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GOOLE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Foreword from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

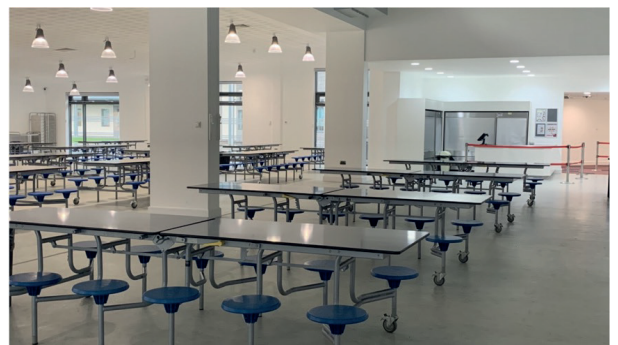
As I write this letter, we are rapidly approaching the end of the second term of this year. As always, things are fast-paced in school and a great deal of progress is being made in moving the school in the right direction.

I feel that, probably, our biggest success this term has seen the opening of our new dining room and main hall reception area. It has taken 6 months to complete, with some minor disruptions for our students, but it has been worth the wait. This is a fantastic resource not only for our students, but our whole community. This is another example of the investment that has been supported by Delta Academies Trust. This will allow us to cater for the rapidly increasing student numbers we have received in recent years. We're just in the process of adding the finishing touches to the project now.

As ever, I am delighted with the contents of this newsletter. So many individual and collective successes to share. I know I speak on behalf of all our staff when I say how delighted we are to be associated with the Academy and its students. I hope you have a wonderful Easter break when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Mr Julian Harrison
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BANK OF ENGLAND VISIT

In the first week back after half term, Adam Johnson, from the Bank of England, came to speak to some Year 8 students. As well as explaining the role of the Bank and the function of money, he told us all about the gold in its vaults. Sadly, we were not able to measure the items he brought in from the gift shop in carats, but we appreciated them nonetheless.

We learned some great facts during the talk. Did you know that:

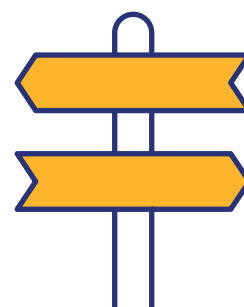
- **The Bank of England began in a house**
- **The gold in the vaults is so heavy that the floor has had to be strengthened**
- **Other countries use the vault for their gold and the Bank charges them rent**
- **There are Banks of England all around the country and the nearest one to us is Leeds**

Adam's visit has generated many questions from the Year 8 students and we hope he will answer these in a future Teams call.



CAREERS FAIR

On 17th January 2023 all students took part in a post-16/careers fair and they all had the opportunity to speak with over 20 employees, colleges, universities and training providers. This event allowed our students to understand the opportunities that are available to them in our local area and beyond. The event also included a few alumni students who have achieved great things since leaving the academy, such as jobs with Microsoft and jobs that allow them to see the world. By allowing our students the opportunity to speak with these people, and the others that attended, we have been able to raise the aspirations of our students and show them what is possible beyond Goole Academy. The event was invaluable to our students and feedback from both exhibitors and students was fantastic.



GOOLE ACADEMY PE

We have recently hosted a Year 6 indoor athletics competition for Goole primary schools. Children had a lot of fun and our Sports Leaders were brilliant.

Years 7 and 10 are finishing off their league games this half term in the Rural East Riding League with fixtures against Howden, Woldgate and Beverley Longcroft Schools.

Our Year 7B football team progressed to the quarter finals of the Humberside Cup with a win over Tollbar Academy.

Year 7 girls competed against Ridgewood School and continued their winning netball streak.

Our Year 7 and 8 girls also continue to win locally against Cottingham School and Trinity Academy at Thorne.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Holocaust Memorial Day was commemorated on Friday 27th January 2023 to remember those murdered during the Holocaust by the Nazis. This date marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In addition to their assembly that week, History students in Years 9, 10 and 11 were given the opportunity to listen to the testimony from Holocaust survivors - Ruth Posner BEM and Eva Clarke BEM. Taking time to commemorate the Holocaust not only allowed us to pay our respects to both the victims and survivors, but it also allowed us to take steps towards creating a safer future for all and preventing further genocides.

