

The Wolfreton Way Newsletter

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As we reach the end of the academic year, it is a pleasure to sit for a moment and reflect on what has been a great year in so many respects. In this edition of our Newsletter, we have taken the opportunity to look back on the last six months, before ending with a closer look at the final weeks of term. With so much to choose from, we have selected a sample to showcase the year.

This year, we have had a focus on personal development opportunities and in doing so, we coined The Wolfreton Experience. For more years than I can remember we have celebrated the strengths our teams have built in careers, in sporting endeavours and in other opportunities beyond the classroom. Capturing and communicating all that goes on can be a challenge, so we introduced our fortnightly newsletter to share more of The Wolfreton Experience with you. Over the year we have received some lovely feedback on this, and on behalf of those that make this possible, I thank you for that. Whilst our newsletter provides a fortnightly summary, in recent weeks we have also opened our school Facebook (We are Wolfreton) and Instagram (Wolfretonsch) pages (and retired our school X feed). Followers on both have been climbing at pace and we invite you to join us; we have enjoyed sharing an even greater insight into the last two weeks and we look forward to continuing this in the new year.

Across the year students have taken part in a huge number of extra-curricular clubs, a significant number of trips and visits and a range of drop-down days. They have made great strides forward with their attendance, tracking above national throughout the year and even being recognised in the top 25% of similar schools. This coupled with strong standards of behaviour and some impressive work done in subjects has topped off a year we hope you can join us in celebrating. We congratulate students on their efforts, achievements, teamwork and positive engagement this year – we have enjoyed working with them throughout.

As headteacher, I would also like to express my thanks publicly to our staff team. Without them, none of what we do would be possible. It has been humbling to read some of your emails expressing thanks to individuals and teams this week. I know just how lucky we are to have the colleagues we do – both teaching and support. Individually and collectively, they want the very best for our students and they go over and above so often – thank you all.

So as this week, and its celebrations come to an end, we bid farewell to several colleagues. Firstly, to Mrs Sands, our Japanese teacher. Mrs Sands joined us at Wolfreton in 2007, quickly becoming known for her determination to provide as many students as possible with the chance to experience the Japanese language and culture. Over the years, she has committed endless additional hours providing twilight lessons and an array of extra-curricular cultural opportunities. Our students have attended Japanese club and entered Japanese video and speaking competitions – Polly placing first

against a Harrow student was a moment of real pride. This summer Mrs Sands returns to Japan to begin her retirement. She goes with our immense gratitude and good wishes. I, and so many others have been incredibly proud to be able to offer our students this opportunity for so many years.

Also moving on to pastures new this summer are Miss Fitches and Miss Shepherdson from our TA team, as well as Mrs Dibnah (technology) and Mr Douglas (music), and Miss Glover (Spanish). Each colleague has made significant contributions to our students and school, and I would like to express my thanks to them as they move on to a range of destinations including within our Trust and beyond, in new roles or to continue their studies.

Our office closes today as we head off for our summer break. We will be back for Year 11 and Year 13 results days in August, as well as for Sixth Form Induction. Key dates are provided at the back, including our return date. A reminder that as communicated, our updated uniform policy will come into effect in September. Details are on the website should you need them. We will write again before the start of the new term however until then, can I thank you for your ongoing support of the school. It really is appreciated. Enjoy a lovely summer.

Susanne Kukuc, Headteacher

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A look back at 2025

January

The year 2025 began with a strong emphasis on student leadership, marked by the launch of our student council elections.

An impressive 18 Year 7 tutor group representatives put their names forward, each demonstrating initiative, ambition, and a commitment to making a difference.

Every candidate delivered a speech to the entire Year 7 cohort during assembly — a bold step that showcased remarkable confidence and excellent communication skills from such a young group.

After a thoughtful voting process, we were proud to announce that Stanley and Freya were elected as Year 7's official representatives, and what an amazing job they have done since! As a result of their feedback, our water coolers are now being enjoyed by everyone!



Year 11 students also had the opportunity to attend a day of specialist GCSE Maths and English sessions held at Hull University.

The event, organised by our Trust, aimed to provide targeted support for students as they prepared for their upcoming GCSEs.

The day focused on key topics in Maths and English, with workshops tailored to address common challenges and boost exam confidence. Students engaged in interactive activities, practical problem-solving tasks, and revision techniques designed to strengthen their understanding of core concepts.



We were thrilled to welcome our Year 11 applicants to the Sixth Form Offer Event — a milestone moment where each student received their official offer letter! To celebrate this exciting step toward their future, we treated everyone to delicious hot chocolate and fresh pastries in our vibrant Sixth Form café, offering a warm and tasty glimpse into life at Sixth Form.



February

February saw our Year 7 boys' rugby team make the journey to West Park Leeds for a thrilling showdown against Crossley Heath in the Yorkshire RFU Schools' Plate Final — and what a match it was!

After a tightly contested first half, our team came out firing in the second, storming ahead with **five sensational tries** to secure a **dominant 35–5 victory**. Their teamwork, determination, and sheer grit lit up the pitch and left the crowd in awe.

