

The Wolfreton Way Newsletter

Issue 6

Even though the days grow darker, and the weather gets colder, I am delighted to report that the energy at our school remains as vibrant as ever! Our students and staff continue to fill the school with a buzz of activity. From exciting trips and sports fixtures, to our recent academic awards evening, there's never a dull moment here at Wolfreton. We've also seen wonderful participation in various competitions and fundraising efforts that reflect the enthusiasm and commitment of our school community to the 'Wolfreton Way'. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in making these experiences possible. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead, and I hope you enjoy reading about what our students have been doing over the last couple of weeks.



On Thursday 21 November, our school community came together to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students at our annual Academic Awards Evening. The event showcased the dedication, hard work, and talents of our young people across a variety of subjects.

The evening was attended by proud families, staff, and governors, all eager to support and applaud the students' successes. With an atmosphere of pride and encouragement, the event began with an inspiring address from

Miss Kukuc, Headteacher, who reminded everyone that these awards represent not just results but the commitment, resilience, and passion that our students demonstrate every day.

This year, our Elite Award Winners were Harmony and Sophie.

The Academic Awards Evening is not just about acknowledging individual achievements but also about celebrating the collective spirit of our school. It is a reminder that success is built on effort, support, and a love of

learning. Congratulations to all our award winners —you have made our school proud!

We look forward to another year of accomplishments and can't wait to see what our students achieve next.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success, from the organising team to the families who continue to support and encourage our young people.

Let's keep striving for excellence!

Academic Awards Evening - Celebrating Excellence!



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A Visit to the Michael Craig-Martin Exhibition



Mr Richardson-Medd writes:

On Friday 22 November, Year 10 GCSE Art students, along with a small group of A Level Fine Art students, set off on a memorable journey to London for an exciting day at the Royal Academy of Arts.

The day began early, with the coach departing from Wolfreton at 6am. Despite the early start and chilly conditions, students and staff were looking forward to experiencing one of the most influential contemporary artists of our time, Michael Craig-Martin.

The students represented Wolfreton

with exemplary conduct, a testament to their commitment to their studies and their respect for the art world. It was a joy to share our passion for art with such a dedicated group, whose enthusiasm for the subject is always inspiring.

Michael Craig-Martin, renowned for his vibrant and thought-provoking artwork, is the first focus artist students explore as part of the portfolio element of their GCSE and A Level Art courses. For many of the students, this exhibition was a rare and invaluable opportunity to see such a large body of his work displayed in one place.

As the day came to a close, we reflected on how important these

experiences are for students' artistic journeys. Seeing art outside of the classroom, especially in a setting like the Royal Academy of Arts, serves as a reminder of the power of creativity and the impact it can have.

A big thank you to Mr Tonks for organising the trip. The department would also like to extend their thanks to all of the staff that worked behind the scenes to ensure it was such a memorable trip.

We are already thinking about planning the next art trip for 2025, as these visits give such a rich experience for our students.

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Celebrating Respect

We are thrilled to announce the winners of our Anti-Bullying Poster Competition!

The competition was a huge success, with students from across the school showcasing their creativity and commitment to spreading the important message of 'respect'.

Congratulations to Evie (Year 10) our winner!

Evie's poster was selected as the winner for its powerful design and clear message about the impact of bullying and the importance of respect.

Runner-Up: Oliver (Year 8)

A huge congratulations also goes to Oliver, our runner-up, whose poster demonstrated creativity and a deep understanding of the anti-bullying message.

