



# *Newsletter*

## 1 December 2023



**TOLL BAR**  
**SIXTH FORM**





## Year 11 Football Team

Our Year 11 football team who have gone on to win the Grimsby & District Cup Final 3-0 against Cleethorpes Academy to be crowned champions. An excellent display of skill, determination and commitment saw the team bring the trophy home.

A big thank you to everybody who came to show their support for the team.

Mr Cowie would like to pay a tribute to the boys hard work by saying;

"This result is five years in the making. After plenty of ups and downs with the boys along the years I couldn't be any prouder of their work ethic and togetherness. The students deserve immense credit for never giving in. A fitting end to their local school football!"

A special mention for Freddie Watson and James Aitken who didn't play but have been a big part of this successful team."

Congratulations to all involved!





## CPSHE this November.....

### Herman Dange - Drug and Gang Crime

Year 9 and Year 10 students had a talk from Herman Dange. Herman was previously in prison for his involvement with drugs and gang crime. He turned his life around whilst in prison and now dedicates his time to many other projects and talks to inspire young people to want to make the right choices. Herman discussed how making the right choices and being around the right people can keep you safe and keep you from trouble which could be harmful to you or others. Herman went into detail putting forward practical ways to turn time spent on social media from negative time to positive. He talked about the way prison life can be portrayed on social media being far from the truth and what the reality is like. Students learnt ways they can say no to friends when it involves doing things that are not in their best interests. The feedback from the students has been really positive and they said it had made them think about how they spend their time outdoors or online. Students also feedback that they did not realise how bad prison actually was. As always, we will follow up from this talk in our future CPSHE lessons and build on this experience.



### Hope Hack: Youth Engagement - Humberside Violence Prevention Partnership

Some of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students visited GIFHE for a Youth Engagement Opportunity with the Police. Students had the opportunity to listen to a short talk from Jonathon Evison, Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner, who talked about the importance of young people not being stereotyped for always engaging in antisocial behaviour when in reality it is only a small few. He stressed how important it is that our young people have a say in how we can ensure, that we all feel safer and fairer within our communities. He asked them to come up solutions for this and their voices would be heard. Students attended workshops throughout the day and then presented their findings to the whole of the event attendees including the police who have taken away all their ideas and solutions. The police praised our students for their hard work, ideas and fantastic presentations that day. They were all nervous yet all spoke with passion and confidence. Humberside police are now starting a new group following on from this event in which our students will attend on a weekly basis in their own time to grow in their opportunity of having a voice and making a difference within communities. We are very excited about this and we will keep you notified.



The overall theme of this event was hope, and there was lots of discussion about what our students hopes are for their futures, and how this can be achieved. Andrew Smith, Manager of the ACTion to combat modern slavery, gave his own story of hope and shared his own personal experiences to which our students said they felt inspired. They were able to

chat to him at the end of the event. Andrew has told the Academy that the students he met were also inspirational young people and was extremely pleased to have spoken with them. Again, this is something we will continue to discuss and work on within future CPSHE lessons, across all Year groups.



## DFDS Fish in School Hero

Fish in School Hero is delivered through a partnership between the Food Teachers' Centre and the Fishmongers' Company's Fisheries Charitable Trust.

It was part of the programme's 'Mighty Mussels' initiative, after family-run business Off-shore Shellfish donated 2,000kg of rope-grown mussels, which were cleaned and packed by River Teign Shellfish before being delivered by DFDS to 250 schools across the country.

Simon Gray, of the Fish in Schools Hero programme, said: "The goal of our programme is simple yet impactful, we aim to ensure that every child gets a chance to prepare, cook and eat fish before they leave school.

Ivan Weatherhogg, Commercial Director, UK Coldchain at DFDS, was at the academy to greet the delivery.



He said: "DFDS is proud to be able to assist the Fishmongers Association and the Food Teachers Centre to deliver mussels to 250 schools nationwide under the Fish in School Hero scheme.

We fully support the aim to teach children how to cook with seafood, and to reinstate the importance of the UK seafood industry to the next generation, hoping they develop a taste for cooking and preparing different species.



