

THE WOLFRETON WAY

SPRING 2024

It has been a busy and successful year for all of us at Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College. We have achieved many milestones and are proud of the progress we have made. We have a strong team of staff and students who have worked hard to make this year a memorable one. We look forward to continuing our journey together in the future.



We are an ambitious school, and we recognise we have ambitious students and families – this is both a privilege and a real strength. We are also a community school and our community matters to us as it does you. Our reflections as term ends allow us to check the success of what has passed and to ensure our path will deliver the very things we aspire too. I hope you will join me in exploring the academic and personal development opportunities our students have engaged in over the last term – with more planned for next term and beyond, we have much to look forward to.

As I have written before, further growing enrichment opportunities is something we have as a key priority. The appetite for these opportunities has understandably grown and with this, the breadth of our offer. Whilst we are not at our destination yet, the number of opportunities continues to grow year on year with many more in the pipeline.

I hope you will enjoy reading about visits to Tropical World, Lincoln Castle, Hull York Medical School, the Queen Elizabeth Barracks in Strensall for the Army Youth Challenge and the Thackeray Museum.

The Sixth Formers of course topped the bill in terms of miles, with London and New York on the itinerary for them. I know you are ambitious for your children to have these, and more opportunities, and I thank you for supporting our staff who give up considerable time to plan and lead these.

Community is another theme that we believe firmly in as a school. Having worked at Wolfreton for 23 years now and having spoken with so many families across the years and continuing to speak with you now, the importance of community and history is something that I recognise keenly. As generations pass through our school, we want to be much more than a place of learning but a place that

plays a role impacting positively on our community for years to come.

To that end, our Year 8 students spent the weeks leading up to Easter making many Easter cards and in the last week of term, they set out in groups each morning to deliver these. We were touched by the numbers of emails into school expressing thanks – personal contact and kindness in a social media era matters more than ever and we look forward to sharing the gratitude expressed with Year 8 as they return for the summer term.

Can I wish all of our families a very happy Easter weekend however you choose to spend it. I do hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and we look forward to working with you again next term.

Susanne Kukuc
Headteacher



TCAT LEARNER CONFERENCE

A number of Wolfreton students took part in our Trust's recent Shaping Positive Futures Learner Conference. They were amongst 300 learners who were provided with a unique opportunity to collaborate with others from across our Trust schools at the event held at the University of Hull.

The focus was on how they can take a lead on our Trust commitment to a sustainable future. The day saw learners collaborating with their peers through a number of hands on workshops,

supported by staff from our schools as well as local businesses. CEO Lizann Lowson said *"It was a pleasure to witness all the great interactions taking place between those in our primaries, secondaries and sixth form. Our learners relished the chance to discuss ways to promote sustainable practices in our schools, and we will continue to work together with them to engage in activities that have the power to transform our environments."*



ATA DAY

On Wednesday 13 March, a group of eight students went to County Hall, Beverley to pitch their ideas on how to increase active travel across the school. The pitch went fantastic, and the students won £220 for the school to improve the bike sheds. The students put a great amount of work into this pitch, and this was recognised by East Riding of Yorkshire Council who gave an additional £250! The students did the school proud.

YEAR TEAMS NEWS

YEAR 7

The Spring term has been a busy but very successful time for the Year 7 team. We have awarded over 50 Head of Year awards, 324,385 house points and seen a number of students achieving their Sapphire and Emerald award.

We have seen success on the sport field and competed in our annual Easter Egg and Easter Hat competitions.

The Year 7 team are extremely proud of how the Year 7 students are demonstrating the school values of excellence, endeavour and respect and are looking forward to the final term and our Year 7 reward trip.



Farewell to Mr Hawley and thank you to Mrs Page who has been working with the Year 7 Team.

The Year 7 Pastoral Team



YEAR 8

The Year 8s have had another busy term with celebration events, trips to the university and Easter card delivering. The students who met the criteria enjoyed a fun filled social time with friends, having drinks and sweets whilst competing against one another with boardgames. The students got stuck into the games with some friendly competition on display.

Two of our student councillors attended the TCAT conference for students and participated in workshops. They also had the amazing experience of listening to our keynote speaker who hopefully inspired our future generations.

Year 8 have been working hard on creating Easter cards to be delivered to the local community. The entries have been judged by the Year 8 tutors with a number being made into cards that will end up with local residents.

