



WOLFRETON LEARNING BULLETIN

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Once again, we have had a busy half term of learning and wider opportunities for our students. We continue to be proud of each young person and the different ways in which they have demonstrated our values.

This time of year is always challenging, with the shorter days and darker evenings, so we are looking forward to the next half term seeing signs of hope for the coming weeks as we move into Spring. We hope our whole school community have a chance to rest and relax over half term and recharge. We know the next half term will be busy with mock exams for Year 11 and much more and we look forward to welcoming our students back after this break.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and all you do, working with us as we strive to support our young people to fulfil their ambitions.

Excellence, Endeavour, Respect
THE WOLFRETON WAY

OVERVIEW:

- STEM roadshow
- Changes during Year 11 exams
- Run With It
- Social Mediation and Self Help



Duke of Edinburgh Launch

We are really excited to launch the Duke of Edinburgh award for Year 9 students. Mr Hewick and Miss Prestwood held a presentation to Year 9 parents and around 25 students have signed up to complete the bronze award with us. Students will complete 3 sections (Volunteering, Skill and Physical) and then the 4th section concludes with a 2 day and 1 night expedition.

Students will begin work on this in the week following half term and there are already very exciting volunteer opportunities in place for some students. The scheme will be rolled out to other year groups over the next couple of years.



The Diana Award

On 26 January, 22 of our students ranging from Year 7-11 were involved in Anti-Bullying Ambassador online training provided by the Diana Award. The students involved were all members of the House Council and completed the training as an extension of their roles.



The training was extensive and thorough and allowed the students to understand all different types of bullying and how to help the perpetrator as well as the victim. The training covered a lot of scenario-based work and was a practical workshop with students invited up to the screen to offer opinions on how to act in different situations.

All students that completed the award are now fully trained ambassadors and will now start to work on their whole school Anti-Bullying campaign. There have been some great suggestions already on how to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying in school and the students expect to present their suggestions including bully boxes and murals in the coming weeks to Miss Kukuc.



STEM Roadshow

On Monday 7 February 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 theme for the Roadshow was Magnetism, which explained in a fun interactive way the integration of magnets, magnetism and electromagnetism in our everyday life. Demonstrations showed how the different poles of a magnet can attract and repel each other and how electronic magnets can be turned on and off using electrical current.

A big thank you goes to the BAE Systems Education Programme for delivering a fun and insightful morning for our students.

Practical Science is back!

Students are engaging and enjoying the practical aspects of this subject. Over the last two years, opportunities for practical work in lessons has been limited. Practical activities in Science lessons are a valuable part of learning and it plays a key role in the development of skills. The pictures below represent a small sample of such activities since the start of the year.



TASSOMAI

"The scientific way to learn"

In Y10 and Y11 Science, we use Tassomai as our weekly homework. Tassomai is an online platform which uses algorithms to personalise and target key topic areas. Tassomai has been proved to help with knowledge retention and improve grades!

Y10 and Y11 students should be logging in to Tassomai at least 3 times per week to complete their daily goals.



Since September our students have answered a massive **444,438** questions correctly on Tassomai!!

Want to know more, head to:
<https://www.tassomai.com/>

English

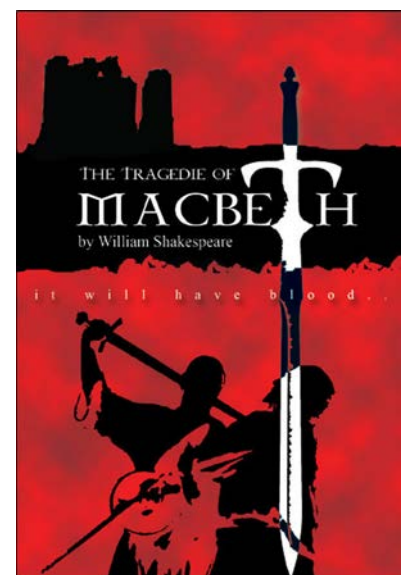
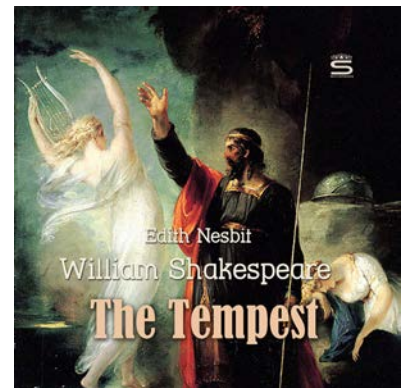
We're in the midst of another busy term in English. Years 7 and 10 have been reading some creepy and spooky texts, with Year 7 studying the Gothic and Year 10 Jekyll and Hyde. Year 7 have produced some brilliant spine-tingling Gothic stories.