"This will enable the seafood industry to keep growing and, along with partners such as us, to sustain its current footprint. We look forward to continuing our support for such initiatives to further improve the sector's popularity."

Teacher Bernadette Morgan, Assistant Curriculum Leader said "We had Years 8 and 9 choosing from three different recipes given by Fish Heroes: French Marinière, Thai green curry or Italian tomato and garlic.

"All the dishes created by the students were delicious and I'm sure these recipes inspired their taste buds."

Principal Nigel Whittle also thanked the companies and organisations that had made the opportunity possible.

"It was a brilliant link up between the academy and industry, giving our students a different kind of cooking experience," he said. "It is important to encourage our students to eat healthily and fresh fish, sourced in the UK, is highly nutritious and an important part of a balanced diet, which will help their learning."





## Shoebox Appeal 2023

Generous students and staff at Waltham Toll Bar Academy and Toll Bar Sixth Form have filled a bumper number of shoeboxes to help bring Christmas cheer to vulnerable children abroad.

This year's campaign, organised by the student-led Charity Club, has seen more than 160 boxes being handed over to Grimsby Shoeboxes, a local organisation which sends boxes around the world.

The club is run by Phoebe Tomlinson (Year 10), Declan Skye (Year 10) and a Year 7 student, with support from Science Teacher Shivani Dixit.

Principal Nigel Whittle said some students had brought in enough donations to fill multiple 13 boxes on their own. Year 10 student Isabella Owen managed to fill 13 boxes this year.

"I would like to congratulate Phoebe, Declan and the other students, parents and staff who have pulled together to make a fantastic contribution to the Shoebox Appeal," he said.

Mr Whittle revealed the Charity Club had also raised £1,450 towards this year's BBC Children in Need appeal.

"There has been a real sense of charitable giving around the Academy for both appeals. Times are tough for many families, making this year's generosity even more telling.

"Students have been keen to help those who are less fortunate and I'd also like to thank staff for supporting their efforts."

Assistant Principal Ollie Fothergill also praised everyone who had contributed.

"It has been wonderful to see so many of our young people come together," he said.

"We teach them about the importance of the world community and helping each other, and it has been fantastic to see our young people truly living out the values of the Academy during a time of international hardship."



A Year 7 student enjoyed the fund-raising.

"It's been really good to be involved with helping others," they said. "I just love being part of our charity committee and it was great to see so many other students involved."

Karen Lepley from Grimsby Shoeboxes said: "I can't believe there are 160 boxes! That is the largest amount we have ever collected from any school. This is fantastic. We've had to use multiple vehicles for the collection."



## Children In Need 2023

This year Waltham Toll Bar students and staff have been exceptionally generous with over £1450 raised for Children in Need. The Academy organised a non-uniform day to help raise the money which has since been donated to the relevant charities. The idea came from the Academy's student led Charity Committee, who asked Senior Leadership if they could arrange an event to mark Children in Need day this November. Students helped with collection buckets and taking in donations across the day. The academy is very proud of the fundraising efforts of their young people.



## Sports Partnership

"It was fantastic to see the dedication and enthusiasm of the Waltham Tollbar Academy sports leaders who supported the recent sports hall athletics competitions for year 5 and 6 pupils. Their commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive environment, encouraging the next generation of young athletes was great to see. Their efforts not only promoted physical activity but also instilled the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship amongst all participants. All students were outstanding role models and made a huge contribution to the success of these events, which engaged 28 primary schools and over 650 pupils"

Craig Development Manager: North East Lincolnshire School Sport Partnership hosted by Oasis

Leaders have instilled a culture of high ambition combined with effective pastoral care across the school.

Leaders have established a strong culture of safeguarding in the school.



Pupils have a variety of leadership opportunities at school... They value the opportunity to work with staff to influence what happens in school.



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## Toilet Passes for January 2024

If your son/daughter currently has a toilet pass, these are being renewed and only the new issued cards will be valid from January 2024. Please contact your child's Head of Year to confirm the details needed to receive the new pass in time for the January 2024 term.