



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.

Ofsted Results

We were delighted with the two Ofsted visits we had last academic year. The first visit in February was the full inspection and the second one in July was the material change to adjust the age range of pupils. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your lovely comments and ongoing support.

Executive Head Teacher Mrs Rigby

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break with your children and families.

It is always very sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 12 pupils when they leave us; but I was delighted with their summer examination results. It gives me a real sense of pride seeing the pupils rewarded for their hard work. They are all now either in their chosen college or have secured an apprenticeship and we wish them all the best for their future.

The start to the new academic year has been very positive. We are pleased to welcome all our new pupils who have done incredibly well in settling into school.

Following a full refurbishment over the summer holidays we were excited to open our new Explorers and Primary classes. The team have worked exceptionally hard to make this area look incredible.

The chickens have returned from their summer holiday and are producing fresh eggs daily, which we use in Food Technology and the main school kitchen. The pupils all enjoy spending time with the chickens in horticulture.

We are looking forward to a busy but positive Term.

Calendar Dates for the Autumn Term

2nd September 2024:

INSET day – School is closed to pupils

3rd September 2024:

International Day of Charity

9th September – 13th September 2024:

Fairtrade Week

16th September – 20th September:

National Coding Week

30th September 2024:

World Heart Day

7th October – 11th October 2024:

National Vegetarian Week

14th October – 18th October 2024:

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Volunteering Week

18th October 2024:

School closes to pupils

21st – 22nd October 2024:

INSET day – School is closed to pupils

18th October – 1st November 2024:

Half Term – School is closed

4th November 2024:

Stress Awareness Week

11th November – 15th November 2024:

Mock Exam Week Year 11's

Transgender Awareness Week

18th November – 22nd November 2024:

Road Safety Awareness Week

23rd November 2024

Christmas Fayre 10am – 2pm

25th November – 29th November 2024:

Men's Mental Health Week

2nd December – 6th December 2024:

Belgian Week

9th December 2024:

Buddhism and Bodhi Day

16th December – 20th December 2024:

Christmas Around the World Week

20th December 2024:

School closes at 12:00pm for Christmas

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 92%. From 2015, the DfE changed the persistent absence threshold to 10%. This means that any pupils with an attendance rate of 90% or below is classed as a persistent absentee.

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please ensure you contact the school office between 8am and 8.30am each day.

Enterprise



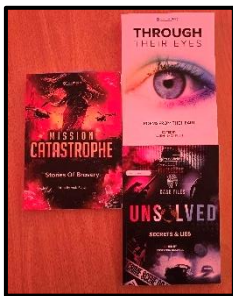
The Form groups at Waterloo Lodge School were given £25 to fundraise for our chosen charity, the North West Ambulance Service (NWAA). The Form groups invested the £25 in resources and equipment, getting creative to return a profit. The pupils came up with various ways to raise money such as selling juice and biscuits, organising sponsored walks, and fun activities like “name the teddy” and “guess the number of sweets”. They even ventured into creating and selling 3D printed key rings, birdhouses, hanging baskets, cards, and plant pots. Throughout the project they engaged with the community by visiting schools, retirement homes, our Head Office, and local parks, honing skills like planning, teamwork, cost management, and resilience whilst learning about the significance of charity. We raised a total of £992.00

Volunteer Week



Volunteer week for pupils and staff at Waterloo Lodge School was a huge success. Pupils volunteered in three local organisations; Brothers of Charity, Help the Homeless and Buckshaw Retirement Home. Pupils had experience in the workplace and met some amazing staff and volunteers. Pupils learnt what volunteering is and how it can support their career development and why it is important to support their communities. Following the volunteering pupils expressed an interest in completing more voluntary work and have said that volunteering made them feel happy.

Young Writers – Writing Competition



Back in Spring, students were published in This is Me and were in the process of creating their poems for the Through Their Eyes competition. The competition asked pupils to create poems through the eyes of someone else. Year 10 pupil Luke wrote a wonderful rhyme through the eyes of a witch hunter in the 1600s, and how to catch a witch. Year 10 pupil Hayleigh wrote about life through the eyes of a serial killer, a haunting look into their thoughts and feelings. Finally, Year 10 pupil Jess wrote a poem about how the world should bow down to the reader, who becomes more and more egotistical throughout. A fantastic result for pupils again! Well done!

Student Council



Waterloo Lodge School’s student Councillors were awarded for their efforts during the 2023-2024 academic year. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Charlie, Sharna and Kian for all their hard work to be the voice of their fellow pupils. The Councillors have had their say over several aspects of school life including developing new ideas for break time activities and even naming the new school chickens! After a successful year as a Councillor, Sharna recently has been encouraging some of her younger peers to apply for the next academic years council and has suggested positive qualities that should be seen in future candidates.

Open Day



Waterloo Lodge School had a fantastic Open Day! The event had a range of activities for both pupils and guests. From slime making to science experiments, flower displays and more, there was something for everyone. Visitors enjoyed delicious canapés made by the pupils, view the art gallery, and relax with tea, coffee, and cake. All proceeds went to our chosen charity North-West Air Ambulance Service

Primary Provision/ Explorers



We are thrilled to introduce our new primary provision, welcoming pupils in Year 6 to support with their transitions. We have also opened our Explorer’s classroom, where pupils are able to explore the curriculum in a tailored way.