Years 8 and 11 have been enjoying studying Shakespeare with Year 8 learning about the long-lost island in the Tempest and Year 11 the horrors of regicide in Macbeth.

Year 9 have been working incredibly hard on their GCSE Speaking and Listening presentations. We have had some really inspirational and interesting speeches on topics such as animal cruelty, disability awareness and toxic masculinity.

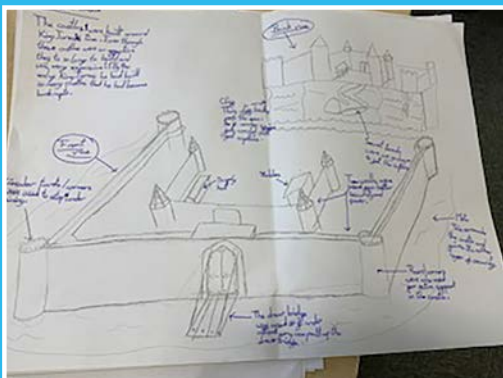
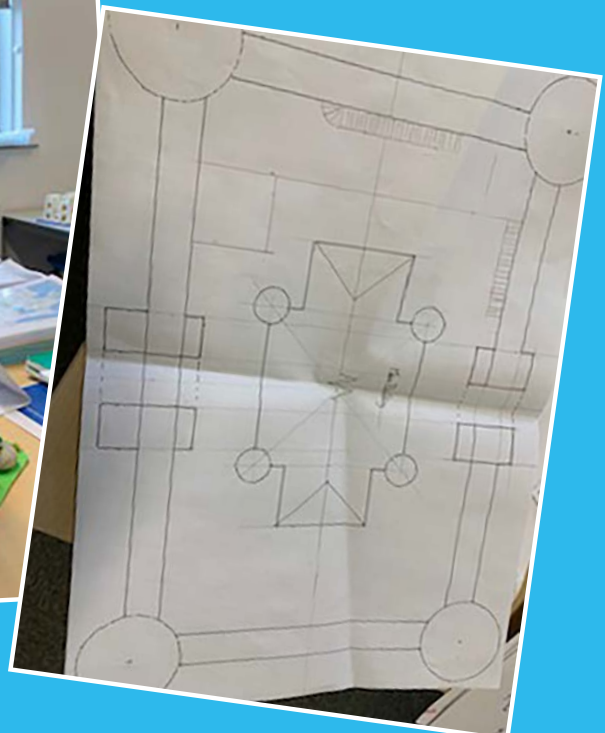
We have been really proud of the way the sixth formers have approached their mocks with hard work, determination and endeavour.

Well done from all of the English Department.



History

Year 7 have worked hard on producing replicas of British castles for their History homework project. Students brought in models, cakes, drawings and 3D replicas. Well done to all who contributed, some absolutely amazing examples. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who might have helped too.



Art and Design

Year 10 GCSE Art and Design students have been working on a live design competition over the last couple of weeks on behalf of Lovell Homes who are underway developing the old Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College site into the new Sycamores housing development.

Following our Microsoft Teams call with Avril the interior designer for the Lovell Homes site, students had to generate designs in any medium using the Sycamore leaf as a template.

During the call Avril informed students about careers in interior design and explained how designers respond to design briefs, the creation of mood boards and how this then translates to soft furnishings and a full site install in show houses.

