

THE WOLFRETON WAY

AUTUMN 2023

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term and the latest edition of our Newsletter. Last half term, as Friday approached each week and I sat down to write to you, I found myself reflecting again and again at just how many activities and opportunities our students get involved in. This edition of our newsletter provides an opportunity to share a sample of these events and importantly, some photographs to bring these to life.



There have been many highlights across the first nine weeks of the school year however, perhaps my favourite has once again been our whole school act of Remembrance which you can read about in this edition. Today, we all once again gathered in the Forum to pay our respects. On our website, and accompanying this newsletter is a link to a video of the event itself – I encourage you to take a moment to watch this – I could not have been prouder of our students and the respect they once again showed.

As well as an insight into the larger events, this newsletter also provides an update from

each of our Year Teams. This week, Heads of Year were able to celebrate with over 150 students at our Breakfast of Champions – a celebration for those who achieved the highest number of House Points in the preceding half term. So far this year, 411,187 House Points have been awarded across the school and at the time of writing, Nightingale House are in the lead (86,273 point) with Owen House not far behind (84,885 points), followed by Rowntree, Tomlinson and Wilberforce all chasing third place.



Finally in this edition, we are pleased to update on learning and activities in a sample of subject areas, on our library – a space valued by our growing number of avid readers, on some of the extra-curricular opportunities' students can get involved in and finally, on a flavour of activities our sixth formers have engaged in. It has undoubtedly been a busy start to the academic year and this half term is set to be equally busy. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy reading!

Susanne Kukuc
Headteacher



EVENTS

YEAR 11 SUCCESS EVENING

In a bid to equip our Year 11 students with the tools they need to excel in their upcoming exams, we hosted a Year 11 Success Fair. This event, held on 18 October, was an initiative designed to empower our students with the knowledge, strategies, and confidence required to perform their best when it matters most.

The Year 11 Success Fair was an informative event that delved into the art of successful exam preparation. Our students, parents, and teachers converged with enthusiasm, as the fair was all about creating a roadmap for success in the challenging realm of examinations.

Parents and students had access to a variety of information talks, an opportunity to speak to Faculty Leaders, as well as a chance to collect some free resources! Revision guides were also on sale throughout the evening. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about various revision

methods and understand how to tailor them to their individual learning styles.

Our Sixth Form students were on hand to share their personal experiences and the revision techniques that had contributed to their success. This not only gave students practical insights but also instilled a sense of confidence that they too could excel with the right strategies and hard work.

Parents played an integral role throughout the fair, gaining insights into how they can support their children during the challenging exam period. They learned about creating a conducive study environment at home and providing emotional support during stressful times. The fair was an excellent platform for fostering collaboration between students, parents, and teachers in their collective mission to ensure student success.

As the fair came to a close, it was evident that the event had

been a resounding success. Students left with a newfound sense of purpose, equipped with the knowledge and revision techniques they needed to face their exams confidently. Parents left with a better understanding of how to support their children during this crucial time. Teachers were satisfied in knowing that their students had the resources and information they needed to succeed.

In the end, the Year 11 Success Fair was a comprehensive approach to achieving success in exams. It wasn't just about imparting knowledge; it was about fostering a culture of learning, resilience, and determination. We are confident that our Year 11 students are now better prepared to tackle their exams and take a step closer to achieving their dreams. We wish them all the best and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments in the future.



EVENTS

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 2023



Students and staff from across the school gathered together in The Forum in an act of silent remembrance on Friday 10 November 2023. Mrs Pattison read 'Ode of Remembrance' from 'For The Fallen' and Mr Zobkiw played the 'Last Post'.

POPPIES ARTWORK

Students have been busy making poppies for our Reception and Library areas in readiness for Remembrance Day.



YEAR TEAMS NEWS

YEAR 7

Half term one has been a busy but rewarding eight weeks for the Year 7 team.

The students have transitioned from primary school to secondary school effortlessly and worked extremely hard demonstrating our core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Respect throughout the time.