The Year 8 Pastoral Team



YEAR TEAMS NEWS

YEAR 9

Year 9 continue to show improvements as we progress through the year. Lots of our students are maturing and excited about selecting their options to move forward into Year 10.

Students have shown a massive improvement with their attendance and we had almost one and a half times as many students receiving their 100% attendance badges for this term. We look forward to celebrating those students who have been invited onto the reward event taking place after the Easter break.

We now look forward to end the year on a high and preparing ourselves for beginning our GCSE's going into Year 10.

The Year 9 Pastoral Team.

YEAR 10

The Year 10 cohort are preparing for their time out on work experience during the summer term. Lots of students have managed to secure their own work placements to experience working in industries that spark their interest and provide them with an insight into the working world. Over the course of the academic year, students continue to participate in the girls and boys football and rugby teams. More recently, 43 Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in the Army Youth Challenge at the army barracks in York. This included activities that required students to work as a team and show resilience in order to complete tasks successfully.

As a year team Mr Walsh and Miss Cater are very pleased with the direction we are heading in as a year group.

Keep up the great work, be consistent and give your best efforts.

The Year 10 Pastoral Team

YEAR 11

Year 11 are deep into their revision for the summer exam seasons. Attendance at intervention sessions is good and improving all the time with some students opting to give up time during the Easter holidays to come in and attend sessions.

Preparations are underway for the end of year celebrations with both the prom and leavers assembly planning at an advanced stage. The prom committee have had some 'great' ideas and we are working hard to make sure that these become a reality. As one of the tasks the students had to come up with a playlist for the night, after consulting with their tutor groups they have come up with a 100 strong list of songs ranging from the 1960's onwards!

Students are working hard at attendance and we have a larger cohort achieving the 100% club mark for the spring term. Students have also been using GCSE pod as a resource to aid revision and have been winning vouchers based on most pods watched.

Careers appointments and sixth form taster sessions have taken place and it is really pleasing to listen to some of the aspirations that our students have-some of which are quite literally all over the world.

We wish all students the upmost success for the exams that are approaching and will offer as much support as is required.

The Year 11 Pastoral Team

CURRICULUM

LIBRARY

We are delighted that 833 books have been borrowed from the Library so far this school year!

The Spring Term has been a busy one for our Library. In January, readers kept warm with Winter book recommendations, and members of Library Committee requested we expand our Graphic and Comic shelf and voted on 10 Manga series they would like us to have in the Library. We have since purchased the first volume of each to build our collection and encourage our keen readers. February was all about Love in Literature and the many ways that writers explore love in their stories – by lifting our spirits and breaking our hearts! March saw our



Manga Madness display unveiled to the delight of many of our students, and we celebrated World Book Day with Library treasure hunts, Staff Shelfies, book quizzes and, of course, lots of reading! Friday 8 March was International Women's Day, and many of our students have helped us mark this occasion by colouring in posters, choosing inspiring books written by women for our display, and taking part in conversations about the women we look up to.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Students and staff celebrated World Book Day this term with a variety of fun activities and creative endeavours!

During the start of every lesson, our Key Stage 3 students listened to parts of *The Monkey's Paw* by W. W. Jacobs. Published in 1902, this short Gothic horror explores the tragic consequences of a man using a mummified monkey's paw to grant himself and his family three wishes. As the story slowly unfolded across the day, students were asked to discuss the ways in which the author developed tension, the use of foreshadowing, and to make their own predictions about the direction of the tale towards its thrilling end. Students also enjoyed taking part in a book quiz as a tutor group, with clues to answers dotted around the English corridor. English staff had lots of fun decorating their doors with nods to some of their favourite books and as well as this, staff across the school hid behind their favourite reads and took part in The Masked Reader competition!

In the run up to World Book Day, the Library hosted a short story writing competition. It has been wonderful to see so many of our young authors step up to the challenge and flex their creativity. During lunchtimes and after school, students have been plotting, drafting, and publishing their stories and have enjoyed this so much that they have requested we set up a writing club – watch this space! Throughout the day students also took part in quizzes and treasure hunts in the Library, and enjoyed spying at staff bookselves for our Shelfie competition. Lunchtime was such a buzz of excitement and staff thoroughly enjoyed spending time helping students with their clues and questions!

Congratulations to the following students for gaining a Reading Excellence certificate for reading books from the Wolfreton Canon!

