



# WTBA NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**30 April** - Year 11 exam information evening

**7 May** - WTBA's Got Talent Final

**9 May** - DofE Bronze Expedition

**4-6 June** - Year 7 Residential (group 1)

**11-13 June** - Year 7 Residential (group 2)



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## EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's been fantastic to welcome the students back to the Academy this week and it was great to be able to have an assembly with all year groups on the first day back. The students have responded positively to the new behaviour policy processes and I look forward to updating you on their progress in the coming weeks.

Can I send my congratulations to Lily Stennett and Dhruv Sharma (both Year 9) for their outstanding performances in the World Maths Day challenge. Lily was the highest attaining female in the UK and ninth overall. Dhruv was the highest mainstream school student and third overall in the UK.

They were not the only ones to do exceptionally well. The Academy was placed in the top 100 schools worldwide in the Year 7 event and in the top 50 for Year 9. The Year 9 team finished in sixth place across the UK.

These are fabulous achievements. A huge well done to the students involved and the maths department for their support. For good measure, you will see in this newsletter Lily also came top in our Pi Day celebration in the library, reciting Pi to 130 digits. Wow!

Since the last newsletter, we were absolutely delighted to welcome students from Scartho Junior Academy to experience the fantastic facilities. The feedback from the visiting pupils and staff was incredible.

Further visitors from primary schools included the maths teams from Fairfield, New Waltham, Signhills and Springfield. They had battled through semi-finals to reach the inaugural Primary Maths Challenge Final. It was Springfield that emerged victorious after a closely fought contest, and I was delighted to present them with the winners' trophy and prizes. Thank you to Mr Teanby and the team for hosting the fantastic event.

Performing Arts continues to be a platform for students to thrive at the academy, with rehearsals for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in full swing. Tickets are still available for the two shows at Grimsby Auditorium on Tuesday 15 July and Wednesday 16 July, so I would love to invite you all to get in quickly before they sell out! Just scan the QR code on this page or click on this link: [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#).

WTBA's Got Talent has launched with auditions during week commencing 22 April. I can't wait to see the abundance of talent on show.

Year 9 netball was a shining light of success in the Spring Grimsby and District Tournament. The girls were unbeaten all evening which is a fantastic achievement and go through to the county round in July. Well done!

Mr Dickinson

Executive Principal



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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO ... THE LIBRARY!**

On World Book Day our library was a place of exciting book-related activities and competitions. Thank you to our students for joining in.  
#TeamWTBA



## **A TASTE OF TOLL BAR**



Year 5 children from Scartho Junior Academy sampled lessons and life at Waltham Toll Bar Academy.

The Year 5s and their teachers spent a morning here. A good time was had by all, as they experienced performing arts, science, technology and art lessons.

From Charlie and the Chocolate Factory sweet-themed performances, to fireworks in science, from creating windmills and block prints in technology, to practising their origami skills in art, the Year 5s experienced a wide range of activities. Several even asked if they could stay for more!



This was part of our ongoing outreach to help children with the transition from primary to secondary school and we always enjoy welcoming our young visitors to Taster sessions like these. Watch this space for more to come.



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## PI DAY FRENZY!

On 3.14 (Friday, 14 March), we hosted a Pi Day celebration in the library. This challenged our students to learn as many digits of Pi as they could and recite them to one of our Maths teachers. There were raffle competitions for completing one of the Pi challenges.

Congratulations to:

Year 7: Reece - 112 digits of Pi

Year 8: Jessica: 59 digits of Pi

Year 9: Lily - 130 digits of Pi (Overall winner)

Year 10: Libby - 12 digits of Pi

Yea 11: Damion - 100 digits of Pi

We were blown away with our students' dedication to remembering Pi.



## YEAR 9 NETBALL SUCCESS



The Year 9 netball team took part in the Spring Grimsby and District tournament. They were outstanding as a team, going unbeaten all night. The team qualified to play in the county round in July.