LANGUAGENUT'S LANGUAGE COMPETITION

A massive well done to Anthony P in Year 11 who finished on Languagenut's final leader board winning himself an Amazon voucher and a certificate. Anthony was also ranked as the first student in our school in this UK Secondary Language Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in Languagenut's February Language Competition. Well done to Joe A who was ranked as the second linguist in our school and Sandra B who was ranked as the third linguist in our school.

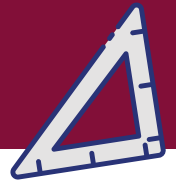
There were a lot of French activities completed - during the month of February 2.5 million activities were completed by over 175,000 students in 1,805 different schools – amazing work everybody!

Languagenut is a great resource for learning French as it enables our students to reinforce their vocabulary, whilst simultaneously practising the four key skill areas of language learning. The digital resources are easy to use and are perfectly aligned with our teaching and learning content. It offers a range of interactive games and activities to challenge, engage and motivate our students. There are also over 8,000 exam-style questions for our Key Stage 4 students covering all four key skills and a vocabulary bank of over 4,500 words/phrases in French across a range of tenses. The automatically-marked reading and listening activities give immediate feedback to students.

We set homework using Languagenut and all students must ensure they have their username and password so they can access all their assignments.



MATHS DEPARTMENT



DALLOWGILL - MATHS AND SCIENCE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Some Year 11 students went on a residential to Dallowgill in Nidderdale for a 2 day maths and science enrichment weekend. Throughout the weekend, students completed past papers, took part in a maffle (Maths raffle), maths noughts and crosses and kahoot quizzes. On Saturday afternoon, we went on a walk to Greygarths monument where Mr Tolson kept getting lost! We spent the evenings sitting around the campfire and had an intense game of Monopoly that lasted from Friday night until Sunday morning. The students said that they had a great time and we have already had Year 10 students asking if they could do the same when they are in Year 11.

EDUCATION HOUSE MATHS TRIP

17 Delta schools attended the Education House maths enrichment trip which was organised to support our students in achieving higher grades. We started off the day by learning calculator skills, recalling formulas and putting them to practice. We competed in a relay race against the other Delta schools where Goole Academy came joint third! The last session was a quiz on Quizizz where students competed individually, answering higher grade questions.

UKMT IMC

The UK Maths Trust's annual Intermediate Maths Challenge, aimed at Year 9, 10 and 11 students in schools across the nation, took place on Thursday 2nd February 2023.

9P1, 9Q1, 10P1 and 10Q1 participated in the tough challenge and results show that Goole Academy students collectively achieved four silver certificates and ten bronze certificates, three of those coming from Year 9 students!

The best score in the school came from a Year 10 student, scoring a brilliant 63 points. Harry B (Year 9) scored 49 points, achieving the highest score in that year, which also turned out to be the fifth highest score in the school with only four students in Year 10 beating him!

NUMBER DAY

Friday 3rd March 2023 was Number Day. Students in school had the opportunity to complete a darts related drill activity in their Maths lessons on this day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events include the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, aimed at Year 7 and 8 on 26th April 2023 and some different activities to participate in on Pi Day (14th March).



HEGARTY HEROES


Hegartymaths.com is a powerful online maths resource which is shown to dramatically improve student attainment. It is used to set maths homework for all Year 11 students. It also offers 'Fix up 5' (randomly resets 5 questions students previously answered incorrectly) and 'Memri' (random questions from previously completed topics) so it can help with misconceptions and revision. Every skill has its own prerecorded video which shows students how to tackle even the most challenging questions. There is also the option to ask your teacher for help directly. It is provided free of charge to all students.

Goole Academy students have really taken the opportunities that hegartymaths.com offer on board this year. Over 160 000 questions have been answered, 13 500 new skills have been successfully completed and over 2600 hours spent using the platform this year.

We are currently involved in the Delta Hegarty competition and have reached the semi-final stage where we are currently competing against De Lacey Academy.