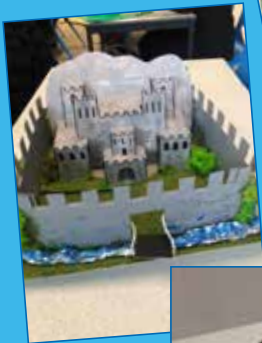
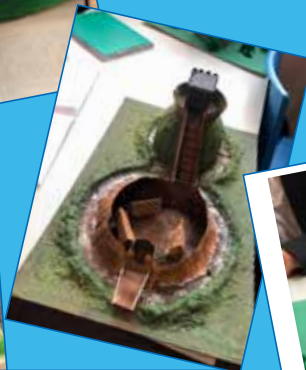
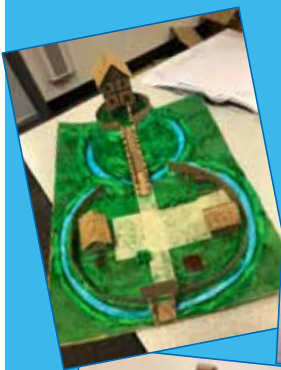
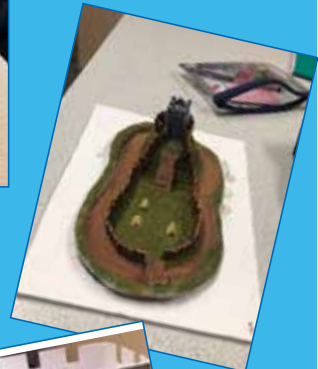
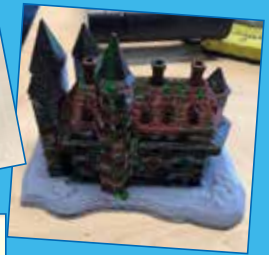
- Ava T, 6 books- Bronze
- Edward W, 15 books- Bronze, Silver, Gold
- Lily S, 10 books- Bronze and Silver
- Angus B, 11 books- Bronze and Silver
- Scarlett F, 6 books- Bronze
- Jasmine C, 5 books- Bronze
- Pearl D, 6 books- Bronze
- Matthew Y, 7 books- Bronze
- Iona W, 8 books- Bronze
- Neha J, 11 books- Bronze and silver
- Ella W, 6 books- Bronze
- Xander B, 8 books- Bronze
- Charlie C, 6 books- Bronze
- Isobel L, 16 books- Bronze, Silver, Gold
- Innis B, 7 books- Bronze
- Eve P, 5 books- Bronze
- Heidi T, 6 books- Bronze

The Canon Rewards for Reading Excellence: students earn 10 house points for every Wolfreton Canon book they read, and are awarded a certificate for every 5 Canon books.

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HISTORY

As part of the Year 7 curriculum in History, students have been looking at a unit of work on castles built during William the Conquerors reign. As part of the unit of work, students were tasked with making their own castle as a homework project. As can be seen in the photographs the students did a brilliant job using resources found at home to make some amazing Motte and Bailey, Stone Square Keeps and even some Concentric Castles in keeping with the original features from the time.



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HISTORY

Holocaust Memorial Day

Students from Year 9 took part in a live Webcast from the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) which was broadcast around the country to listen to a testimony from Hedi Argent MBE, a Holocaust survivor.

The Webcast was part of the memorial events organised by HET as we remember those who died during the Holocaust, on Holocaust Memorial Day, Saturday, 27 January.



Thackeray Museum of Medicine visit

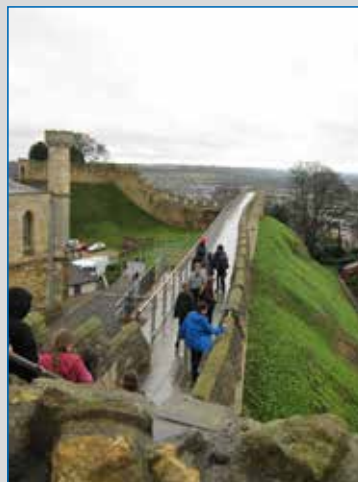
Year 11 History students had the opportunity to visit the Thackeray Museum of Medicine in Leeds followed by a theatre production, The Doctors Show, which dramatised the History of medicine from Medieval to Modern times.

The visit provided students with the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and understanding in preparation for their exams.



