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Waltham Toll Bar

Academy Newsletter

Mr Whittle



I hope families enjoyed a good break and students managed a little rest and recuperation ahead of a busy half term.

It is a special weekend as the nation comes together to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of our democracy and freedoms.

The Academy will mark Remembrance Day itself on Monday with a special whole school service, joining the nation in a two-minute silence at 11am.

Students will be joined by the governing body and the ceremony will take place on the tennis courts. Please ensure students have their coats and are wearing poppies.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in school and thank you to the sixth formers who have been selling them.

The last week of term saw the launch of 'Double Point' week for achievement rewards. It proved to be extremely successful. It meant Year 9 are now top of the leader board. A huge well done to them for this achievement. Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised as Learner of the Lesson multiple times, with a real commitment to excelling in lessons:

Four times: Catherine C in 7C and Honor R in 8E

Three times: Ollie A in 10G, Reggie B in 7H, Ashton B in 9G, Lola F in 7L, Freddie G in 8G, William G in 9K, Lilly-Mai H in 11H, Georgia H in 7J, Jasmin H in 9J, Hugo L in 10B, Manha M in 7H, Beatrice S in 10J, London-Louise T in 7H, Adam W in 8A, Skye W in 11K and Michael W in 9D.

Twice: 113 students!

We sent 583 postcards home. Did you receive one?

I hope students have noticed the new displays around the school and Sixth Form highlighting students' success in this summer's exams.

The framed images celebrate individuals' grades and what they are doing now. We hope this inspires current students in the school and Sixth Form.

"This could be you" postcards were sent out to Year 11s at the end of term, with an image showing successful GCSE students after collecting results in August. They included a reminder to students and parents / carers that the next maximise evening is on Tuesday, 10 December. More details will follow.

Finally, I wanted to highlight an excellent initiative from our caterers Aspens. In this newsletter and on our social media feeds you will find examples of meals that will feed a family for £5.

Please don't forget to follow us on Instagram, Facebook and X.

Enjoy reading the newsletter and thank you for your support of the academy.

N J Whittle
Principal



The School Scribble

Members of the Newspaper Enrichment club had the opportunity to interview Mr Whittle, selecting intriguing questions to discover more about the Principal of Waltham Toll Bar Academy. Students, donning their Waltham Toll Bar press passes, were welcomed into his office.



Students selected their interview questions to get to know their Principal, listening to the answers to enable them to write an article for the first edition of The School Scribble.



Students were thrilled to be shown books which gave them an insight into the history of Waltham Toll Bar Academy which Mr Whittle had found in the school's basement. The newspaper has been designed and written by students giving a mixture of school, local and world news, as well as interesting articles on key topics such as student mental health and support for LGBTQ+. The first edition of the School Scribble will be published next month.

Charitable endeavours





Sporting success

On Tuesday, 15 October, the Under 14s Grimsby and District netball tournament took place at Waltham Toll Bar Academy. Girls from Years 8 and 9 competed and showed great team work and determination throughout. There were 11 teams in total with our teams finishing in 3rd and 5th place, a fantastic achievement. Well done.



At the recent national Karate championship in Birmingham involving hundreds of Karate enthusiasts from around the country, Cleethorpes Shotokan Karate student Henry Barrett fought with other competitors to win gold medals in the two categories he took part in. Henry trains 3 times every week at the Cleethorpes Shotokan Karate Club.

Henry was on excellent form during the day, catching the eye of top squad coaches who have remarked that he has a promising career ahead.

Cleethorpes Shotokan head coach Justin Beattie said preparation was the key to Henry's winning performance. "Henry works hard, trains regularly, and always aims to improve himself. I'm proud of the way he conducts himself."



Sienna Smiech is in her fourth season playing for the girls team of AFC Grimsby Ladies U13s. She is in her second season playing for boys team Discoveries Wolves U12s. She also plays as part of the Grimsby Town Foundation Early Talent Centre.

She has been awarded several trophies while playing football, including players' player, supporters' player, and coach's player. Well done Sienna!



Big Bang on Location!

A group of Key Stage 3 students attended the Big Bang On Location! event at Grimsby Town Hall on Monday, 4 November. Students learned about renewable energy and local careers and opportunities in renewable energy with Orsted and RWE. The groups started on a competition to solve global problems like plastic pollution and use of fossil fuels, explored voltage and current using fruits as batteries and tried VR headsets to explore wind turbines off the coast of Grimsby.

They also heard about how companies like Orsted try to reduce their impact on biodiversity, getting to have a go at controlling small cameras that are used to investigate tunnels and look for small wildlife around on land turbines. Students also got to investigate with dry ice, looking at the impact of dissolved carbon dioxide on pH of water.



**FEED YOUR
FAMILY
FOR £5**

Aspens' recipes

We have joined forces with our caterers, Aspens, for a new, fantastic, Feed your Family of Four for £5. Please see the link below to our social media for further details. This will have QR codes for all recipes and video instructions for some fantastic recipes!