This incredible win not only earned them the title but also carved their names into the history books — they are the first-ever Wolfreton team to win a Yorkshire RFU trophy. An unforgettable achievement for a truly outstanding group of players.



During February, Year 7 and 8 students were thrilled to take part in the STEM Roadshow—an exciting and interactive event delivered in partnership with BAE Systems, the Royal Navy, and the RAF. Designed to ignite curiosity and inspire the next generation, the Roadshow brought the latest in science and technology straight to the classroom.

This year's focus was 'Artificial Intelligence', a rapidly evolving field that is shaping our future and transforming everyday life. But the real star of the show was **Lexi the AI dog**—a crowd favourite who wowed students with her clever tricks and charm. Lexi brought AI to life in a fun and engaging way, leaving students both amazed and inspired.



March

During March, our Year 7 students had the exciting opportunity to take part in two enriching educational trips that brought their classroom learning to life.

Geography students visited Tropical World, where they explored eco-systems and extreme environments in a vibrant, immersive setting. This hands-on experience allowed them to deepen their understanding of key topics while seeing first-hand how these environments function in the real world.

Meanwhile, history students stepped back in time during their visit to Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral. Designed to complement their curriculum, this trip offered a fascinating look into Medieval life, religion, and the significance of the Magna Carta. Students participated in interactive tours of both historic sites, walking the towering castle walls and admiring the stunning architecture of the cathedral.

These trips provided our students with unforgettable experiences that not only enriched their knowledge but also sparked a deeper appreciation for the subjects they study.



Year 10 Drama students had the exciting opportunity to attend a live performance of Blood Brothers at the Liverpool Empire Theatre.

This trip was an integral part of their course studies, offering them a unique, firsthand experience of the play in preparation for their upcoming lessons. A memorable highlight of the trip was the chance for students to meet Sean Jones, who plays Mickey Johnstone, one of the main characters.



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Ice Cream Treats!

April brought with it our spectacular Golden Ticket event, and what a celebration it was!

We were absolutely thrilled to honour the outstanding commitment and perseverance of over 800 students from Years 7 to 11 at our Golden Ticket Spring Term Rewards celebration.

These incredible students were recognised for their exemplary behaviour and excellent attendance all term long — and as a well-earned reward, they soaked up the sunshine while enjoying a delicious ice cream treat!

We fondly look back on the return of our much-loved school ski trip!

During April, a group of 47 students from Years 10 and 12 travelled to the beautiful resort of Sestriere, Italy, for a week filled with snow, slopes, and unforgettable memories.

For many, it was their first time ever on skis. The early days were spent learning the basics, often with a few tumbles and lots of laughter. But through determination, teamwork, and an incredibly positive spirit, every student made remarkable progress. By the end of the week, they were confidently skiing down the slopes — a true testament to their growth and resilience.

It was a memorable adventure that brought students closer together and created experiences they'll cherish for years to come.



Year 8 and 9 students truly embodied our school value of Respect.

With enthusiasm and a strong sense of community spirit, they delivered hundreds of Easter cards to our local neighbours.

This thoughtful gesture was warmly received, with many neighbours expressing their appreciation for the kindness shown. It was heartwarming to see how such a simple act can brighten someone's day and help build meaningful connections within our community.

Moments like these remind us of the positive impact our students can have—and how small actions, rooted in respect and care, can make a big difference.

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One of the standout moments in May was the return of former student and current Hull City footballer, Matty Jacob, who spent an inspiring day with our Year 9 students.

It was a true pleasure to welcome Matty back to Wolfreton, where he generously shared his journey from student to professional athlete. His story served as a powerful source of motivation, encouraging our students to aim high and believe in their own potential.

Matty's visit was a proud reminder of the lasting connections between our school and its alumni—and a testament to what can be achieved with hard work, resilience, and ambition.



Staff and students at Wolfreton came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

On the day itself, the Forum was beautifully decorated in red, white, and blue, and a special lunch menu inspired by traditional wartime foods was served.

The celebration culminated in a lively street party at lunchtime, featuring classic wartime songs by Vera Lynn. Staff and students mingled, embracing the spirit of the era in a memorable tribute to one of the most significant events in British history.

As May drew to a close, we gathered to celebrate our annual Year 13 Leavers' Assembly and BBQ—an event that always holds a special place in the school calendar.

It marks the final chapter of a seven-year journey for many of our students, filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable memories. The occasion provided a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on their time at Wolfreton, share their stories, and enjoy a heartfelt send-off in the company of friends and staff.



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During June, Year 11 made their grand return to Wolfreton for a farewell assembly that will be remembered for years to come—an unforgettable send-off for an extraordinary year group!

The assembly took everyone on a heartfelt journey through their time at Wolfreton, spotlighting their incredible resilience from those tough early days amid the global pandemic. It was a powerful celebration of strength, unity, and the unwavering spirit that defines our school community—where support, care, and determination have always been at the heart of everything we do. We look forward to welcoming many of them back into our Sixth Form.



Year 9 History and Geography students took part in two engaging and memorable trips that combined learning with real-world experiences.