We have seen over 18,000 house points awarded over the last eight weeks, which is a tremendous achievement. We have also handed out over 35 Year 7 Head of Year awards.

We held our annual Year 6 Open Evening at the end of September, using over 100 guides many of whom were Year 7s who had volunteered despite only being at the school three weeks! They were amazing and we are really proud of how they conducted themselves on the night.

Before the half-term the Year 7s took part in the Restart a Heart Event- their behaviour was excellent and carried out the basic training in a really positive manner. Our guest trainers were

delighted with the year team and very complimentary about the students.

We recently held our Meet the Tutor Event which was a great success.

We also have our first reward event after school '7aside football tournament' and 'glow in the dark just dance party' look out for your child's invite shortly.

The Year 7 Pastoral Team

YEAR 8

Year 8s have settled into the new year very well and it's been great getting to know so many of you.

There's been plenty of highs through the year so far from some great entries into school competitions, such as, our anti bullying posters to some brilliant performances from our sporting students with the Year 8 football team still unbeaten this year.

It's been amazing to see so many students attend extra curricular clubs with over 100 students taking part in sports clubs and other activities around school.

Keep up the good work Year 8.

The Year 8 Pastoral Team

YEAR 9

Year 9 have had a fantastic start this year. It is amazing to see how much some of our students have matured and grown up. This was especially evident with the feedback from multiple visitors to the school that have been working with the students. We have had the police in working

with some students during their PSHE lessons, this will continue this term. We received amazing feedback from the Prison Me No Way. Finally we have had a group of girls who went to the Guildhall to participate in the Women into Manufacturing and Engineering (WiME) event.

We look forward to the year to come with many more events scheduled to enhance the learning of our students and reward the positive start they have had.

The Year 9 Pastoral Team.

CURRICULUM

SCIENCE

Year 7 Space unit- some Year 7s have completed their unit on space and have made some fantastic models of the solar system as part of their home learning. Below are some pictures of some of the models:



Year 9 Science Tassomai homework- Year 9 now have access to Tassomai and must complete three daily goals on this every week for their science homework. Tassomai involves the use of personalised micro-quizzes and videos to reinforce **subject knowledge** as well as improve **confidence**.

The quizzes highlight key areas of strength and weakness and, using algorithms, Tassomai adapts the quiz content to prioritise topic areas where students need to focus their attention. This is an online homework and once students have logged in via tassomai.com, they can download and use the Tassomai app on their phone. The user name is their school email address and they set their own password. If there are any issues with this, then please contact Mrs Needham at school.

CURRICULUM

PERFORMING ARTS

This half-term has been a busy, yet enjoyable one for the Performing Arts Team. September saw Mr Zobkiw return to Wolfreton and Mr Aygun begin teaching as a teacher of Drama. It has been extremely exciting in the classroom, with practical work being the focus. This has included Samba drumming, guitar work, vocal work and the Drama favourite 'The awkward customer'! In October Mr Douglas organised and ran a percussion workshop, involving various year

group workshops and additional master classes with some of our older students. The feedback from our students has been great, and we aim to repeat this next year too!

We have resumed our instrumental programme, mainly delivered by the music service. If your child is interested in starting a lesson, please ensure that they



let their music teacher know, so we can put them on a waiting list, or provide lessons immediately.

Our elective curriculum has also begun. Please encourage your child to get involved!

Singing group

A chance for all students to sing a variety of music, in a fun, welcoming environment.

All welcome- G8 Monday Lunchtime

Drama group

A chance for all students to work on their practical Drama skills.

All welcome- Drama Studio Tuesday Lunchtime

Composition clinic

For those in Year 11 to work on their composition skills and those Year 10 who were interested in music as an option.

Year 10 and Year 11 Music Students- G8 Tuesday 3.20pm-4.20pm

The Wolfreton Ensemble

All instrumentalists to attend and be part of our school band.