[Waltham Toll Bar Academy | Grimsby | Facebook](#)

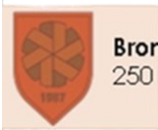




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Celebrating Students

14th October—18th October



Bronze
250 points



Silver
500 points



Gold
750 points



Platinum
1000 points



Principal's award
1500 points



CEO award
2000 points

As mentioned in our Principal's message, the last week of Autumn Term 1 saw 'Double Point' week take the school by storm and achievement points were flying around the academy.

All points make a difference and for that reason we'd like to congratulate all year 9s students for over taking year 8 on our year group leader board.

When asked how he felt about this amazing achievement, Head of Year 9, Mr Tye said: *'Congratulations, Year 9! You've worked incredibly hard, and it is really starting to show. Your dedication, effort, and determination are truly impressive. Keep up the fantastic work and continue to set the bar high! We're so proud of you!'*

Finally, a huge congratulations to all of our students for their continued commitment and dedication to all that they do; both in and out of the classroom: to see find out more, please follow our social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook.

Current Year Group Leader board:

Position:	Year group:	Total Points:
1st	Year 9	106,964
2nd	Year 8	106,758
3rd	Year 7	106,601
4th	Year 10	100,545
5th	Year 11	59,395

Current Form Leader Board:

Year Group:	Form Group:	Total Points:
Year 7	7G	2858
Year 8	8G (again!)	12,388
Year 9	9D (again!)	10,984
Year 10	10C (again!)	10,945
Year 11	11F	5811

Current Reward Badge Totals: On a weekly basis, achievement point badges are given to students via their form tutors at the start of the day.

We are currently in the process of ordering more bronze badges, if you child has not yet received their bronze badge, please reassure them that they will be on their way very soon. Any questions regarding badges, please email enquiries FOA Mrs S Brown.

Year Group:	Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award	Platinum Award	Principal's Award	CEO Award
Year 7	245 (+171)	45				
Year 8	182 (+106)	36 (+34)				
Year 9	216 (+150)	32	1			
Year 10	183 (+148)	29				

'Learner of the lesson':

Huge congratulations to all students who have received 'learner of the lesson' which is awarded through Class Charts. To make this an even bigger reason to celebrate, as of this week, if you child receives more than 3 nominations for 'Learner of the Lesson' they will receive a postcard home.

'Celebrating Attendance':

Weekly:

Every week, if your child's attendance has improved, they are entered into the year group 'Spin the Wheel' on Monday during form time. Winning names receive a 'Skip the Lunch Queue' pass for a week.

Half Termly:

At the end of every half term, those with improved attendance over the half term will be invited to 'Movie & Munch' in our lecture theatre. Students involved will be informed during their assemblies next week.

Termly:

At the end of every term, students with 97-100% attendance will be invited to an 'Attendance Breakfast' to celebrate this achievement.





Language Nut competition

Year 7 took part in a competition on Language Nut last half term, competing against each other to win prizes including achievement points, skip the lunch queue passes and cinema tickets.

They completed tasks including phonics, grammar and vocabulary work in their own time to improve their French.

More than 160 students took part in the competition, with the below students winning the top three places. Well done Year 7!

Rank	Name	Class	Points
1 🏆	Varley Martha	7t/Fr3 2024/25	1209000
2 🥈	Jouri Farag	7t/Fr5 2024/25	803700
3 🥉	Angeles Alexa	7w/Fr2 2024/25	616400
4	Grigor Evelyn	7w/Fr1 2024/25	510400
5	Agu Divine	7w/Fr1 2024/25	340000
6	Ayscough Austeja	7w/Fr3 2024/25	291500
7	Storr Isabelle	7t/Fr3 2024/25	286500
8	Adeyemi Nifemi	7w/Fr4 2024/25	236500
9	Bradley-Chaplin Pixie	7w/Fr1 2024/25	233900
10	Ironmonger India-Grace	7w/Fr3 2024/25	197800



Year 7 Language Nut Competition!

1st prize: 2 cinema tickets and 50 achievement points – Martha Varley!

2nd prize: 30 achievement points and a 'skip the queue' lunch pass – Jouri Farag!

3rd prize: 20 achievement points and a 'skip the queue' lunch pass – Alexa Angeles!

X20 achievement points for the top 10

A certificate for the top 50

Well done Year 7!

The next competition is the Global Competition from 11th November to 25th November. The top 50 students will get an Amazon voucher worth up to £50!





Have your say!

Shape your future!



Children and young people with special educational needs or a disability will have unique take on life in our area.

It only takes a few minutes to let us know what you think about school, getting around, things to do and life in our area.

We can't do it without you.

Use the QR code to share your experience and give us ideas of how we can improve.





Term dates

11 November	Armistice Day
11 November	Year 9 Parents Evening
20 November	Year 10 Work Experience assembly
14 November	Spanish play
14 November	Last day for flu vaccinations
25 November	Year 9 Parents' Options Evening
1-4 December	Year 11 & 13 visit to Rome
2 December	Year 9 Options process opens
20 December	Last day of term
6 January	Return for spring term