Lincoln Castle visit

Students from Year 7 visited Lincoln Castle this half term, where they took part in some great activities. Students were able to walk the Medieval wall, explore the Magna Carta vault, create Shields and star in their very own Magna Carta drama. A brilliant day was had by all, taking their learning beyond the classroom with the students exemplifying the core values of true Wolfreton students!



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GEOGRAPHY

Tropical World visit

100 Year 7s went to tropical world on a geography fieldtrip which incorporated a trip to Tropical World with fieldwork in Roundhay Park. Students had an excellent time supporting their learning on the topic of Extreme Environments.



MATHS

Test Your Mathematical Skills!

Here are two maths problems for you to solve together as a family.


Can you work out the answers?

All entries = 5 housepoints

Correct answers = 10 housepoints

Email your answers with student's name to Miss.Welsh@wolfreton.co.uk

I have 30 socks in my drawer and they vary in colour.



I have 12 black, 10 blue, 2 brown and 6 grey socks. If I close my eyes and pull socks out at random, how many socks must I pull out before I can be certain to have a matching pair?

Insert arithmetical signs between these numbers to make the equation correct: + - x ÷

18 2 9 16 5 = 100

SCIENCE

Over the past three weeks, we have created paper mache volcanos. Students used scrap paper to create the structure of the volcanos in the first week, then decorated them on the second week. On the third week, students erupted their volcanos using a neutralisation reaction between baking powder and vinegar. Students applied their chemistry knowledge to this project and have unleashed their imagination when constructing and erupting the volcanos.



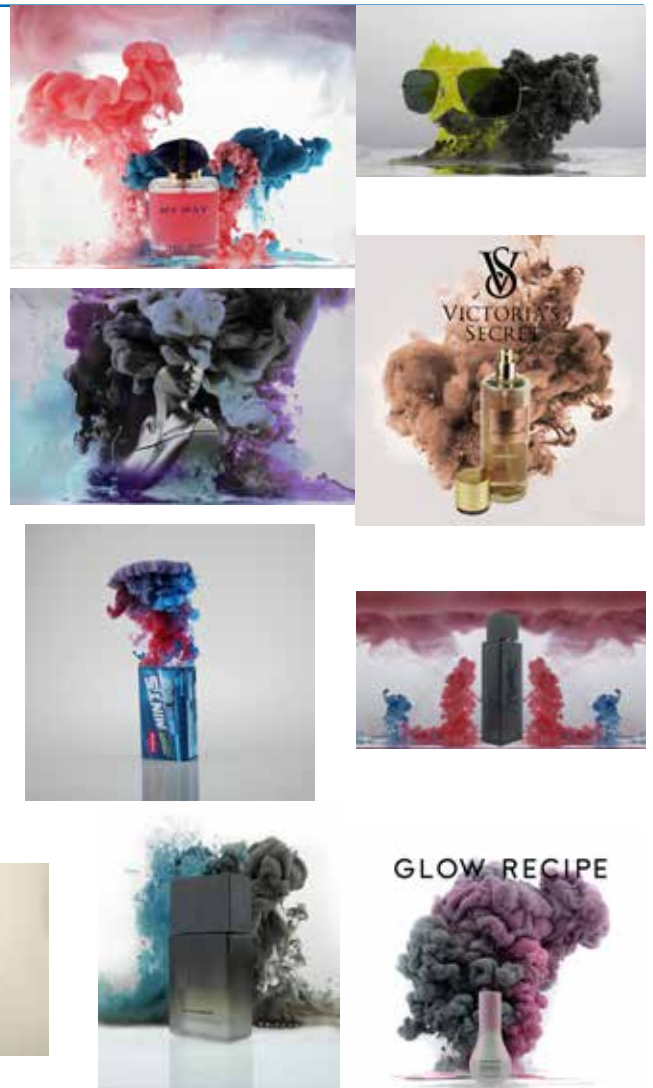
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PHOTOGRAPHY

The Year 10 photography students have been working through their initial coursework unit 'The Devil is in the Detail' and each year, the team and I try to raise the bar with our expectations and tailor our curriculum to inspire and motivate always with one eye on students potentially maybe wanting to develop their studies beyond GCSE level.

Having looked at the work of commercial product photographers, this year we tasked students with shooting coloured ink in water and then morphing this in Photoshop with a separate shoot of their own item brought in from home.

The team and I are amazed with the standard and quality of the work produced we hope you agree?