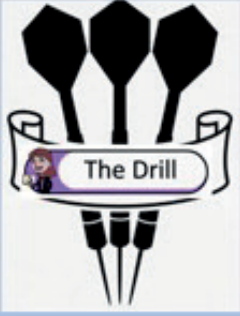
Six students have completed over 100 new skills this year and we have one Year 11 student who is one of a handful of people to have completed all 925 tasks worldwide – an incredible achievement!

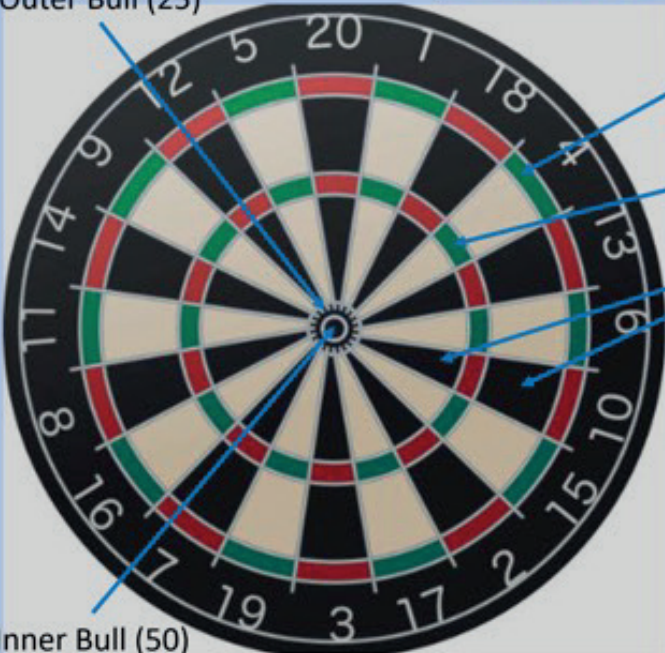
The message to Year 11 is simple – USE HEGARTY MATHS! It is a proven resource that will help to dramatically improve your maths GCSE grade if used regularly.



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Number Day





Doubles (outer ring)

Trebles (inner ring)

Singles

Q1) What is your score if you get Single 20, Double 20 and Treble 20?

Q2) What is the maximum score you can get with three darts?

Q3) How can you score 67 with three darts?

Q4) How can you 'checkout' from a score of 118?

Q5) What is the lowest score that you can NOT 'checkout' on?

SPARX

Our goal at Goole Academy is to achieve **60% homework completion** across the whole school.

We are well on the way to reaching our target!

Students are set tasks every week on **Sparx**.

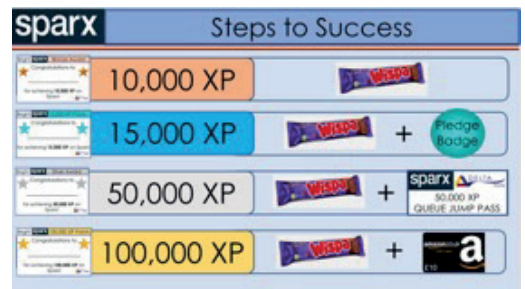
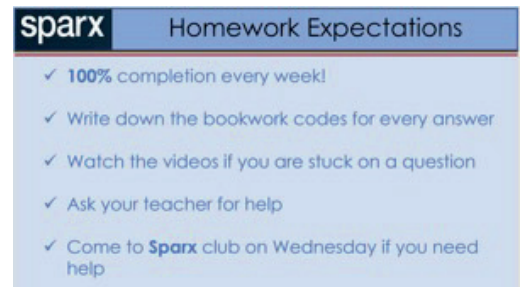
They are encouraged to gain as many **XP** points as possible by completing homework and **XP Boost** tasks.

We have two competitions running for each year group to earn rewards:

- **Steps to Success** (all year)
- **Beat the Directors** (monthly)

We also run **Sparx Club** every **Wednesday** afterschool in **Maths ICT** to enable students to complete their homework in a positive, supporting environment.

It's great to see students attending on a regular basis, trying their best and help each other too.