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## UNDER 13 BOYS FUTSAL



The Year 8 boys' futsal team came fifth overall in the county tournament, winning three games and losing two. It was a great team effort. Well done!

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our students helped with our display "Celebrating Inspirational Women" to mark International Women's Day and Women's History Month. Student posters have celebrated women from ancient times to the present day, including rulers of countries (Cleopatra), writers and philosophers (Mary Wollstonecraft), brave women in wartime (Miep Gies), and campaigners for social change (Rosa Parks). However, our favourite poster celebrating an inspirational woman was one about our very own Mrs Barker, celebrating her kindness and hard work for the students of our school.

Name: Denver Clark	Form: 7G
<p><i>My inspirational woman is</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Barker</i></p>	<p><i>What she has done:</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Barker has helped me a lot and has inspired me to behave and be kind/ Mrs Barker has been a great help. I do not know what I would do without her. Hopefully she will be here till I leave school because she helps me with any thing I need. She calms me down and she understands me, not many can, so she must be really good.</i></p>
	<p><i>Why I find her actions inspirational:</i></p> <p><i>Because she is always kind and friendly and she is so supportive. I want to be like that with my friends, have a strong bond with my friends just like I do Mrs Barker.</i></p> <p><i>Me and Mrs Barker have a really strong bond that nothing can ruin.</i></p>



## MAGNIFICENT MATHEMATICIANS

Waltham Toll Bar Academy was buzzing with anticipation for the inaugural Primary Maths Challenge Final.

After winning or being runners-up in their respective semi-finals, four teams from Fairfield, New Waltham, Signhills and Springfield primary schools joined us to battle it out to be crowned the WTBA Primary Maths Champions of 2025.

In a closely fought final contest, during which they tackled team riddles and tricky multiplication tasks with strict time limits and accompanied by some great music, Springfield emerged victorious, followed by Signhills, New Waltham and Fairfield. All teams were awarded with medals, sweets and certificates, while the winning team also received Amazon vouchers and the coveted trophy, presented by our Executive Principal, Mr Dickinson.

He said afterwards, "There was a real buzz in the hall and it was great to welcome these young mathematicians to our school. They all did brilliantly and should be proud of their achievements. Special mention must also go to Mr Teanby and the Maths department for hosting such a fantastic event."

As for Springfield Academy, their team were delighted to be our first ever Primary Maths Champions and took home their trophy with great pride, exclaiming, "We can't believe we've won!"

Mr Teanby, Lead Practitioner for Maths and host for the night, said, "Congratulations to all who took part – all 16 children were excellent ambassadors for their schools and should be proud to have made it to the final. "We look forward to welcoming some of them as future Toll Bar students and hope to see the Year 5s from the teams back next year."







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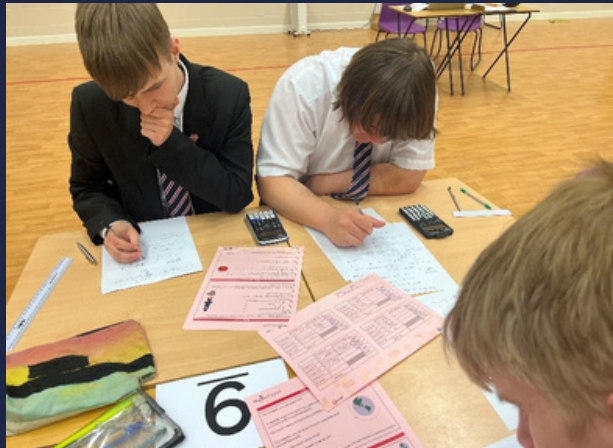
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## MATHS FEAST!

Two Year 10 teams from Waltham Toll Bar Academy entered the North East Lincolnshire Maths Feast, testing their maths skills with an all-you-can-eat feast of problems.

The competition assessed the students' problem-solving efficiency and competence, teamwork and communication abilities.

Conducted over several rounds, students needed to demonstrate and apply different skills and strategies for success.



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