

SUMMER 2023

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GOOLE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Foreword from the Associate Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing this letter as Associate Principal at the Academy, the academic year has flown by, and the summer break will soon be upon us. I have been at the academy for 5 years now and I hope to continue moving us forward and securing good examination outcomes for all. I feel that we have had an exciting summer term, we have been able to get students out of the academy on Geography field trips to the coast, university and college visits to support future careers and taken Year 7 students to York for the day. We have also said farewell to Year 11 – Class of 2023. Staff were able to celebrate with them at Leavers Day and Prom and I wish them every success as they move towards their next chapter. All of this supports our students in providing enrichment opportunities but more importantly making memories! I am overwhelmed by the content of this newsletter, and I am proud of our students' achievements that are truly worth celebrating. On behalf of myself and all the staff at the academy, I wish you all a wonderful Summer and look forward to welcoming all our students and especially our new Year 7s in September.

Best wishes,

Kirsty Holt



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FANTASY WINGS

We were delighted to be able to have Year 11 students take part in the 2022 / 2023 Fantasy Wings Programme. Students were selected and attended Saturday sessions in Manchester for 10 months from October 2022 and then the final presentation was in London on 1st July 2023.

One of the biggest problems facing the aviation industry is a lack of diversity. Limited support and systemic barriers make it hard for underrepresented groups like females, to access the exciting opportunities on offer in the airline pilot industry.

Fantasy Wings has been set up to change the status quo. As the only programme of its kind, this pioneering course brings together pilots from leading airlines, aviation professionals and flight training organisations to help launch students into the aviation industry.

The course was designed to equip the students with the necessary tools they need to succeed in the industry and to land their first-time role.

The students received career mentoring that will sharpen their skills and prepare them for a career in aviation. These seminar-style sessions were led by pilots, engineers and aviation professionals and they delivered targeted talks aimed at giving the students practical insights and invaluable knowledge about the industry.

A fantastic effort by Khady D who attended all of the sessions. Well done Khady.



AU REVOIR TO OUR FRENCH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

Our French students have been working hard this year with our French Assistant – Elisa Mabboux. She has worked with all year groups building up their confidence with spoken French, working with our Year 11 French students to prepare them for their French speaking exam and teaching students about French culture.

Language assistants in the UK work in the classroom with teachers or on their own with small groups. They spend up to a year helping students improve their confidence with foreign languages and increase their cultural awareness.

We have been very fortunate to have had Elisa working with us this year and students have really enjoyed the opportunity.

We wish her well in her future studies and hope that she will visit Goole Academy again soon.



YEAR 10 ENGINEERING TRIP TO DBS CONSTRUCTION

Following a PBS Construction engineer coming to Goole Academy in April to deliver a civil engineering insight for the Year 10 engineering students, the Year 10 engineers then took time out of lessons on 23rd May to speak to more civil engineers at a construction site in a local village.

PBS Construction is a family-owned civil engineering business based in Hull, who work across the North of England for lots of different types of clients. Their services include highways, public realm, building and refurbishment, heritage, bridges and flood defence. The engineering students were able to talk to PBS engineers about all of the different civil engineering career paths that are available and also the numerous job opportunities within their company. It was good to visit a "Live" civil engineering construction site and to see civil engineering in action.

A big thanks to PBS Construction and helping our students to understand the exciting and extensive range of engineering career options that they have.

MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORM AT THE FIRST EVER DELTA PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Students from Goole Academy were invited to perform at the first Delta Primary Music festival at Education House, Knottingley. Students from Years 9 and 10 performed the songs 'Mr Blue Sky, I'm a Believer, Johnny Be Good and the Importance of Being Idle'. All performances were received extremely well by the audience and our students enjoyed watching performances by the primary schools.

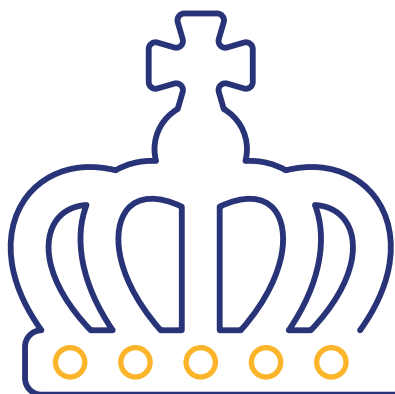


HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT



LOCAL HISTORY MONTH!

May was local History month and History students were set the task of researching something of historical interest from the local area. This could be any aspect of Goole's history that students found interesting, and they were then asked to create a presentation to tell others all about it. Many entries were submitted including those about the docks and the Clock Tower! Well done to all who entered!

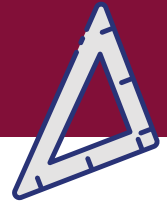


HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO YORK!

