

The Wolfreton Way Newsletter

I am excited to welcome you to the first edition of this year's newsletter. For those that are new to our school community and those who continue their journey with us this year, we are eager to take more regular opportunities to share with you a greater insight into some of the great things that take place quietly behind the gates of our school. To this end we have re-designed our newsletter to be shorter, more regular and to include more visuals so you can see as well as hear what our students have been up to.



Over the last week it has been wonderful to watch the school year begin in earnest and our school come back to life. So many staff have commented on the fantastic start and our collective excitement for what we can 'feel' is going to be a special year for us. This week there have been many positives however I will focus on just a few.

Firstly, our new Year 7 students who started their journey with us just eight days ago. Over this week they have begun to show confidence in finding their way around, making their own choices at break and lunch time and speaking to a wider range of students and staff. A wave from the second floor balcony from a new Year 7 group always brings a feeling of warmth and there has been plenty

of that this week. It isn't just the Year 7 students who have impressed us this week, the picture has replicated across the year groups. This morning I spoke to our Year 11 students before their assembly with Mr Carruthers. It was with a genuine honesty that I was able to commend them on their excellent start – to recognise them for the warmth and positivity they have brought, and for demonstrating their commitment to taking on the mantle of role models as the leaders of the main school population. Finally, our sixth formers. Alongside our sixth form team, all of our staff have commented on how fortunate we are to have recruited some exceptional young people into our sixth form, returning having achieved

some impressive results this summer. The atmosphere in the college space upstairs has been engaging, independent and mature; Year 12 and 13 have quickly settled into work but more importantly the flow and 'extras' of sixth form life. Yesterday evening they welcomed and led aspects of our Year 11 Launch and Success Fair as the natural leaders they are. They speak of the real value it adds for them—I would like to thank them for the part they played too.

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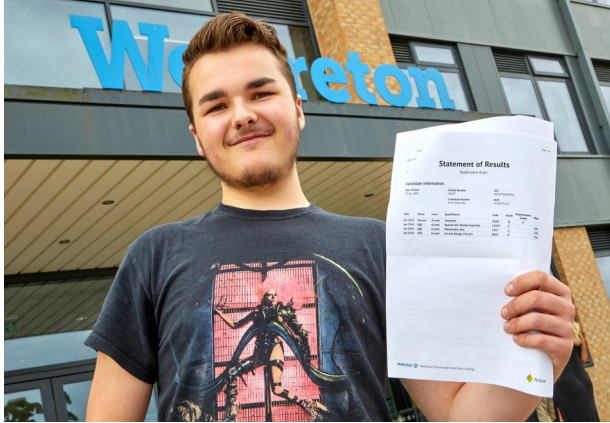
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Congratulations



Class of 2024

On behalf of the whole school community, I know you will join us in congratulating our Class of 2024 on their GCSE, vocational and A Level results. The two summer results days were once again, a time to celebrate some exceptional individual successes, the rewards of persistence and hard work and the joy felt when onward destinations are secured. The pandemic is thankfully a diminishing memory for many people however, we haven't forgotten that those who sat their GCSEs this year started their secondary journey at this time, our A Levels students also navigated uncertainty at times on their journey. Collectively these year groups have demonstrated determination and adaptability over their school careers – skills they will continue to use to secure further success as they progress through life.

As always, behind the photographs included here there are multiple individual stories; there are so many more not published here. As staff we know these stories, as do your families and together, we congratulate each and every one of them. We share in their pride as they head on now, whether that is into sixth form, onto apprenticeships or off to university. For those saying goodbye to Wolfreton and even the area, we wish you well and we look forward to hearing of your successes in the future.

Games at lunchtime



Having a single lunch provides a great opportunity to socialise. However, as a phone free school, we are always looking for ways to encourage connection and a bit of healthy fun.

This summer we have added some new outdoor equipment and games to use across social times. Across the first three days of term, the new six-piece outdoor gym we have installed on 'The Eye' certainly attracted attention and as this week has progressed, more students have taken their turn on this across break and lunchtime.

Moving into week 2, our new foosball tables were brought out and these have certainly proved a hit. Competitions began before school, continuing at break and into lunch. As newly formed teams and partnerships become stronger, students have been encouraging staff and even our community PCs who often drop in over lunch to join in.

For those who prefer a traditional game of football, this summer we installed a second equipment box enabling more students to borrow footballs over the lunch period. To keep the games fair, we have again assigned sections of the field for each year group. While the weather is on our side (at least by north of England standards), this is proving a popular pastime.

The new equipment and games provide one opportunity over the lunch break. Look out for the extra-curricular timetable which will launch next week.

Lockers

Following our letter to parents last week, students have been issued their locker keys over the course of this week. As well as their key, students were issued with a pass on a sticker which must be fixed in their planner. This pass allows them access to the building should they need to use their locker between 8:15 and 8:25am. We do not allow entry after 8:25am to ensure students are not inadvertently late to their tutor groups.

If you have completed a return and your child has not yet received their locker key, they should go to Student Reception at break or lunch time to let the team know.

When signing up for a locker, parents are asked to confirm that their child has agreed to use it

correctly. This includes accessing the locker before school, after school and at break and lunchtime. We ask this to ensure students are not late for lessons and to ensure others aren't disturbed by this.



Student Planners



All students were issued with their new Student Planner for 2024—2025. This is an important book which must be brought to school every day.

The Student Planner has been redesigned to fit in the blazer pocket.

Clubs

Please click on the following links to access a list of lunchtime and afterschool clubs; these can be booked via Arbor [Clubs and extra-curricular activities - Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College](#)

House Points

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



10,990



11,835



11,617



11,853



11,093

**Total House
Points
57,388**

Safeguarding Update

This week, all of our assemblies have focused on an introduction to safeguarding. For our Year 7 students, this has been about introducing the team and sharing important messages. For our older students, this has been about providing a timely reminder about keeping themselves safe.

Who are our Safeguarding Team?

The Safeguarding Team in school is led by Mr Carruthers (Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead). Working alongside him is Mrs Cook (formerly Miss Moulding) our Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a non-teaching colleague, Mrs Cook is able to provide support throughout the day. She liaises with families where this is requested and or needed.

Everyone's Responsibility

Safeguarding is of course everyone's responsibility. Our whole senior team, our pastoral staff, our two SENDCOs and our Attendance and Welfare Manager also complete higher level safeguarding training. Alongside this, all of our staff complete annual training to ensure that they can recognise signs and secure children the right support where needed.

In July we had our most recent annual external safeguarding audit. We were very pleased with the many strengths recognised and the feedback students gave. It is vital that we continue to build our strengths as complacency is never an option. Training and development will continue this year and having listened to feedback about the challenges parents can face too, we look to sharing further information with you across the year. Please don't hesitate in contacting our DSL or DDSL if you need any further support.



Mr Carruthers

Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cook

Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager

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Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

