

The Wolfreton Way Newsletter

Issue 4

After eight weeks, we come to the end of the autumn half term and I am delighted to say that the positive start we spoke of in Issue 1 has accompanied us all of the way today. As our Newsletters will have shared, it has been a busy half term. We are incredibly ambitious about what can be achieved and our staff pack lots in for our students to take part in. I hope you enjoy reading about the competitions and the personal development events, as well as hearing a bit more about our Sixth Form. Thank you for your support across this term. On behalf of all of the staff, I wish you a good half term break.



This week, Year 7 students took part in a Pumpkin Competition.

With half term and Halloween upon us, this week our Year 7 students entered into the spirit by selecting a student from each of their tutor groups to represent them in a Pumpkin Carving Competition. Our nine representatives spent the start of the week working on their entries turning the pumpkins, kindly donated by Butt Farm in Beverley, into the spooky array of lanterns you see below.

Our weekly assembly provided the

perfect opportunity to announce the winner – Mrs Reed ensured this was done with the flair it deserved, to the surprise of the year group, opting to dress up as a pumpkin herself – we love your sense of fun and enthusiasm Mrs Reed! Mrs Reed said, ‘It was a really hard choosing a winner as everyone did so well’. In the end, Poppy’s entry from Mr Oliver’s tutor group was selected as the winner – congratulations to Poppy and 7TOL. To celebrate participation, all entrants received a “Boo Pack” while the winning tutor group enjoyed some treats and a “jump the queue” pass. Well done to all that entered the competition!

The competition marked the end of what has been a brilliant first term for Year 7. Across roll call this week, Mrs Bates (Head of Year 7) and Mrs Reed (Year 7 Pastoral Manager) have joined us in praising the year group for the impressive start at Wolfreton. Mrs Reed reflected, the year groups are, ‘Amazing, young people – bright, eager to please and impeccable in so much of what they do. We are so proud of them and with the tutors, so proud to work with them as a year group’. What lovely words to sum up their first half term at Wolfreton.

Pumpkin Competition



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Active Travel Ambassadors

The Active Travel Ambassadors nominated for National STARS School Travel Awards 2024

Last year, our Active Travel Ambassadors took part in the Modeshift Active Travel Ambassador Project. Modeshift aims to secure increased levels of safe, active and

sustainable travel in business, education and community settings. Through the Active Travel Ambassador Scheme school's design campaigns to increase sustainable travel. Our 2023 – 2024 team worked across the year before putting their work to the test on 28 June when they launched their Big Wolf Walk Day. This event resulted in reduced car use and an increase in

students walking (over 70%) and cycling to school! In recognition for all their work, the ATA group were nominated for secondary school of the year! Out of all of the schools across the country (primary and secondary), only 140 were selected for the National Stars School Travel Awards - Congratulations to our fantastic team!

Restart a Heart Day

Our Year 7 students were visited on Wednesday 16 October by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service team who delivered the countrywide Restart a Heart Day.



On Wednesday 16 October 2024, our Year 7s, along with 35,000 other young people took part in the 11th National Restart a Heart Day. Led by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, who partner with the British Heart Foundation and St John's Ambulance Service, students had the opportunity to develop and practise life-saving skills including CPR. Through their session with the team, students went on to develop an understanding of a cardiac arrest and the measures that are taken to prolong a person's life. They also learned vital first aid skills including how to put someone in the recovery position to prevent choking if unconscious. These valuable skills could save a person's life and this is an event we are proud to support each year. Thank you to the excellent YAS volunteers who came along to teach everyone on the day.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor A Positive Celebration

On Thursday, 17 October our Year 7 Meet the Tutor event was a resounding success!

It was heartening to see such a strong turnout, with the vast majority of parents able to join us to celebrate the progress their children have made since starting at Wolfreton.

Tutors had a wonderful evening engaging with families, sharing insights, and highlighting how well

Year 7 students have settled in. The atmosphere was filled with positivity, with parents expressing their gratitude for the support they and their children have received and our staff able to echo our pride for them too.

