18 March to secure

their own placement using the self-found form. For students who don't manage to find their own placement there will be an option for them to apply for a placement from the school allocation.

Year 12: Work experience for Year 12 was launched this week. They will be completing their work experience week

commencing 15 July. Again, students will be expected to source their own placement, but support will be available. Administration of the placements will be managed through the students Unifrog account. For more information about work experience you can contact Mrs Scaife.

The East Riding Apprenticeship Event

On the 22 November we took a group of Year 11 students who are interested in taking apprenticeship route next year. The event was held at Bishop Burton College, many employers, training providers and colleges offering apprenticeship were in attendance. The event enabled students to find out more about apprenticeships and to discuss future vacancies and their recruitment process.

CAREERS

We are currently accepting applications to the Consortium Sixth Form

The Consortium Sixth Form Partnership between Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College, Hessle High School and Cottingham High School started over 25 years ago. It has developed into a strong, vibrant and successful community for students to experience, something we are extremely proud of. We offer a wide range of courses including A-Level subjects and a variety of vocational options. Free transport is provided between the schools. More information about these subjects and the entry requirements can be found at <https://www.the-consortium.org/>

You can apply via the website or www.logonmoveon.co.uk. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding any aspect of the of our sixth form experience, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Careers Appointments

Career guidance appointments with either Mrs Scaife or Mrs Iversen are currently underway for our Year 11 students. The impartial one to one personal guidance appointment gives the students the opportunity to discuss their interests, motivations, qualities and how their personality could match with a potential career path. Each student and their parent/carer will be emailed their action plan detailing the discussion and what actions need to be taken for their next steps. If you require any information with regards to careers please contact mrs.scaife@wolfreton.co.uk or mrs.iversen@wolfreton.co.uk

NOTICES

Winter is upon us again

Do you have any pre-loved winter coats?

We are once again requesting donations of any winter coats in good condition so that other families may benefit this winter.

A drop off container is located in main reception.

With thanks.

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SIXTH FORM

THE SERIES

The Sixth form band, The Series, performed at the Wolfreton Christmas Concert. It was a great opportunity to see them perform and lovely to see the Consortium working at its best – the band

is made up of Brad H (drums) Wolfreton, Benedict P (saxophone) Wolfreton, Noah D (guitar) Wolfreton, Sophie H (guitar) Hessele and Charlotte H (singer) Hessele.

LAW CONFERENCE AT HULL UNIVERSITY

On 13 December the Sixth Form Law cohort attended the Law Conference at Hull University. An enjoyable and informative day for everyone.

TURN AND FACE THE STRANGE – THE STORY OF MICK RONSON

On 15 November we were lucky enough to be visited by Paul Deighton who has created the iconic guitar for the stage show 'Turn and Face the Strange – the story of Mick Ronson'. The show is described as 'A stunning multi-media show with a powerful rock band, string quartet, film and live storytelling, that chronicles the life of Mick Ronson.'

It tells the story of local Hull musician Michael 'Mick' Ronson, who, from humble origins as a gardener in East Hull, went on to play a major role in producing some of the most iconic music of the twentieth century, both as a sideman lead guitarist in the band 'The Spiders from Mars' and as a producer and arranger for David Bowie, Lou Reed, Ian Hunter and countless others.

Students were lucky enough to hear all about the creation of the guitar and some of our talented musicians, including Freddie B in Year 12, were able to have a go at playing it.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Sixth Formers took part in the stocking competition. Here are a few of the entries:



BRACING POINT – YOUNG DRIVER WORKSHOP

Also in November all Sixth Form students watched a performance from Bracing Point which was an impactful presentation about young driver safety. With so many of our Sixth Form students becoming qualified drivers, this was particularly relevant in keeping everyone safe on the roads – drivers and passengers alike. Enjoy your freedom but stay safe everyone!



UCAS

UCAS UPDATE

To date over 70% of our Year 13 students have submitted their UCAS applications ahead of the January deadline. Interviews are underway for those applying to Oxbridge, medicine and other healthcare professions – good luck to all involved in those.

Almost all of our students have received offers already. We look forward to seeing which Universities and courses you choose as your first choices in the New Year!

KEY DATES

Thursday 21 December 2023

School closes at 2pm for Christmas

Tuesday 9 January 2024

School reopens

Thursday 11 January 2024

Year 11 Progress Evening

Thursday 25 January 2024

Year 10 Progress Evening

Wednesday 7 February 2024

Year 8 Progress Evening

Thursday 22 February 2024

Year 9 Guided Choices Evening

Have your contact details changed?

If you have changed any contact details such as home address, mobile number, email etc, this must be updated on the Arbor Parent Portal so we can ensure our system is up to date and can remain in contact with you.

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