



Message from the Principal

It has been an extremely busy and positive start to 2023 at Waltham Toll Bar Academy. Over the last three weeks a multitude of opportunities have been provided for our students, a snapshot of which are featured in this newsletter.

Our academy mission statement is:

“We create opportunities and develop the confidence to excel - together”

This is so much more than just a statement. It is our guiding principle. It is at the heart of all we do. It outlines what we as a school strive to achieve each day. Outstanding results, confidence and opportunities - achieving together as one community.

Waltham Toll Bar Academy has a long-standing reputation for supporting students to excel. This is something which we continue to be proud of and, in equal measure, will challenge and support all students to **excel** academically. This is one reason why I was so pleased to see so many families in attendance at our Year 11 ‘Maximise’ evening on Thursday this week. The evening was focussed on how we can work together to ensure all students achieve their true potential and maximise every moment in between now and when the examinations commence. The more traditional Year 11 parents evening is on Wednesday 25th January - it is vital that all attend.

This edition of the family newsletter is packed full of other examples of how we realise the academy’s mission statement on a day-to-day basis. From opportunities in Music, Dance and Art to students taking part in a national debating programme or the junior bake-off competition.

A plethora of new clubs has been provided since the start of the academic year, including the new board games club featured in this newsletter as well as the new library opening for all students at break times and lunches. We have exciting plans to extend the new library even further.

All of these opportunities, coupled together with academic success and the highest expectations of behaviour and conduct are part of providing an education at Waltham Toll Bar that is well-rounded and enriching. This is something we will continue to provide with all our passion and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support.

N.J. Whittle

Principal



HPV Vaccinations

On 3rd and 10th February the School Nursing Service will be visiting the Academy to give the 2nd dose HPV vaccination to a small number of Year 10 and Year 11 students who have not yet received this.

If you have any queries, please email the service on School.Immunisations@nelincs.gov.uk or phone 01472 323660.

Assessment Evening

The KS3 Assessment Information meeting for parents will take place on Monday 20th February between 5-5:30pm in the Drama Hall.

The evening will provide an opportunity for parents to see the assessment processes at KS3. This evening does not provide specific information about the progress of your child, its purpose is to give an overview of the assessment procedures in place at our Academy.

Please complete the form using this link by 17th February.

[Assessment Evening \(office.com\)](#)



Music

Mr Sellars, accredited guitar teacher, teaches a number of Waltham Toll Bar Academy students each Friday.

He spoke to all the students in Year 7 recently, and showed them a few of his guitars. He demonstrated some of the capabilities of the instruments, including performing an original composition.

If any students in Year 7 are interested in learning the guitar, please complete the form they were sent home with or do this via the school website, here: [Waltham Toll Bar Academy - Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust Family of Academies](#)

If the students are eligible for free school meals or have an EHCP, it is possible for the academy to fund these lessons.





Debate Mate



A selection of students from Years 7-10 attended the Grimsby Launch of 'Debate Mate 2023' last Thursday, at Blundell Park.

It was an exciting opportunity for students to find out what this programme will have in store for them.

The students

watched a lively debate take place which introduced the key skills and technical aspects of debating; it was something that sparked the students' enthusiasm to begin debating themselves.

The students involved will begin attending a weekly debating club run by 'Debate Mate' mentors, where they will prepare for local and potentially national competitions.





New Library

Our wonderfully refurbished library officially opened its doors to students of all year groups at the beginning of this term.

At every break and lunch-time, the library has been filled with enthusiastic and eager students looking to read from the wide variety of texts on offer or to quietly study.

It's been fantastic to see the students' excitement about this new space.



Nuala Stephenson 9K



Mia Low 7J, Alicia Silberga 7J and Daria Mardale 7A.



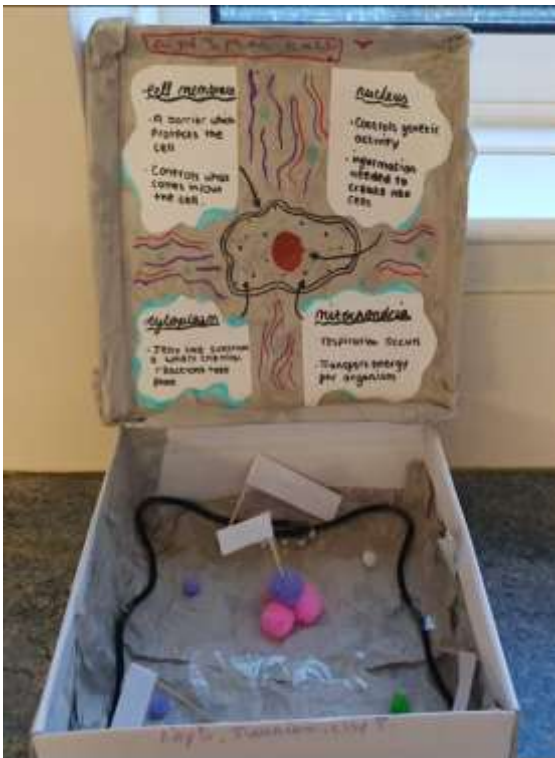
Cell Making Competition

Year 7 students worked hard on making model cells before the Christmas break.