All those that play an instrument- G7 Wednesday Lunchtime

Music workspace

A place for students to come and play classroom instruments independently

All welcome- G7 Friday Lunchtime

CURRICULUM

ART

Another busy half term in the Art department supporting the creative endeavours of Wolfreton students. We are particularly pleased with how the new Year 10 GCSE art and photography students have settled in and how many of the Year 11 students have demonstrated #excellence #endeavour and #respect in this most important year. It has been great to see many of them attending the weekly after school support sessions and even during the last week of this half term when staff and students alike are feeling weary we had an excellent turn out to our first late night intervention session.

Our department X account @wolfretonart continues to grow as we share the students visual delights far and wide. Please feel free to follow us as many of you already do. The students and parents appreciate it.



LIBRARY

This half-term, 336 books have been loaned – fantastic engagement from our students. In addition, a number of students will be receiving certificates in assembly soon for their terrific progress through the Wolfreton Canon: <https://www.wolfreton.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=740&type=pdf>

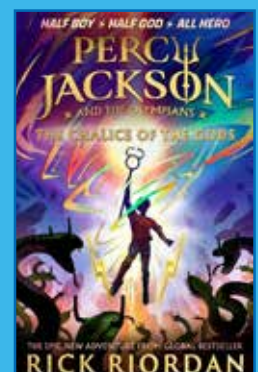
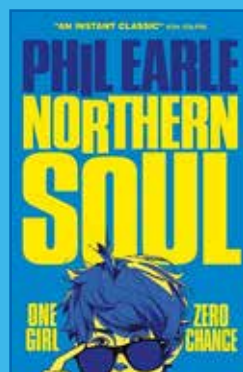


With Halloween occurring during the half-term, the library had been set up with some great boooooook recommendations.

Looking for a book as a Christmas gift?

As well as The Wolfreton Canon, there are loads of excellent books coming out in time for Christmas as recommended by our students.

We start with the new release from ex-Wolfreton student Phil Earle which is now on sale and already receiving fantastic reviews; we expect no less with Phil. For Year 7, Katherine Rundell's Impossible Creatures is highly recommended, and we have the latest release in the Percy Jackson series from Rick Riordan.



CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

Key Stage 3 Sparx Reader Homeworks

All Key Stage 3 students now have access to Sparx Reader. They are set a weekly homework of attaining 300 Sparx reader points each week by answering a series of comprehension questions. Sparx is a tailored programme which assesses your child's reading ability and then sets them tasks which are appropriate to this. This is an online homework and all students should know their username and password as it was shared at the beginning of term. However, if your child is struggling to log on then please ask your child to speak to their English teacher in the first instance.

Key Stage 4 GCSEPod

Students in Key Stage 4 should now be regularly using the GCSEPod site or app to help them with their GCSE studies. Homework is regularly set from this site, but your child would also benefit from using the pods to aid with revision and retention of the texts studied for GCSE English Literature.

Key Stage 4 Study Guides

A reminder that the following study guides are available from the library at a reduced price:

- GCSE English Literature An Inspector Calls Text Guide (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Text Guide (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Macbeth Text Guide (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Power and Conflict Poetry Text Guide (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature An Inspector Calls Workbook (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Workbook (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Macbeth Workbook (CGP)
- GCSE English Literature Power and Conflict Poetry Workbook (CGP)

MATHEMATICS

We are very proud of the work our students have been doing at home on Sparx and MathsWatch to support their skill acquisition and method selection. On Sparx we have completed, as a school, an incredible 3423 hours of independent study so far this year.



Special shoutouts to our top 3 Sparx learners in each Year (7- 10)

Year 7:

Ava T
Farah E
Amelie S

Year 8:

Ruby B
Matthew R
Maya C

Year 9:

Ella W
Josh S
Steven C

Year 10:

Fraza W
William S
Marcus F

CURRICULUM

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages

Tuesday 26 September marked the European Day of Languages. An event designed to celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity throughout Europe. In school, students took part in various activities throughout the day



to celebrate the event. We held a Teacher Treasure Hunt competition in which 30 members of staff wore a badge with a foreign language greeting (which they may or may not have been able to pronounce!) and students had to see how many they could find throughout the day. It was great to see excited youngsters running up to staff and having a go at pronouncing the greetings as they wrote them down on their treasure hunt sheet. Winners were Lily H and Isla B in Year 8 who managed to find almost every teacher!