The winning designs are now framed and are on display at the Sycamores site.



Music

It has been yet another exciting term so far in the Music department following on from the success of our Christmas concert. This is the time of year when our exam groups are finishing and refining their coursework and preparing for performances. The Year 11 GCSE group have prepared a wide range of personalised responses to their composition brief, from orchestral pieces, through to pop songs. Staff can't wait to mark them and send them to the exam board, to show off the high-quality work of our students. Students have been using the Music rooms at lunch, in lesson time and after school to complete work to a high quality.

The orchestra and choir have both restarted. If your child is interested in joining one of these groups, please ask them to talk to their Music teacher. The orchestra, for instrumentalists, is on Tuesday after school, and choir is on a Wednesday, which all are welcome to.

Now we are getting back to 'normal' once more, the music service is back in school delivering instrumental lessons. We

currently have spaces available on the following instruments: piano, drum-kit/percussion, woodwind, and strings (violin/viola). Please ask your child to see their music teacher if interested, as these spaces are on a first come-first served basis.

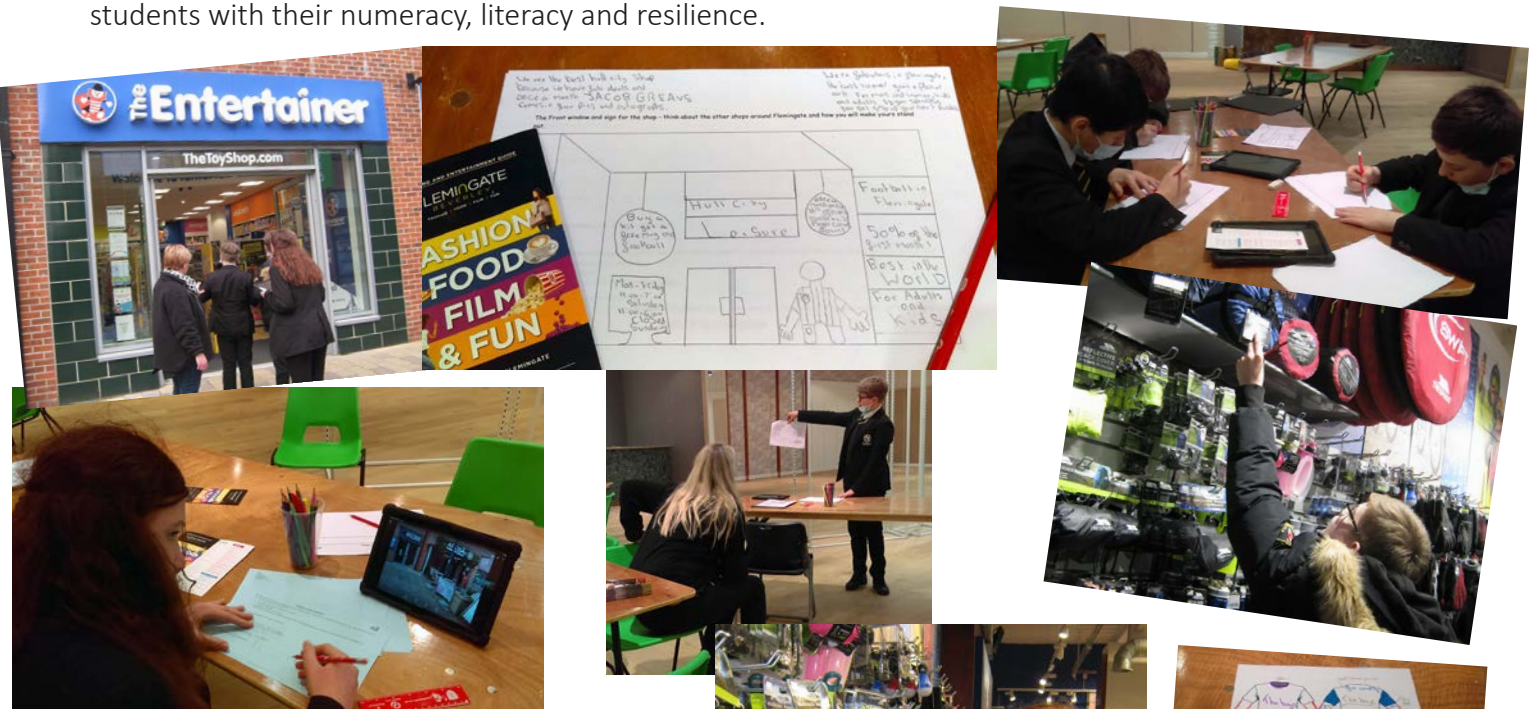
Changes during Year 11 exams: 28 Feb to 11 March