We greatly value the feedback shared by those all who attended. One parent remarked, "My child has settled in and is very happy", another added, "Really happy with the school and staff" and a third, "Mrs. Reed has

been fantastic, thank you!". This small sample reflect the positive transition the vast majority of students are experiencing – something that is very important to us.

Thank you to all families who attended and contributed to this event. Your ongoing support is invaluable, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead for our Year 7 students!



Staying Safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, PC Turner, visited Wolfreton to deliver an extra assembly with Year 7 and 8 Learners about staying safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night ahead of the half term holiday.

Whilst Halloween and Bonfire Night are both exciting and enjoyable, student safety is paramount and our commitment to student safety extends beyond our school environment. The presentation provided by Humberside Police in conjunction with the Fire Service ensures that our students can feel confident and enjoy the time of year whilst also having clear guidance on how to stay safe. As a school we work in close partnership with Humberside Police and Humberside Fire and Rescue and we are always thankful to them for the extra sessions they provide for our learners. We hope all of our students and their families have an enjoyable and safe time this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Top tips for staying safe this Halloween:

- Stay with trusted adults and trick-or-treat in groups!
- Stay close to home and knock on doors you are familiar with
- NEVER enter a stranger's home
- Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you
- Be visible - try to carry a torch if wearing all black outfits or include some high visibility clothing as part of your costume
- **Only** knock on houses that are decorated for Halloween
- Respect your neighbours and community, **especially** elderly and vulnerable members of society - this time of year can be frightening for them.

Top tips for staying safe on Bonfire Night:

Remember, remember the 5th of November:

- Keep safe and at a large distance from fire and fireworks
- NEVER go back to a lit firework
- ONLY use sparklers with help from an adult/ parent/ carer and ensure gloves are worn
- Keep well back from bonfires and don't be tempted to throw any into the fire



Foundations Construction Careers Fair

A group of Year 10 students who are interested in the construction industry visited Bishop Burton College on 17 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. This 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.

During the day, those who attended had the opportunity to take part in demonstrations of industry skills. TV celebratory Mark Millar from DIY SOS was also in attendance promoting construction.



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Netball

On Wednesday 16 October, the U14's Netball Team played in the first round of the National Top Schools Netball Tournament at South Hunsley School.

Miss Kitchen reported that five East Riding teams entered the tournament including Wolfreton, Cottingham, South Hunsley School, Beverley High School and Pocklington. The team went on to win all our matches. A massive well done to all, it was a full team performance. As the team beat all other opponents, we are now looking forward to playing against the top two Hull Schools, hopefully securing a place in the Yorkshire round.

Table Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday 16 October, Archie, Will and Lucas took part in a Table Tennis Tournament at Headlands School.

Mr Bates reported that there was lots of excitement and enthusiasm for the competition, however, unfortunately, all players were knocked out in group stage.

Archie, Will and Lucas all displayed good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Player of the match, went to Lucas.

Celebrating Success!

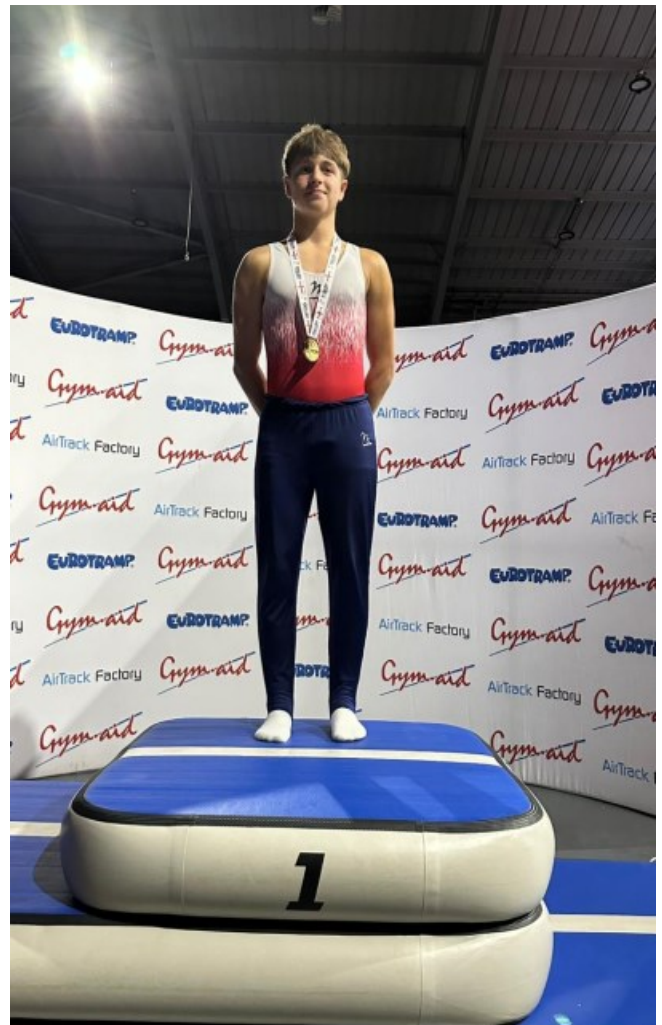
Trampolining, 13-14 English Silver Champions

