



Waterloo Lodge
School

Waterloo Lodge School Vision

We believe that the potential for future development of the pupils placed within Waterloo Lodge School rests primarily within the individual child, but this 'potential' is encouraged to fulfilment through the supporting work of all the dedicated teachers and staff working in partnership with parents and carers.

Executive Head Teacher Mrs Rigby

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I would like to thank both the staff and pupils for their hard work during the Autumn Term. The staff have shown their dedication and commitment towards the education and well-being of our pupils. The pupils have shown a positive attitude towards their learning with high levels of engagement. I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support.

Calendar Dates for the Spring Term

5th – 9th February 2024:

Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day

12th – 16th February 2024

Half Term – School is closed

19th – 23rd February 2024:

Random Acts of Kindness Week

26th February – 1st March 2024

Mock Examinations for Year 11 and Year 12

7th March 2024

World Book Day

11th – 15th March 2024

National Careers Week

18th – 22nd March 2024

South Korean Theme Week

Thursday 28th March 2024

School closes at 12.00pm for Easter



Waterloo Lodge Raises Money for Derian House Children's Hospice

For the past academic year, the pupils and staff of Waterloo Lodge School have been putting on different events, and days to raise money for their chosen charity; Derian House Children's Hospice. Throughout this time pupils have helped with Open Days, worn their jeans in support, dressed up for World Book Day, and taken part in an enrichment Enterprise. Overall, the pupils and staff have raised £1600 for Derian House. In December 2023, two School Council members; Charlie and Sharna along with Mrs Rigby, the Executive Head Teacher, presented Derian House with a cheque for the raised funds.

Apprenticeship Week



Apprenticeship week ran from the 27th November – 1st December 2023. During this week, the school opened their doors to Runshaw College's Relationship Team. The team gave a talk to pupils in Years 10-12 about the role of apprenticeships, what an apprenticeship is, what types are available, and how the pupils could gain one. The feedback from pupils was very positive, and the team from Runshaw expressed that pupils were very welcoming and that they would be honoured to join us again.



Anti-Bullying and LGBTQ+

From the 13th to 17th November 2023 pupils took part in activities to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. During SMSC time pupils were given the opportunity to have discussions about what bullying means to them, how banter can turn into something more hurtful and what we can do to stop bullying. This was also followed up during Mentor sessions where pupils were able to get creative and design individual pieces of artwork to promote anti-bullying and kindness to others throughout school! Staff and pupils have worked on having ambassadors for LGBTQ+ represented in the student council and the school. Everyone has worked together to develop display boards, focusing on sexuality, gender identity, and pronouns.



A trip around the world (in 80 days...)

Two groups of pupils from school were able to visit the Bolton Octagon Theatre for their rendition of Jules Verne's, *Around the World in 80 Days*. For some of the pupils, this was their first visit to a theatre. The play started in Victorian England, and was filled with twists and turns, clouds and lightening in the sky, a giant hot air balloon, and meaningful songs that relayed the story to the tentative audience. The play started with a large bet between some "friends" about how they could travel around the world in less time than the USA already had. Phileas and Passepartout departed on their tour of the world, jumping trains in East Asia, soaring through America, celebrating Diwali in India and travelling through exotic lands.



The Student Council are selected!



During the Autumn Term, elections for Student Council took place. Pupils were given the chance to put their name forward for a potential place on the Student Council. Applying for the role and answering questions such as "why do you feel you would be good for the role" and "why is it important for pupils to have their say in school". We received several worthy applications, but it was decided to offer 3 pupils the chance to represent the voice of the pupils! The Student Council have since conducted a survey to ask their peers questions relating to school life such as 'what colour shirt would you like for PE, what snacks would you like at breaktime and what breaktime activities would you like to see".

Attendance

Attendance in school or on Live Learning is arguably one of the most important indicators of school success. Your child cannot learn when they are absent. Pupils who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful. If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you ring the School Office on: 01257 230894 between 8am and 8.30am each day of their absence. If your child has an appointment, please send a copy of the appointment/invite to: admin@waterloolodge.co.uk