



# WTBA NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**18 March** - Year 9/10 France trip parents' evening

**19 March** - Year 4/5 Open Morning

**23 March** - Year 10 Barcelona parents' meeting

**24 March** - Year 8 National Space Centre trip

**04 April** - End of school term

**22 April** - Return for summer term



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## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



I wanted to start my first article in our new-look newsletter by extending a huge thank you to everybody who has made me feel so welcome. It has been a fantastic two weeks.

The children are incredible. They are so confident and proud of being students here.

There is an amazing amount of potential and it is the job of the whole staff team to ensure that is realised.

You can be assured that staff will be working to ensure terrific progress at the academy in the future.

Those students, parents, carers and staff I have met will have heard my focus on high expectations and an aspirational outlook.

You will hear me repeat that again and again. I am determined to set the students up for success. We want our children to achieve the best possible academic results but we also hope they make the most of the unparalleled enrichment opportunities offered.

Careers Week, taking place over the past five days, has been a great example. May I thank Vice Principal Mr Fothergill, Careers Lead Mrs Fuller and the rest of the team for putting together an outstanding week, filled with opportunities for our young people.

I would also like to thank the many and varied speakers who have given up their precious time to meet students and discuss their careers. Children accessed a careers talk more than 2,000 times this week. We have had fantastic feedback and I hope they feel inspired. Many of the speakers spoke about making the most of the opportunities provided by the academy, which will help students stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs, apprentices or university. Speakers were also open about overcoming knockbacks and being resilient. Rarely is life straightforward or put on a plate. Those life lessons are just as important as hearing about the successes. Thank you again to all involved in Careers Week.

The week follows last week's Clear Futures event. Thank you to Mr Foster, Mrs Clorley, Mrs Fuller and colleagues who pulled the event together, with a focus on our Sixth Form and next steps. The engagement from Years 9 and 10 was really strong in the afternoon, with exhibitors hugely impressed by students' knowledge and questions. We had good numbers after school too. The relationship between the academy and parents / carers is crucial in creating a successful educational experience. It is why I've hosted a couple of drop-in sessions for parents / carers this past few days.

Thank you to those who came. It was amazing to have a number of positive discussions. Communication is key and, if you wish to raise anything with me, please don't hesitate to email via [enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk) putting Executive Principal in the subject field. I'll ensure any questions are answered.

Thank you for reading my first introduction to the newsletter. I hope you enjoy the rest of the publication and its new look.

Mr P Dickinson  
Executive Principal



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## DODGEBALL SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 Dodgeball teams who competed at the under 15s Grimsby & District Dodgeball competition. They played fantastically well! We had two teams playing; one of our teams were overall winners, being undefeated, and one team were runners up (only losing one game). Well done girls!

The Year 10 Boys Dodgeball team won the Grimsby and District Championship with a fantastic victory at Grimsby Institute.

Entering two teams, Toll Bar 'A' team qualified for the finals with a 100% win record and Toll Bar 'B' team won some very close games.

In the final, Toll Bar 'A' defeated Oasis Academy Wintringham to record a fantastic victory. Jacob Harvey was player of the tournament for excellent throwing and catching skills.



## U12 HUMBER CUP



The Year 7 girls played in the U12 Humber Cup versus a strong South Hunsley team. The grit and determination from beginning to end was outstanding from all. After the game the referee commented on how brilliant all the girls were as a team and noted stand out performances from Ava M, Ava C, Sienna S and Mia. Well done!

## COMPASS GO

Compass Go provides support for parents / carers around supporting their young people's mental health and wellbeing. They would like to know what support can be provided to parents/ carers of Waltham Toll Bar Academy students.

Please complete the following short survey to help tailor the support  
<https://forms.gle/yfoEqVLfMkafrZTA>

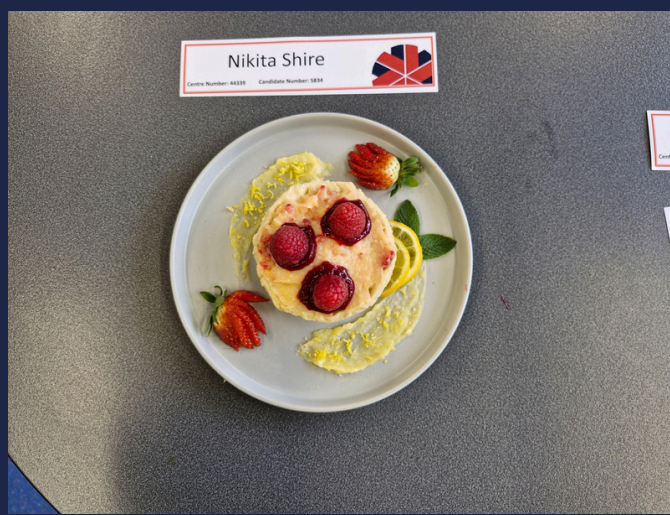


## HOSPITALITY AND CATERING NEWS

### Sweet dish assessment

The Year 10 pupils selected sweet dishes to create for their sweet dish assessments. A range of complex skills have been demonstrated including emulsions, ice-cream, choux pastry, home made custard, pastry cream, meringue.

They completed the dishes over two lessons and presented them with consideration given to their sensory appeal. They are certainly setting the bar high already!



## ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to all parents, carers and students alike for attending the Year 9 exhibition at Cleethorpes Library. The staff were very impressed at the quality of work in the exhibition and the amount of interest it generated. They stated they look forward to working with Waltham Toll Bar students again in future exhibitions. Well done Year 9!