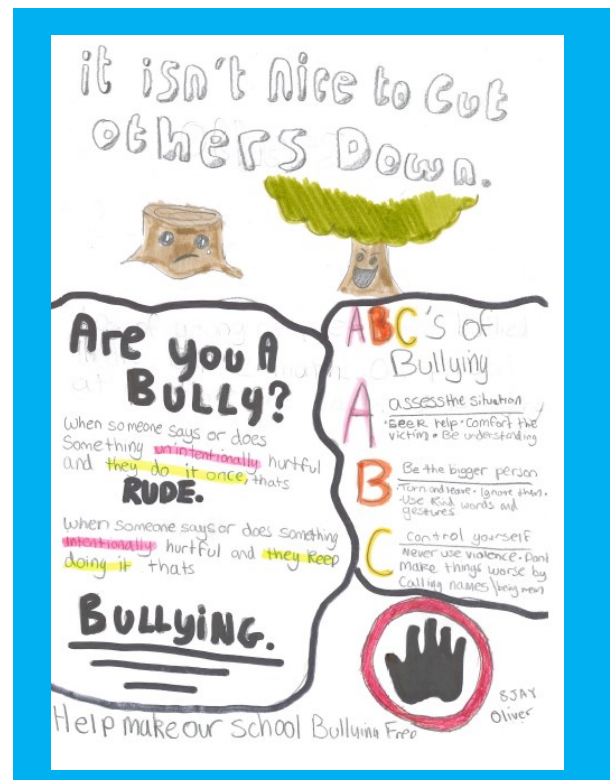
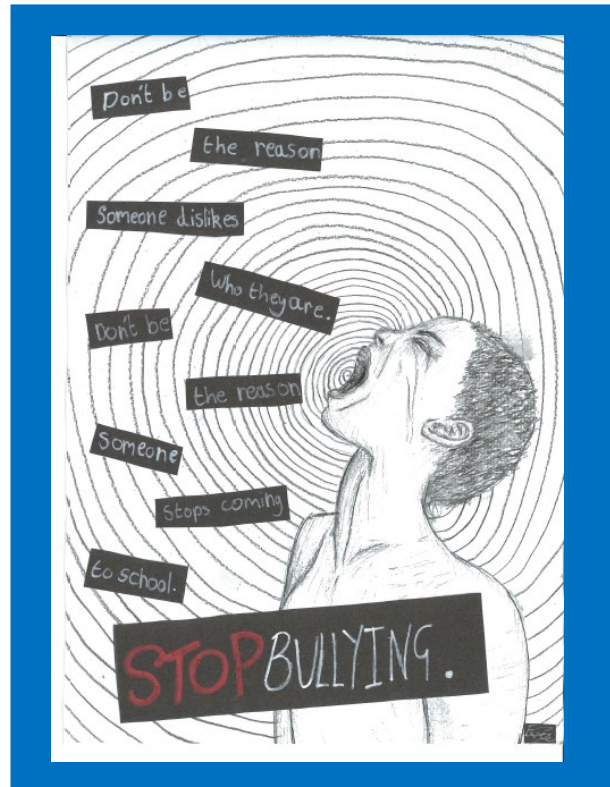
Both Evie and Oliver received well-deserved vouchers as part of their prizes.

Thank You to All Participants

We would like to say a big thank you to all students who participated in the competition. There were so many fantastic entries.

As a thank you for their efforts, all students received house points and a chocolate bar.

The Anti-Bullying Poster Competition is just one of the many ways we encourage students to reflect on the importance of respect and kindness.



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Willerby Christmas Light Switch On

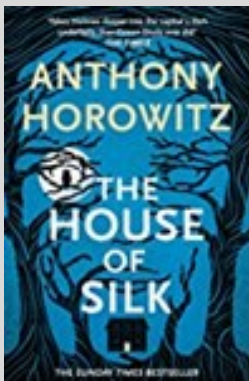
Once again, our school choir was invited to sing at the Willerby Christmas Light Switch on which took place on Thursday 28 November.

Over 30 students from Years 7-12 sang as part of the choir singing Christmas classics, including 'Winter

Wonderland' and 'Let it Snow'. Hannah and Eva in Year 10 switched on the lights as representatives from the school. It was brilliant to see our students shining and giving back to the community in this way - it was also fantastic to see so many students and parents supporting the choir as well as many of our ex-students who live and work with-

in the community showing their support for the school. Thank you once again to all of the students involved, the families for their ongoing support and for Mr Zobkiw, Mr Douglas and Mr Aygun from the performing arts team.

Canon Reading Recommendation



The House of Silk, Anthony Horowitz

THE GAME'S AFOOT . . .

It is November 1890 and London is gripped by a merciless winter. Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are enjoying tea by the fire when an agitated gentleman arrives unannounced at 221b Baker Street. He begs Holmes for help, telling the unnerving story of a scar-faced man with piercing eyes who has stalked him in recent weeks.

Intrigued, Holmes and Watson find themselves swiftly drawn into a series of puzzling and sinister events, stretching from the gas-lit streets of London to the teeming criminal underworld of Boston and the mysterious 'House of Silk'.

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Celebrating Achievements

Throughout the summer, Freya, along with her friends, took part in Lifestyle 2024 to raise money for Ruben's Voice and help raise awareness of youth mental health and suicide.

They completed a sponsored litter pick, car boot sales, and placed 'positivity packs' around the Anlaby, Beverley, Kingswood and Hedon communities.

On Tuesday evening, Freya and her friends attended the Lifestyle 2024 awards and won The Community Award for showing commitment to making their community a better place, managing to win a PGL trip in April.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of Freya. Well done!



Children in Need Fundraising



Every year, staff and students come together to raise funds for Children in Need, supporting vital initiatives that help improve the lives of children who face adversity.