SPRING LITERACY ARTICLE

On Reading Routes this term, Year 7 have been reading and enjoying crime and mystery books, Year 8 have had thrillers and Year 9 have had comedies. Shortly after Christmas, Ava F in Year 7 finished reading all six books on the previous Comedy Central route, and Kelsey H in Year 8 has finished the current Thriller route. Ava F, Kelsey H, Alfie G and Gabriela G in Year 7, have also earned their 5-book Reading Routes award. Students are eagerly awaiting the draw of the Reading Routes raffle at the end of this route, with several students also in the running with multiple tickets!

On Accelerated Reader, at the time of writing, 17 Year 7 students and 15 Year 8 students have earned their AR pledge badge this term, though several are very close to reaching the 250,000 words needed to achieve this so these numbers will undoubtedly be higher by the end of term. We have also celebrated our first Word Millionaire this year, Jacob J in Year 8, and this was closely followed by Amelia R in Year 8 and Amelia B in Year 7. So far this year, Year 7 have collectively read just under 28 and a half million words and completed 805 quizzes and Year 8 have read over 24 and a half million words and completed 880 quizzes. Students have also been enjoying taking part in a snakes and ladders challenge linked to Accelerated Reader and Reading Routes quizzes and they have become very competitive!

In the first week of March we celebrated World Book Day with various activities taking place throughout school. In their LRC lessons Year 7 and Year 8 were tasked with designing creative book covers inspired by four different blurbs. During tutor time all year groups were challenged to a children's literature quiz with one winning tutor in each year group. Years 7, 8 and 9 also enjoyed a spooky story told in five parts throughout the day; Click Clack the Rattlebag by Neil Gaiman. Every student in Year 8 has been given the opportunity to choose a free World Book Day book which follows on from them choosing a BookBuzz book in Year 7.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



"ADOPT AN ANIMAL" COMPETITION

Goole Academy have recently taken part in a Delta Science Competition – "Adopt an Animal" for Years 7 and 8.

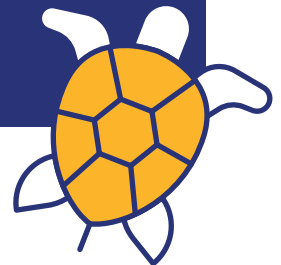
The standard and response from the Year 8 students was brilliant and we awarded our own 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes:- Zac S 3rd place, Willow A 2nd place and Matilda P 1st place. Matilda P also won the overall Delta Competition. She won an Amazon gift card and a certificate.



THE BRIEF

Your task is to design an adoption pack to help raise money save an endangered species.

- First you need to choose an animal from the endangered list:
[10 of the world's most endangered animals | WWF](#)
- Then you need to decide what your adoption pack should contain.
- This can be anything you want: a poster, a leaflet, a certificate, badges, a model of the animal, it could even include a video.
- Remember to include scientific facts about the animal to help persuade people that they should adopt your chosen animal.



PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION



On 1st March we launched a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and encourage the use of reusable bottles at school.

Schools of a similar size to Goole Academy throw away around 120,000 plastic bottles and cans each year! In terms of harmful CO2 generated, that's the volume of one Olympic sized swimming pool each school day. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that do get recycled are creating more harmful CO2 into our environment at each recycling process. The "GenerationJuice" Drinks Hubs are being introduced, which will allow students and staff to purchase a variety of drinks dispensed into their own reusable drinks bottles. These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into the drinks bottle and are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Summer Fruits and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Mandarin Mango and Cherry juice drinks. They are proving to be very popular amongst our staff and students.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT GOOLE ACADEMY



At Goole Academy, we support all students with their Emotional and Mental Health.

Some of the systems we have in place are:

- **Learning Manager support**
- **Emotional Literacy**
- **Positive Handling Risk Assessments**
- **Designated Mental Health Champions**
- **Staff trained in Mental Health First Aid**
- **Mental Health Tip of the Week in the Bulletin**
- **Assemblies discussing Mental Health Topics**
- **Resources and telephone numbers for external agency support**
- **EPC lessons designed around Mental Health topics.**

Any parents who have concerns around their child's mental health and wellbeing at school should make contact with their child's Learning Manager in the first instance. They will be able to signpost to the relevant agency for the correct support. Your GP can also offer advice and make referrals.

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