The Geography group ventured to Dalby Forest for an action-packed day filled with both adventure and academic exploration. Their journey began with an exhilarating session at Go Ape, where students and staff tackled high ropes courses and ziplines, all while enjoying breathtaking views of the forest canopy. Following this exciting start, the students shifted their focus to fieldwork along the river. Equipped with scientific tools, they measured key river features such as sediment size, river velocity, and channel depth. This hands-on fieldwork offered valuable practical insights into river environments, reinforcing classroom theory through direct observation and measurement.

Meanwhile, the History students visited The National Holocaust Centre and Museum for a deeply moving and educational experience. The day was carefully structured around three focused sessions, each

designed to deepen students' understanding of the Holocaust and its enduring impact on history and humanity. Both trips provided our Year 9 students with unique opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, sparking curiosity and empathy that will stay with them for years to come.



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Throughout July, our students have engaged in a variety of enriching educational visits. These experiences provided valuable opportunities to explore new environments, deepen their learning, and make lasting memories outside the classroom.



Year 10 Geography students embarked on an unforgettable trip to London, blending hands-on learning with iconic sight-seeing.

They kicked off their adventure at the Natural History Museum, diving into exhibits on climate change, biodiversity, and Earth's processes. Interactive displays brought classroom topics to life in a powerful way.

Exploring landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, and Tower Bridge, students saw geography in action, from urban growth to transport and tourism. A guided tour of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park gave them real-world insight into sustainability and regeneration after the 2012 Olympics.

It was a fun, inspiring journey packed with learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Our Year 8 students enjoyed two exciting educational trips — to Bridlington and the National Space Centre.

In Bridlington, our young geographers had a brilliant day investigating the impact of plastic pollution along the sea-front. They carried out environmental quality surveys, produced detailed field sketches, and interviewed members of the public to gather insightful data. Their behaviour and attitude throughout the day were exemplary.

Students blasted off into space at the National Space Centre—lifting 'zero-gravity' beans, riding rocket capsules, driving rovers, launching water rockets, and soaring through the solar system in an epic planetarium show!



Our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster. Despite the wet weather, spirits remained high as students explored the park and observed a wide range of incredible animals up close.

From majestic lions to playful lemurs, there was plenty to see — and the rain certainly didn't dampen the experience! It was a fun-filled day of discovery, adventure, and learning outside the classroom.

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Last week, we were thrilled to welcome our new Year 6 students for an action-packed, three-day Transition Week—and what a week it was!

The fun kicked off with a group photo, capturing the energy and excitement as students began their journey with us. From there, they dove into a vibrant mix of lessons, exploring everything from Maths and Art to History, Computing, PE, and even a taste of French!

Lunchtime in the Forum gave students a flavour of what's to come, and took part in a smoothie bike challenge — blending up smiles all around!

The grand finale? A high-energy colour run that had everyone laughing, cheering, and (very colourfully) celebrating the end of an unforgettable start to their new adventure with us!



Wolfreton was buzzing with an exhilarating atmosphere as all year groups showcased their athletic prowess and competitive spirit during four fantastic Sports Days.

From track events to field challenges, students poured their energy into securing vital points for their respective houses, leading to some incredibly close and nail-biting finishes.



This week we were thrilled to host our exclusive Golden Ticket events, recognising students who consistently demonstrate outstanding behaviour and a positive attitude toward learning.

As a reward for their hard work and dedication, students enjoyed an exciting day filled with Inflatable fun—including bouncy castles, obstacle courses, and inflatable sports games. It was a well-deserved celebration of their efforts and a great way to end the term on a high note!



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We are also delighted to share our students outstanding achievements.

A huge congratulations goes to Charlie, Seb, Zach, and Amelie —members of the band ‘They are The Night’—who recently took part in the East Riding Music Service’s Battle of the Bands. Representing our school with energy and talent, the group featured Charlie on drums, Seb on guitar, Zach on bass, and former Wolfreton student, Amelie on vocals.

The event, part of a wider celebration of music, showcased incredible young talent from schools across the East Riding. We’re especially proud to share that Charlie was awarded Best Drum Performance—a fantastic individual achievement!



Congratulations also goes to Megan on her outstanding achievement in becoming the East Riding Schools Champion!

Megan delivered an exceptional performance, completing her event in a time of **5 minutes and 19 seconds**, setting a **new personal best (PB)**. Her dedication, training, and determination have clearly paid off, and this victory is a testament to her hard work and talent.

Well done, Megan – a truly fantastic accomplishment! We look forward to seeing what you achieve next.

House Points

All rewards earned by each House since the start of the year.



31,1089



32,7965



31,3491



32,4932



32,6638

**Total House
Points
1,604,115**

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Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Key dates

Friday 18 July ...School Closes at 1.45pm

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September ...Staff Training Days—School closed to students

Wednesday 3 September ...School starts for students in Years 7 and 12 with Year 13 returning the same afternoon

Thursday 4 September...School starts for Years 8—11

Results Days

A Level: Thursday 14 August

Results will be available for collection by Year 13 students from 8:30am.

Vocational unit exam results will be available for collection by Year 12 students from 10:00am.

GCSE: Thursday 21 August

Results will be available for collection by Year 11 students from 9.00am. Please note that no results will be given earlier than the times stated above.

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.