During the first two weeks following the half term break, we are making an adjustment to the scheduled breaks and lunch times to accommodate our mock timetable for Year 11. This will only impact Year 10 and 11 for these two weeks and will allow our Year 11 students to have a full experience of exams. Thank you for your patience with this.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
P1	P1	P1	P1	P1
Break	Break	P2	P2	P2
P2	P2	Break	Break	Break
P3	P3	P3	P3	P3
Lunch	Lunch	P4	P4	Lunch
P4	P4	Lunch	Lunch	P4
P5	P5	P5	P5	P5

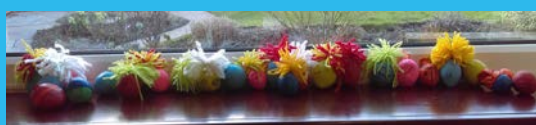
Run With It

A group of Year 8 students who are attending 'Run With It' at Flemingate, Beverley have been challenged over the past few weeks to create their own shops, pitch their ideas to Flemingate's Marketing and Events Manager, as well as pricing up a list of items for a camping trip and designing an item of clothing. This has helped the students with their numeracy, literacy and resilience.

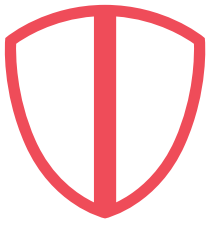


Social Mediation and Self Help

Students attending the SMASH (Social Mediation and Self Help) programme have been making stress balls as part of their learning at Willerby Methodist Church.

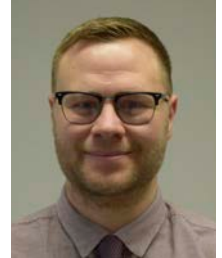


House Round up



Tomlinson House say farewell to Mrs Painter as the Pastoral Manager and welcome Mr Hawley to the team. For families in the Tomlinson House, Mrs Painter will have no doubt been there to support you and your child at various times over the years. We are so grateful for the massive contribution Mrs Painter has made and for the high quality care and support she has shown our young people in Tomlinson, providing the pastoral care and guidance that is so crucial in a young person's development. Mrs Painter is remaining with us at Wolfreton and moving over to take on a new role as a Teaching Assistant.

We are looking forward to working with Mr Hawley, who joins us with a wealth of experience taking on this pastoral role.



Calling all Ex-Wolfreton students!

We want to hear your story and where life has taken you. Get in touch to help us show our students the world of opportunity before them. Email enquiries@wolfreton.co.uk and let us know how to contact you.

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Key dates

Friday 18 February 2022 – School closes for February half term

Monday 28 February 2022 – School reopens for students

Friday 8 April 2022 – School closes at 2pm for Easter holidays

Monday 25 April 2022 – School reopens for students

Monday 2 May 2022 – School closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 27 May 2022 – School closes for May half term

Monday 6 June 2022 – School reopens for students

Friday 22 July 2022 – School closes at 2pm for Summer holidays

Results days

Thursday 18 August 2022 – A Level
Results Day

Thursday 25 August 2022 – GCSE Results
Day

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If you have changed any contact details such as home address, mobile number, email etc, please email enquiries@wolfreton.co.uk so we can ensure our system is up to date and can remain in contact with you.