This year, the Heads of House hosted a fun filled fundraising event with a few classic games and challenges. From guessing the weight of the bear to counting sweets in a jar, and even a cross bar challenge on the football pitch. We were thrilled to raise a total of £244.63 for this incredible cause.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the students that got involved!

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U14s Netball Team



On Friday 22 November, top netball teams from across the Humber came together for the chance to progress to the next round of the National Championships 24/25.

Miss Kitchen reported that the team played some sound netball throughout their games and went on to win all three matches.

They have now qualified for the next round.

The scores were:-

Wolfreton v Pocklington 9-6

Wolfreton v Hymers 11-5

Wolfreton v St Mary's 12-5

An outstanding team effort, as always. Well done!

Recently, the Year 8 rugby team gave it their all in a fixture against Cottingham High School.

Mr Marshall reported that despite coming up short in the end, there were countless moments of brilliance, grit and teamwork that showed just how far the team has come.

While the scoreboard might not have been in their favour, the lessons learned and the standout performances on the field were the real victories. A great team effort!



Year 8 Rugby Team

Apprenticeship Event

Mrs Taylor writes:

On Wednesday 27 November we took a group of 50 Sixth Form students to the East Riding Apprenticeship Event held at Bishop Burton College.

As part of our commitment to providing Year 12 students with a comprehensive understanding of their post-sixth form options, we recently attended an insightful apprenticeship event hosted by Bishop Burton College. This event, which brought together a wide range of apprenticeship providers from across our local region, offered students a unique opportunity to explore one of the most dynamic and hands-on career pathways available to them.

There was an opportunity to ask questions and find out what the apprenticeship pathway offered in terms of progression into specific career pathways.

It was lovely to see Nick, one of Wolfreton Sixth Forms alumni at the event, who is now completing his degree apprenticeship with Northern Power Grid.



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House Points

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



107662



112693



108704



110754



110681

**Total House
Points
550494**

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Notices

Parent Services Administrator

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Wilcock as the new Parent Services Administrator. Mrs Wilcock has worked in the school office for several years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important role. Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership for your children.

100% Attendance

Please support us by encouraging your child to join in with our next attendance challenge starting next week.

Monday 2 December – Friday 20 December

Be here every day to win a prize!

Students who attend every day during this challenge will be rewarded with a Perry Pen.

- **Build good habits**
- **Achieve your best**
- **Be part of the challenge**

Don't miss out! The countdown is on—mark your calendars and aim for 100% attendance!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Be Bright and Be Seen

If your child regularly cycles to school, please ensure they are 'bright' and that they are ready for the darker nights. It's important that your child always wears a helmet, has a good set of lights that work, reflectors fitted at the front and back of the bike and bright clothing.

Message from the PE Department

Please can students be reminded to bring the correct PE kit to all lessons. This includes: shin pads and football boots for football, rugby and hockey lessons. Boots with small 'moulded' studs are ideal and are often referred to as suitable for firm ground (FG).

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Festive Greetings from The House Team

As we approach the festive season, we have a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer and make a difference in our community.

This year, we are inviting everyone to take part in creating a Christmas charity shoebox, which will be donated to Age UK to help bring joy to elderly people in need.

In form time, students will have the chance to fill a shoebox with items like toiletries, warm socks, small treats, and other thoughtful gifts. These shoeboxes will be delivered to local elderly people, helping to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We are in need of:

Shoeboxes, wrapping paper, in date tins of food, toiletries, tea, coffee, biscuits and small gifts.

We are grateful for any donations towards the Age UK appeal. House points will be given for any and all donations.

If donations can be brought in to school over the next couple of weeks we can begin to put together our festive shoe boxes.

Christmas Quiz Fundraiser

The Peru fundraising team will be hosting a quiz on Monday 2 December 6pm-7.30pm in the Forum at Wolfreton for staff, parents and family.

Please register your interest on the Microsoft Form link <https://forms.office.com/e/FZgTRf74fd> and support our students on their fundraising journey whilst having fun.

We have some great prizes up for grabs and will be selling refreshments throughout the event. Remember, this is a cash only event. We look forward to you joining us!

Year 7 Christmas Party

The year 7 Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 11 December 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Theatre at Wolfreton. Please reserve your child's place on Arbor and this Microsoft Form link <https://forms.office.com/e/UTjC3a7hij> We have lots of great music, games, prizes, and refreshments prepared for the evening.

Tickets are £3 on the door; consent must be given on Arbor and the Microsoft link by Sunday 8 December to gain access to the event.

Key dates

Thursday 12 DecemberYear 11 Progress Evening

Friday 20 DecemberSchool Closes

Monday 6 JanuarySchool Re-opens

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At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

SNAP STREAK

97
DAYS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 66% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the lock which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any potential risks they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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