Having started gymnastics at a young age (just 6 years old) Elliot has always had an interest in trampolining.

He began trampolining in 2021 and has dedicated a significant amount of time to training, committing three sessions a week, each lasting 2 hours.

Additionally, his volunteering to coach younger children shows his commitment to the sport.

Earlier in the year, Elliot made it through qualifying competitions and was just one of 21 boys from Countrywide who qualified to compete in the English Championship finals last weekend in Telford.



Having only learnt the trampolining routine just a few weeks ago, and competing against some of the best, Elliot went on to win gold!!!

Elliot will be competing in the Trampolining National League this weekend and we wish him every success!

We are extremely proud of Elliot's achievement!



Year 13 Pathways Day

This week saw the first of this year's Pathways Days for Year 13 students.

The Pathways Days are part of the Sixth Form Destination Curriculum, designed to ensure students receive valued and valuable information and support as they begin to think about and prepare for the next stage of education, employment or training. Whilst one strand of the Destinations Curriculum focuses on

preparing for university applications and UCAS, another important strand includes ensuring, and being exposed to potential next steps through locally relevant careers guidance, including meaningful encounters with employers.

Thank you to Rollits, Donaldson's, Goldie Smailes, BAE, Quickline, Humberside Police, NYBEP, NHS and Hull University who all came along to present about their organisations and the different

pathways through which students can access the opportunities onward destinations with them would provide. Thanks also to two of our own Wolfreton Sixth Form alumni - Fin W and Tom W. Both returned to Wolfreton to be part of the day, to present about their organisations and to share with students pathways options. Feedback from Year 13 was overwhelmingly positive with many reporting the day was really insightful.



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House Points

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



66260



70683



66887



71051



67897

**Total House
Points
342778**

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Welcome to the Wolfreton Canon: 100 Must Read Books!

100 incredible books to explore before you leave!

Reading opens our eyes to new worlds, different perspectives, and helps us understand ourselves and others around us.

The Wolfreton Canon offers a rich variety of fiction and non-fiction, from thrilling adventures to real-life stories and books that tackle important issues like race, gender, and equality. There's something for everyone, and each book is a chance to learn, grow, and be inspired.

The Canon Challenge: Read 5 books from your Year Group's collection and earn rewards! Track your progress with our special bookmarks. Every book you complete earns 10 House Points. Read 5, and you'll receive a certificate and a pin badge—contributing to your House too!

Please note that some books contain mature themes, so check the recommendations for your year group.

So, where will you start?



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Notices

Winter is upon us

Do you have any previously loved winter coats?

We are requesting donations of pre-loved winter coats in a good condition, so students may benefit this winter.

A drop off point is located in main reception.

With thanks.

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Key dates

Thursday 24 October...School Closes

Monday 4 November ...School Reopens

Thursday 14 November ...Year 12/13 Progress Evening

Thursday 21 November ...Academic Awards Evening

Thursday 12 December ...Year 11 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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,500 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 30–20 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

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