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SIXTH FORM





Mr Whittle



Highlights have come thick and fast over the past couple of weeks.

It seems a while ago now, but I would like to start by reflecting on our Remembrance Service on Armistice Day. I stood silently alongside more than 2,000 members of our school community to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and thank serving members of the Armed Forces who continue to give so much. It was a moving tribute and I felt an enormous amount of pride at the way students conducted themselves.

When we come together – just as we did on the first day of term at Grimsby Auditorium – it sends a powerful message about the strength of our community.

It is something I hope was felt by pupils and staff from five local primary schools who visited to celebrate the end of a successful Interfaith Week across the academy. More than 50 Year 4 and Year 5 children joined RE and Art staff, plus familiar faces from Year 7 and Sixth Form, to learn about different faiths. I hope they enjoyed their time with us.

Another highlight was the generosity shown by students and their families for our contribution towards the BBC's Children in Need appeal. I was blown away by the amount of items donated for different causes across North East Lincolnshire – thank you.

An example of student leadership at its best was illustrated in a fantastic Year 10 assembly. It was delivered by Year 11 Head Students, the key message being it is never too early to start focusing on GCSE exams. Year 10 is a crucial year and who better to say that than Year 11s?

In terms of our achievement awards, well done to Maddison Goodwin-Wood (8E) who has won Learner of the Lesson three times. Congratulations to Emma Clark (9D), a Platinum Award achiever since our last newsletter.

Gold Awards have been won by Lilly-rose Bell (9C), Saqr Ghanayem (9J), Lucas Inkson (7B), Dylan Webster (9C), Max Osborne (7G), Evellyn Lofts (10J), Olivia Wigham (9G), Isaac Robinson (9G) and Divine Agu (7B). Badges will be given to students via their form tutors on Monday (25th). Year 9 are still in the top spot with 129,982 points but Year 8 are not too far behind on 125,999.

We have sent 525 postcards home since the last edition.

Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising who says students should look out for double points week, coming very soon!

Over the past two weeks, other highlights have included triumphs in sport, a Year 9 residential to the Lake District and 110 Year 10s visiting the historic Bletchley Park. As I said, so many positives to pick out across the academy, with more details and terrific images on our social media feeds.

Looking ahead, Monday (25th) is our Year 9 Options Information Evening. I hope those who have been to Ullswater will have recovered as it's an important event! It presents a perfect opportunity for parents and students to decide which subjects they wish to pursue at GCSE level. More details about the timings are on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

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

Mr NJ Whittle
Principal



Spanish play

Year 11 and Year 10 Spanish students, along with Year 8 pupils who earned the highest number of achievement points, enjoyed watching the play *Mi Primera Cita* (*My First Date*). This entertaining comedy follows two teenagers as they prepare for their first date.

Students interacted well with the actors, suggesting outfits for the characters, Carlos and Maria, to wear, and many participated by answering questions in Spanish. Harrison Lucas and Daniel Fawole, from Year 8, even “accompanied” the couple to the cinema and answered several questions from the actors in Spanish. Year 11 student Lauren Harrison asked several questions in Spanish as well, demonstrating impressive confidence.



The cultural activity concluded with students enjoying churros and drinks, and many expressed their gratitude to staff for organising the play. Spanish teacher Señora O'Donoghue said she was delighted to see students





Elephant Group trip

Our Year 12 students recently visited Sheffield University as part of the Sixth Form's ongoing partnership with the Elephant Group, an organisation focused on supporting talented students from state schools to access the most prestigious universities and courses.

The day involved a welcome from Elephant Group CEO Jayne Taylor, a full campus tour, and opportunities to network and receive personalised guidance from a range of top universities and graduate employers. We are already looking forward to our next university visit in the Spring.



Year 11/12 EXPLORE session

More than 70 aspirational Year 11 and 12 students chose to attend a Sixth Form Explore session delivered by Ellie Wood from the University of Cambridge.

Ellie gave expert advice on opportunities and routes to consider when aspiring to Russell Group universities, including super curricular ideas and how the university experience can have a positive impact for everyone. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss destination ideas when they demonstrated just how aspirational they are.





Young Citizens' Bar Mock Trial Competition



A Sixth Form team of future lawyers travelled to Leeds to compete in the regional heat of the Young Citizens' Bar Mock Trial Competition, run as part of their SmartLaw programme. These events are designed to develop young people's legal capability through life-like court scenarios.

Our students, having prepared over many weeks, adopted key roles, from lawyers to witnesses, as they went head-to-head with other

teams to prosecute and defend specially-written cases. Our students performed fantastically well, receiving special praise from the Dean of the Law School at host's Leeds Beckett University, himself a former barrister of 30 years. We are proud of our law students, and teaching staff, who demonstrated our Sixth Form values of aspiration, responsibility and compassion in preparing for and delivering such a strong performance.



Interfaith collaboration

We welcomed five different primary schools to Waltham Toll Bar Academy to celebrate the end of Interfaith Week. More than 50 Year 4 and Year 5 children from Enfield, Lisle Marsden, Springfield, Scartho Juniors and Waltham Leas joined RE and art staff, and some familiar faces from our Year 7 and Sixth Form, to learn about different faiths. They also got to explore different artefacts and to work together on a piece of art work based around the concepts of unity and collaboration.



Harry, from Springfield, said: "It was a really good day and I really enjoyed getting to do some art work on an important theme." Jessica, from Enfield, said she "really enjoyed learning about different religions and doing the art work based on our hands."