RUN WITH IT

Two groups of Year 7 students participated in activities provided by the charity 'Run With It' at Flemingate, Beverley on Tuesday afternoons. The main focus of these sessions was to help raise levels of literacy and numeracy, using stimulating environments with the students' utilising skills in these areas in a functional way, and to help build their self-confidence and self-esteem.

During this programme our students were involved in activities such as designing a shop and completing a presentation on this, making cards to sell, a scavenger hunt in a shop and identifying and recalling information. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students involved in this initiative and they all had a great time participating. Many thanks to Kate and Hannah from the Run With It team for all the activities they put on for the students.



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PE

Year 9 Rugby 21 February 2024 - Wolfreton 50 v 0 Goole

A dominant performance from the Year 9 team saw them run out comfortable winners against Goole Academy and round off the rugby union season in style. Looking forward to see how they fair in the Rugby League season and hopefully they can retain their East Riding Rugby League Crown.

Year 10 Rugby 5 March 2024 - Hornsea 6 v 25 Wolfreton School

The Year 10 Rugby team kicked off their Rugby league season with an impressive performance away at Hornsea. Big expectations from this team this year who will be looking to retain their East Riding Rugby league title and kick on into the later stages of the Yorkshire plate competition.

Panathlon Boccia 22 February 2024

Congratulations to our Panathlon team who came second in Humberside at the recent Boccia finals at the Allan Sports Arena at Hull University. Unlucky to lose in the final but the 'Super Six' who represented Wolfreton School that Day did us proud!

Panathlon Xtend 12 March 2024

Another superb performance from our Panathlon team who placed 4th in the East Riding Panathlon Xtend Challenge Team event. A big shout out as well to the superb volunteers from our 6th Form who helped lead the event so professionally.

PS Year 3/4 Dodgeball 6 March 2024

An unbelievable night of dodgeball as we hosted 11 teams from our feeder primary schools. Just short of 100 students competing, exercising and having tremendous amounts of fun whilst doing so. Big shout out to our superb volunteers who helped on the night and the Willerby Carr Lane Blue team who were victorious on the evening!



NETBALL

The Year 8 girls netball finished off an amazing year by being crowned East Riding Schools Netball Champions. They remained unbeaten throughout, winning six games and drawing one.

Well done to everyone- Grace D, Lilly D, Sophie C, Harriet W, Esmay R, Annie H and Eva P.



SKATING TO SUCCESS

Year 9 student Tilly S skates for Northern Starlets, a synchronised skating team and recently competed in the British championships. Tilly's team won gold against 10 other teams from across the UK including teams from Scotland, Wales, London, Nottingham, Sheffield etc, and are now ranked number 1 intermediate team in Great Britain for the year 2023/2024.

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SISTERS N SPORT NATIONAL NETBALL COMPETITION

U12 Bowl for the North section

Congratulations to the Year 7 team who got through to the semi final point eventually getting knocked out to a very strong Queen Ethelbergas team. We had victories over Hurworth School and then a bye.



U13 Shield for the North Section

Congratulations to the Year 8 team who beat South Hunsley in the first round and then went onto play Woodhouse



Grove School, unfortunately losing to them with a hard fought very competitive game.

U14 Bowl for the North Section

Congratulations to the Year 9 squad who made an excellent effort this year and gained the position of

getting to the quarter finals before getting beaten in a close game against Newcastle High for girls. We had a bye and a good victory over Egglecliffe School.

U15 Bowl for the North Section

A massive well done to the Year 10 team who also made it through to the Quarter finals and falling to Ilkley Grammer who went on to win the competition. We had great victories over Newcastle High School and Somercotes Academy

U16 Bowl for the North Section

Final push for their last year of school team netball for many of the students.

They have proven to be a great team over the years and we will miss them massively. Again falling to Hayfield School in the Quarters with a really hard fought game. Victories leading up to this against Newcastle High school for girls and Bootham School.



This year all the squad players have done remarkably well, let's hope we can improve on this in the future ladies.

Congratulations from Wolfreton PE.