During lunch time lots of students showed their creativity by joining MFL teacher Miss Woodmansey and Mr Richardson-Medd in the Art department in a bunting making session. These look fantastic and Mr Oliver is proudly displaying some of the creations in his classroom.

Mrs Clement challenged the students to find as many languages related facts as possible that she had hidden around the school. These facts all related to the department they were hidden in. Did you know that the first car was devised in Germany by Karl Benz or that a Russian named Dmitri Ivánovic created the periodic table of elements?

Many students also took part in a languages tutor group quiz and helped add to their house points total. We are excited to run the event again next year along with a range of other activities.



MFL Homework

A reminder that students should be completing 30 minutes of homework for French or Spanish on Active Learn each week. Please check the Class Charts homework section for information on how to log on and if there are any problems, please contact Mr Oliver at toliver@wolfreton.co.uk



Wolfreton KS3 Japan Club

Alongside my peers Jessie and Lilliana, I had the great opportunity to teach a class of year 7/8s about Japanese culture and basic language. It was a pleasure to see them enjoy their time, learning a variety of new things. We shared our fascinations with them, including different traditions, pop culture, origami, calligraphy and much more. As a project leader, it was my responsibility to help plan and deliver each session. This taught me valuable skills in leadership- so we all learned from this experience!

Polly F. Year 12



Japan Foundation London has kindly helped us in setting up this club. We will be back again next Autumn!

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



Year 7 Rugby team - Some fantastic performances / results and great to have a number of students playing their first ever proper game of rugby.

Another fantastic turnout for Primary Schools Football Tournament. Congratulations to everyone involved.

CAREERS

Donaldson Visit

On 3 October, Year 11 students Alfie, Matilda, Oliver, Macie and Scarlett, who were the winners of this year's Donaldson's Work Experience Challenge, visited the Donaldson's plant on Sutton Fields Industrial Estate. The students were given a welcome and introduction to Donaldson's during lunch. Tom then took the students on a tour of the plant where they had the opportunity to see the production cells in operation. They were then given a demonstration of a 3D printer in action and each received a model octopus produced by the printer. They got to speak to many members of the Donaldson's team and gained an insight into their busy working environment. We would like to say a big thank you to all at Donaldson's, you made us feel very welcome.



WiME Careers Event

On Wednesday 4 October the annual WiME (Women into Manufacturing and Engineering) event was held at the Guildhall. WiME is an initiative to encourage women to choose a career in these industries. In the Humber region, manufacturing contributes 17% of our employment compared with 8.7% for England – and this number is set to grow thanks to the investment in renewable energy. However, despite the high demand for people with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) qualifications,

women are under-represented in these roles. With this in mind we selected a group of Year 9 girls to attend the event and find out about a wide range of interesting job roles. Some of the local companies in attendance were Balfour Beatty, Ansell, Croda, Donaldson's, CR Reynolds, Siemens Mobility, Howdens, Ideal Heating to name but a few. We want our girls to realise they can achieve anything with determination and hard work and that Engineering isn't just for boys.



Year 11 Enrichment Day – Thursday 5 October

The theme for the Year 11 Enrichment Day for the Year 11s was Onwards and Upwards. The day was started with a presentation by Sharon from the ASK programme at Amazing Apprenticeships. The presentation gave valuable information to students who are considering an alternative option to sixth form or college. More information about apprenticeships can be found at the following link www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Other sessions on the day included interview skills, www.logonmoveonmove.co.uk (the local are prospectus) and responsible use of social media and its effects in the workplace, but a large focus on the day were the mock interviews. Over 30 local employers kindly gave up their time to come into the school and interview our students. Amongst the companies involved were Donaldson Components, NHS, Heron Foods, ABL Healthcare, Caremark, HESTA, PBS Construction, Siemens Mobility, The Navy, The Army, HETA, Glen Wilson Ltd, GW Power, Unique Salon and Hull College. Some students were very nervous about the prospect of being interviewed but they all rose to the occasion and the feedback from the employers was fantastic. They were impressed with the professional way the students conducted themselves. Comments included "appeared confident and able to talk about future career plans, excellent answers when asked to provide examples of situations", "he started the interview clearly very nervous but his personality started to shine through and he gave me some excellent answers" Well done Year 11! And thank you to all the local employers who made the day possible.

Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair

On 11 October we held our annual Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair. Year 11 students along with their parents had the opportunity to gain information about the wide range of subjects offered by The Consortium and discuss the course content with the subject teachers. Local colleges, training providers, the University of Hull, Armed Forces along with some local employers were also available to offer information, advice and guidance on the variety of opportunities they also had available.

CAREERS

Foundations Live

A group of Year 10 students who are interested in the construction industry visited Bishop Burton College on 19 October to attend Foundations Live. The Hobson & Porter Foundations scheme was created to give students the awareness, skills and know-how they need for a successful career in the construction industry. The unique event brings students and employers together to explore the hundreds of career options the construction industry has to offer, with advice on apprenticeships, funding and careers. The students also had the opportunity to take part in demonstrations of industry skills. TV celebratory Mark Millar from DIY SOS was also in attendance.



Health Expo

On Wednesday 25 October we were pleased to be invited to the annual Health Expo which showcases some of the innovations and amazing healthcare teams we have in the region. Our Year 10 and Year 12 health and social care students got the opportunity to get hands on and practice with the many interactive activities such as how

to perform CPR on a baby, practice the skills used to perform keyhole surgery to name but a few. They were also able to speak to the many healthcare professional about their job roles, qualifications needed and the different routes that can lead to career within the NHS. You can find out more about careers in the NHS by visiting www.healthcareers.nhs.uk and www.stepintothenhhs.nhs.uk

UK STEM

The last day of the half term brought us a visit from UK STEM. Nick and Mike came into the school to discuss with a group of our Year 9 students the need to decarbonise the Humber region (which is currently the largest emitter of industrial carbon dioxide emissions in the UK) and how hydrogen production will play a part in this process. They discussed the jobs that this is likely to create which followed with the students, working in small groups to build and race their own hydrogen car. Well done to Grace and Jagoda whose car managed the fastest speed of 10.61 seconds.



We are currently accepting applications to the Consortium Sixth Form

The Consortium Sixth Form Partnership between Wolfreton School, 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 www.consortiumcollege.co.uk. 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 will be emailed their action plan detailing the discussion and what actions need to be taken for their next steps. We will also send a copy of the action plan to parents/ carers. If you require any information with regards to careers please contact mrs.scaife@wolfreton.co.uk or mrs.iversen@wolfreton.co.uk

SIXTH FORM

HEALTH EXPO

On 25 October the Year 10 and Year 12 Health and Social Care students visited the Health Expo at the DoubleTree Hilton hotel. They were able to learn about a number of different careers within the healthcare sector. In addition to this they were able to experience trailblazing technology at the forefront of innovation.



YEAR 13 PATHWAYS DAY

The Year 13 Pathways Day was held on 19 October. We had several apprenticeship providers visit college to provide insight into opportunities available and what the application processes involve; these included Swift Caravans, Donaldson, Rollits, the NHS, Goldie Smailes and HETA. Students were given the opportunity to spend time working on their CV's or university applications. To date we have a significant number of University applications already submitted for 2024 entry for a wide range of courses including Japanese/Asian Studies and medicine. Good luck to all as we await your offers!

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

Last year we had great success with our Year 13 cohort who went on to secure University places at a huge range of Universities including Cambridge, Durham, Leeds and Newcastle. Some of these students returned home during half-term for reading week, and they have called in to let us know how they are getting on and we have loved hearing about their adventures!



NOTICES

Key Dates

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Year 12 / 13 Progress Evening

Thursday 23 November 2023

Academic Awards Evening

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

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.