Associate Assistant Principal and Head of Humanities Liam Walker was delighted to see the children from different schools working together. "They were thrown together for a few hours but all embraced the different activities and managed to push themselves to think hard and work collaboratively. Our Year 7s, who were chosen because they attended one of the primary schools involved, were also fantastic at helping the younger students."



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EFL Utilita Girls Cup

On Thursday last week, our year 7 and 8 girls won the GFL Utilita Girls Cup. It was 1-1 at full time and our girls won on penalties. Well done girls!



Residential YMCA Lakeside

YEAR 7 & 8 RESIDENTIAL YMCA LAKESIDE SPACES AVAILABLE!

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in a different environment?

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resilience?

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outdoors?



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New academies' update

New academies being built in our core catchment area are starting to take shape.

Waltham Gateway Academy and Scartho Gateway Academy, both opening next September, have seen steel structures erected in the last few weeks (see pictures).

Both schools will be run by Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust (LGAT), also responsible for Waltham Toll Bar Academy, Toll Bar Sixth Form and a number of other local schools.

Parents of children due to enter reception class next year can apply for a place at both academies by following this [link](#).

We are hosting an open evening for prospective parents of both schools in the Conference Centre on Tuesday, 26 November, between 5pm and 7pm.

It will offer an opportunity to hear about the Trust's exciting plans and meet with senior leaders responsible for running the schools.

This follows similar successful events held two months ago in Waltham and Scartho.



The new school in Waltham that is on land off Sunningdale.



Scartho Gateway Academy, taking shape off Matthew Telford Park on Scartho Top.

LGAT's Chief Executive Officer Martin Brown said: "We're delighted to see construction coming along at pace.

"We know from our previous open events there is a lot of interest in both academies. We are looking forward to meeting prospective parents and receiving applications."

For more details about either academy contact enquiries@walthamgatewayacademy.co.uk or enquiries@scarthogatewayacademy.co.uk or call (01472) 582317.



Bletchley Park trip

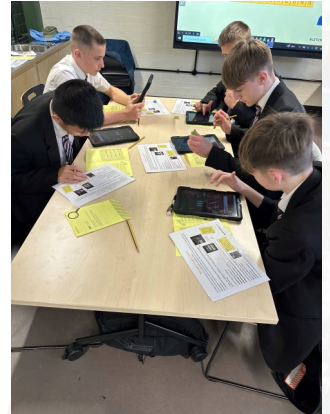
On Monday 18 November some of our Year 10 students visited Bletchley Park, the home of codebreaking in the Second World War.

During the visit students were shown around the grounds of the Park by knowledgeable staff. They got to see sights such as the gates where the main entrance once stood, the mansion where the codebreaking first started, and the huts used when the staff grew to such a number that the mansion could no longer house them all. They also looked in the garages which contained cars, motorbikes and an ambulance that would have been used at the time.

Students ended their tour at the veterans' wall, where past codebreakers have their names on a brick. Students had the opportunity to explore the grounds in small groups to take a closer look at exhibits such as Alan Turing's office, which contained his mug, chained to a radiator to ensure no-one else could use it. They also took part in a code-breaking session led by Bletchley staff, where they learnt some of the different techniques used in the war. Students did an amazing job of cracking the codes. During this session they were shown how the Enigma machine works, a genuine artefact used during the war at Bletchley Park to decode messages sent by the enemy regarding their plans. There was a demonstration of how the machine works, and we got to understand the huge number of ways in which it could be set up. Some students even got to have a go at using this machine to encode and decode a message.



This was a great day, enjoyed by staff and students alike, where we learnt plenty about the codebreaking efforts that contributed to the end of WW2.



Prom preparations

If you are making preparations for the Year 11 prom next summer, you might like to know that you are able to claim 10% discount from Hancock's of Freeman Street. While we cannot recommend which outlet you go to for your suit, Hancock's will offer the discount for students wishing to purchase their suit from there.

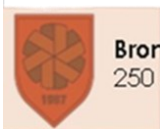




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'Celebrating Students'

11th November–22nd November



Bronze
250 points



Silver
500 points



Gold
750 points



Platinum
1000 points



Principal's award
1500 points



CEO award
2000 points

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

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!'*

Current Year Group Leader board:

Current Form Leader Board:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Year group:</u>	<u>Total Points:</u>	<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Form Group:</u>	<u>Total Points:</u>
1st	Year 9	131,298	Year 7	7H	13,392
2nd	Year 8	126,967	Year 8	8G	15,276
3rd	Year 7	126,293	Year 9	9D (again!)	15,001
4th	Year 10	114,678	Year 10	10C (again!)	13,071
5th	Year 11	67,903	Year 11	11E	8082

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 your 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.

<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Bronze Award</u>	<u>Silver Award</u>	<u>Gold Award</u>	<u>Platinum Award</u>	<u>Principal's Award</u>	<u>CEO Award</u>
Year 7	169	92	4			
Year 8	186	81				
Year 9	206	64	8	1		
Year 10	183	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.

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.



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Term dates and information

If you are wishing to contact the school by telephone, please be aware that the lines are currently very busy. There is a facility to leave a message and all messages will be responded to in due course. Your patience is appreciated.

25 November	Year 9 Parents' Options Evening
1-4 December	Year 11 & 13 visit to Rome
2 December	Year 9 Options process opens
2 December	Year 8 Parents Evening
10 December	Year 11 Maximise Evening—Preparing for mocks
20 December	Last day of term
6 January	Return for spring term