Year 11 Interventions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	DT Art Photography (ARM, SAD, BTO)	History (JTH & RKI) DT Art Photography (ARM, SAD, BTO)	Art Drama Graphics Higher Physics (NGO) Photography (ARM, SAD, BTO)	DT Drama Graphics	DT
After School	Drama Art PE Maths (AWL11W2)	English Music RS (JRI) Art DT (EHO) History (HPU)	Science Maths (MCA1155) History (FMO) Imedia DT (EHO WEEK A) RS (RML)	Maths Japanese Health and Social Care DT (EHO)	Geography

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CAREERS

STEM Roadshow

On Monday 29 January our Year 8 students had a change from their regular science lesson to attend the STEM Roadshow which is run in partnership with BAE Systems, The Navy and RAF. The Roadshow gave the students an insight into the world of science, technology, engineering and maths, exploring in a fun interactive way what electricity is and how we generate it. They also high-lighted some of the amazing careers involving the STEM subjects. A big thank you goes to the BAE Systems Education Programme for a fun and insightful afternoon for our students.

Apprenticeship Week – Year 11 visit to The Swift Group

On Thursday 8 March, during apprenticeship week, The Swift Group invited us along to visit their factory to give our students the opportunity to see how their caravans and mobile homes are manufactured. They also gave an insight into the many different roles involved in this industry with a particular focus on their apprenticeship programme. A special thank you to the Swift Group who have been a fantastic support in many of our events such as the careers fair, career insight talks and mock interviews.

Army Youth Challenge – Wednesday 6 March

43 Year 10 students got the opportunity to participate in the Army Youth Challenge at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks at Strensall. When we first arrived at the barracks the students changed into the camouflage combat uniform which certainly made them look the part. They were then split into four groups to take part in the four main activities which involved:

- Securing a load to a lorry
- Using the comms system to supply aid in emergency situations
- Running the course on the Airsoft Range
- Assault course

All activities challenged the students to use their team work, problem solving and communication skills. We are really proud of the focus and commitment that the students gave to all of the tasks. Well done Year 10!



Hull York Medical School – Problem Based Learning

On Wednesday 20 March, 16 Year 10 students got the opportunity to visit Hull University to take part in a Problem Based Learning activity. PBL is one of the core teaching methods used at Hull York Medical School. The students were given a case study of a patient called Gary. Guided by medical students they had to consider all elements of the case study such as Gary's social situation, medical history, and the symptoms he presented with. They also had to consider tests that might be carried out, causes of the chest pain and any other problems he might have. The students had an excellent morning gaining an insight into the life of a medical students. Thank you to the team at HYMS.



SIXTH FORM

POLITICS

Politics and Law students from Years 12 and 13 experienced a one day visit to London. During the visit the students visited the Imperial War Museum, taking in the special Holocaust Exhibition, visited the UK Supreme Court and sat in a live case, and completed a tour of the Houses of Parliament including sitting in the Commons chamber and hearing a debate on knife crime as well as a workshop looking at the creation of new laws.

Brad (Year 13) *"I really enjoyed the day, it brought the subject of Politics to life for me and it was fascinating to be a part of the heart of UK Politics"*

Natasha (Year 13) *"To sit in a live case at the Supreme Court was an amazing experience and has inspired me and making decisions about my futures studies and career"*

Katie (Year 12) *"The Holocaust experience was extremely valuable and incredibly moving, I still can't believe what one set of humans could do to another."*



JANUARY

Alex S produced some amazing artwork of Mac Jones, Quarterback for the New England Patriots. He was rewarded with a trip to Boston, USA where he spent time with Mac before attending the final game of the season as his guest.



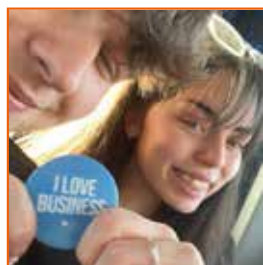
Fin C was selected to represent GBR (6th Cap) in Archery at the European Youth Cup in April in Bulgaria.

Year 12 Geography went on a trip to London visiting Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and the Olympic Park in Stratford to explore regeneration and its effect on a sense of place.



FEBRUARY

February half term saw the New York trip take place for students across the Consortium.



MARCH

Our A Level Business students attended the Business learner conference in Leeds.

We welcomed back ex student Olly Par to talk to our current students from across the Consortium and some Year 11 students who are considering a career in medicine. It was lovely to see him and his advice was invaluable.

Polly F reached the national finals of the Jalachamp Japanese competition in both the Speech category and the Video category. We wish Polly good luck for the finals being held at Japan House, London in May.



KEY DATES

Monday 8 April 2024

School reopens

Thursday 2 May 2024

Year 7 Progress Evening

Monday 6 May 2024

Bank Holiday

Friday 24 May 2024

School closes for half term

Monday 3 June 2024

School reopens

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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