They studied the organelles of a cell and designed their own model in a competition which took place across all of Year 7.

There was a lot of thought and imagination that went into this task and every student that took part should be proud.

It was very hard to decide on winners!



First place (pictured left): Lily Turrell 7F, Lily Stennett 7D and Juanita Out 7H

Second place (pictured above): Maisie Jackson 7M2

Third place: Isabelle Verity 7K

Fourth Place: Millie Platts 7H



Board Game Club

We are starting a Board Game Club here at the Academy.

This will be run by the Humanities Department in 10C on Tuesday from 3:15-4pm.

Starts 31st January.



Personal Development



This week's personal development focus at the Academy is on the dangers of vaping for young people. Last week they covered Road Safety and next week they will study about what makes them proud to be from Grimsby to coincide with 'Great Grimsby Day'.

Lincs2

Year 11 Students have now completed their Lincs2 applications to move on to their next stage of Education or Employment - for any further enquires around Year 11 next steps, please contact Mrs Willoughby at the Academy.



Paint the Town Proud

On Wednesday 11th January our Year 12 art students toured the murals of Grimsby's *Paint the Town Proud* project, accompanied by Curriculum Leader Claire Stephen and art technician Liz Radley.

The trip not only exposed the students to the styles of a variety of artists, it also provided some inspirational ideas as they plan large scale mural work for installation around our own Sixth Form site. We can't wait to see their ideas come to fruition.





InnerDrive

Our Year 12 and 13 students started 2023 as they mean to go on, with some inspirational study skills workshops, delivered by Tia Prior of InnerDrive.



With sessions focused on ‘Getting the most out of your brain when studying’ and ‘Seven key habits of successful people’, students explored areas such as goal setting, overcoming procrastination, taking responsibility and managing stress.

We very much hope this fantastic opportunity will help to establish even better habits at the start of a new calendar year.



Dance Showcase

The Waltham Toll Bar Academy Dance Showcase will take place on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 6pm.

There will be performances from students across all year groups in a range of different styles.

For tickets, please contact the Academy.

Art

A selection of our Year 7 art is being displayed at Cleethorpes Library as part of the Hand Art Competition. This work can be viewed in the Albert Room.





Art

Year 7 have been creating work in conjunction with The Big Draw Festival.

We've created a rainbow of hearts in the windows along the art corridor.

The Big Draw promote the universal language of drawing as a tool for learning, expression, and invention.

The 2022 Big Draw Festival theme, 'Come Back To Colour' is a love letter to each other and the world around us. The theme encapsulates what we all hope will be a rediscovery of the vitality, health, care and vibrancy in everyone's lives after what has been a challenging last few years.



Art

Year 9 have been creating work in conjunction with The Big Draw Festival 'Come back to colour' they have been inspired by the art work of Dale Chihuly - Glass Artist.

The students were asked to observe the colour around them, the wonderful vibrancy in the colours across the seasons and our natural world around us, taking a moment to celebrate our environment and protect the 'health' of our ecosystem.

They created circular stained glass inspired art, that we installed on the ceiling windows. These had great effect when the light was shining through.





Futurechef Junior Bake Off Cooking Club

The Futurechef Junior Bake Off Cooking Club had its first cooking session on the last week before Christmas, where pupils made a dish of their choice.

The purpose of this club links to the Springboard Futurechef Bake Off Competition for Years 7 and 8, which will see the students take part in different cooking challenges—this week is a savoury pastry product.

The club runs on Tuesday after-school, 3:30-5pm.





Food Technology

Jacob Kendall & Oscar Rock took advantage of equipment purchased through funding from the Savoy Educational Trust by producing fresh egg pasta towards their multicultural dish.



Year 10 Hospitality & Catering:
Portioned a whole chicken to
use on different dishes

Cameron Clark: Chicken & Mush-
room Pie



KS3 Food Assessments

Key Stage 3 Food students have completed their assessment dishes:

Year 7: Dish for a 13yr old competitive swimmer

Year 8: Multi-cultural dish

Year 9: Street food

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KS3 Food Assessments

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Maths Games Club

KS3 Maths Games Club!!

Enjoy Maths?

Enjoy games?

Come join Maths Games Club!

Tuesday 12:00 – 12:30 in 22H





World Religion Day

Our students celebrated World Religion Day by participating in an information hunt for 'The Golden Rule' with a chance to win an amazing prize as well as enjoying the special displays and resources offered in our new Academy Library.

