16th September



### Waltham Toll Bar Newsletter

### Message from the Principal

It is my pleasure to introduce the first newsletter for families of the new academic year. It certainly has been a busy and productive start to the year and this newsletter captures just some of our students' successes and the opportunities available to them.

Over the coming weeks we have exciting plans including announcing a series of educational trips and visits available to students, as well as a new Rewards and Recognition Policy. A number of after school and lunchtime clubs have also already began with more planned over this half term.

Toll Bar is a school which has already prided itself on very high expectations; indeed many Parents and Carers that I have met so far have told me how much they value this. Our expectations of behaviour and student conduct will remain high and I have been pleased with how students have been meeting these expectations.

This morning the entire Academy community came together to join a one-minute silence to reflect upon the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. I was proud to be joined by our Sixth Form Lead Ambassadors for the silence at the front of the Academy. A reminder also, that the Academy will be closed on Monday 19 September.

Our Open Evening has also had to be postponed and it will now take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. This is set to be a wonderful, celebratory evening - please do share the date with any of your friends or family who have children in Year 6. Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your support over these early weeks of term. I am looking forward to the academic year ahead - we as a school have much to be proud of and much to be optimistic about for the future.



On Monday we welcomed over 130 new Year 12 students in to our very own Sixth Form. We were delighted to see so many familiar faces returning to continue their studies with us, and also to welcome students who have joined us from many schools across the local area. They each now embark on a two year programme of study, focussing on A Level courses from a suite of 22 diverse subjects, including the new options of Sociology, Law and IT. We also look forward to our next generation of students visiting us for our Autumn Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, which will be a great opportunity for our Year 11 students to begin exploring post-GCSE options.





At 9.30am on Friday 16th September all students across The Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust participated in a minute's silence to remember Her Majesty the Queen.

During our Careers and Personal Development lessons this week, students at our academy have also been reflecting on the consistent support she gave for democratic government, her respect for people from all backgrounds, and the sense of duty she demonstrated during her reign.



#### Waltham Garden Club

A number of students from the academy were entered by Mrs Siddall into an Art Competition hosted by the Waltham Garden Club.

We are proud to announce that three of our students scooped the top prizes with Iris Howell winning first prize, Oliver Drake winning second prize (pictured) and Lucas Gill winning third place.



#### **Art Club**

The Art department are offering a number of sessions at lunch and after-school for those interested in Art and Photography. Below are details of these sessions:

#### After school KS4 GCSE Art

Monday: Mrs Stephen Tuesday: Mrs Dandy Wednesday: Miss Brown

### After school KS4 GCSE Photography

Thursday: Mr Davis -Photography

#### Lunchtime Yr 7 and Yr 8 Art

Wednesday 12.00 - 12.40 in 30U with Miss Wright.

### Lunchtime Yr 9, 10 and Yr11 Art

Tuesday 12.50-1.30 in 30R with Mrs Dandy





**PE After school Clubs** 

The PE department have already begun their after school clubs. Below are the sports clubs that will be taking place over the next two weeks. All students are welcome.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday					
Tuesday	Badminton Table Tennis	Badminton Table Tennis	Badminton Table Tennis	Badminton Table Tennis	Badminton Table Tennis
Wednes- day	Girls Netball	Girls Netball	Girls Netball	Girls Netball Boys Basket- ball	Girls Netball Boys Basket- ball
Thursday	Hockey Girls Rugby	Hockey Girls Rugby	Hockey Girls Rugby	Hockey Girls Rugby	Hockey Girls Rugby

#### Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 8-9 Netball CVL @ Waltham Toll Bar 5:30pm finish
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 8 B Team ESFA Vs Humberston @ Waltham Toll Bar 4:00pm KO
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 11 ESFA Vs Withernsea 3:45pm KO
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 8-9 6 aside Football CVL @ Ormiston 5:30pm finish

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**Duke of Edinburgh Award** 



This academic year we have 78 students enrolled on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Bronze award consists of four sections-volunteering, skill, physical and expedition. Some of our students have already begun their journey on the scheme by learning a new languages, volunteering in charity shops and supporting children and adults with special educational needs and disabilities.

#### Our 6th Form



On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September we welcomed 130 new Year 12 students in to our very own Sixth Form. We were delighted to see so many familiar faces returning to continue their studies with us, and also to welcome students who have joined us from many schools across the local area. They each now embark on a two year programme of study, focussing on A Level courses from a suite of 22 diverse subjects, including the new options of Sociology, Law and IT. We also look forward to our next generation of students visiting us for our Autumn Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, which will be a great opportunity for our Year 11 students to begin exploring post-GCSE options.



#### **Level 2 Sports Leaders**



This year, Mr Cowie is running a Level 2 Sports Leaders Award for Year 9 students. This award is nationally recognised and helps to promote leadership skills and confidence through sport. If any Year 9 students are interested in gaining this qualification they will need to see Mr Cowie in the Brown Gym on Friday.

### Year 7 Settling in Evening

On 3rd October between 6pm-7pm there will be a 'Settling In' evening for the parents of all Year 7 students. This will be an opportunity to speak to Mr Pharaoh, the Head of Year, and Form Tutors to outline the support and guidance we will offer our students in the year ahead. The academy will contact parents of all Year 7 students in due course with more information about the session.



Waltham Toll Bar Open Evening