During this half term all students in Year 7 have had the opportunity to visit the ancient city of York as part of a joint History and Geography visit. Students had time to explore Clifford's Tower and admire the stunning views from the top across York, locating many medieval buildings and the famous Minster. They were able to consider why William the Conqueror decided to build his castle on this location after a rebellion broke out in 1068. In addition, the Geography tour allowed students to analyse the flood defences present in York today. This involved considering the effectiveness of the flood walls and gates, the Foss Barrier and channelisation. Students were also shown the birthplace of Guy Fawkes and the Shambles. A great opportunity to explore the local area!



MATHS DEPARTMENT



UKMT JMC

On Wednesday 26th April 2023, students in Years 7 and 8 took on the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, a 60-minute, multiple-choice challenge designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

The exasperating 60-minute paper was completed by many students in schools across the country and the highest scorers are invited to compete in the even more perplexing Junior Kangaroo.

Across Goole Academy, students earned 5 Gold Certificates, 6 Silver and 31 Bronze. Three impressive boys also received an invitation for the Junior Kangaroo.

Here is an example question from the challenge:

What is the difference between the largest two-digit multiple of 2 and the smallest three-digit multiple of 3?

A: 5 B: 4 C: 3 D: 2 E: 1

And here is a tougher example:

In a football match, Rangers beat Rovers 5-4. The only time Rangers were ahead after they scored the final goal. How many possible half-time scores were there?

A: 9 B: 10 C: 15 D: 16 E: 25

UKMT JUNIOR KANGAROO

On Wednesday 14th June 2023, two Year 8 students, who scored highly enough in the JMC to qualify, participated in the follow-on challenge. Unfortunately, the Year 7 student that qualified missed out due to illness but may get a second chance next year if he qualifies again after sitting the JMC in 2024 when he is in Year 8. We look forward to receiving these results.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



SUMMER LITERACY ARTICLE

Throughout this year we have enjoyed the first full launch of Reading Routes across all of KS3. Students from each year group have participated in live, online author events with Darren Simpson, Lucy Strange and Lisa Thompson who all have books which feature on our Reading Routes. Year 7 have passed 103 Reading Routes quizzes throughout the year, with 26 of those scoring 100%, and Year 8 have passed 84, with 34 of those scoring 100%. We have also celebrated several Reading Routes achievements throughout the year. In Year 7 Ava F, Gabriela G, Alfie G and Valentin S all received the five-book award, and Gabriela received the one for ten books too. Ava F also completed the Comedy Central route, and Gabriela G completed the History route. In Year 8 Kelsey H-O and Blake R both received the five-book award, and Kelsey also received the one for ten books and completed both the Thriller and Fantasy routes.

It's been close between Year 7 and Year 8 on Accelerated Reader this year. Year 7 have collectively passed 1,417 quizzes and read over 43 million words, and Year 8 have passed 1,570 quizzes and read over 44 million words. We've celebrated five Word Millionaires in Year 7: Richards R, Mateusz D, Gabriela G, Sandra B and Amelia B-P. In Year 8 we've had one Word Multi-Millionaire, Amelia R, and one Word Millionaire, Jacob J. Plus, 50 students in Year 7 and 56 in Year 8 have achieved the Accelerated Reader pledge badge by reading more than 250,000 words. Finally, the top performing tutors are 7ALU with the most words read (7,439,489) and 7LH with the most quizzes passed (186). In Year 8, 8ATU are the word-reading champions with 7,096,815, and it's a tie between 8ATU and 8MOY for most quizzes passed (175). Students have also been thoroughly engrossed in the Snakes and Ladders and Monopoly challenges linked to Accelerated Reader by passing quizzes and rolling the dice to win prizes in their LRC lessons.

POETRY CELEBRATION EVENT

Three students in Year 7 and three students in Year 8 attended a Poetry Celebration Event today having written some amazing poems! They had a talk from author, Darren Simpson, and took part in a workshop with rapper/spoken word artist, Rob Bradley. The students were fabulous and had a wonderful time! Alfie G even performed the rap he wrote on stage in front of all of the other schools!





PE DEPARTMENT

LATEST ACTIVITIES FROM GOOLE ACADEMY PE

Over this half term, we have hosted Year 6 Areté activities for the local primary schools in Goole. Our Year 8 and 9 sports leaders have helped to run the fun filled days of activities for VX ball, rounders and tennis. We have also hosted the local primary school events, which the Goole Academy students have helped to organise and lead.

We have also attended the Delta games where our Year 7-10 students participated in a series of athletic events with other Delta schools. The students were amazing throughout and worked well individually and in teams.

Our Year 7 students had an Inter House rounders and football tournament against other tutor groups within our school. Well done to 7MQ taking the trophy for the rounders and 7EH winning the football trophy.

Our Year 9 girls had a successful win at Snaith school playing rounders.

We have also enjoyed our annual sports day and trip to Costello athletics.

As a PE Department we have successfully launched the Wii sports club for all students to attend on a Wednesday night. This includes a series of games for eg. Mario Kart, rounders and tennis. This has been a huge success as we have a lot of students attending this club.

PE AWARD

Well done to Jack W in Year 11 on winning the "Outstanding Contribution to Leadership Award" at East Riding SSP Awards 2023. This is fully deserved for all his hard work with rugby officiating.

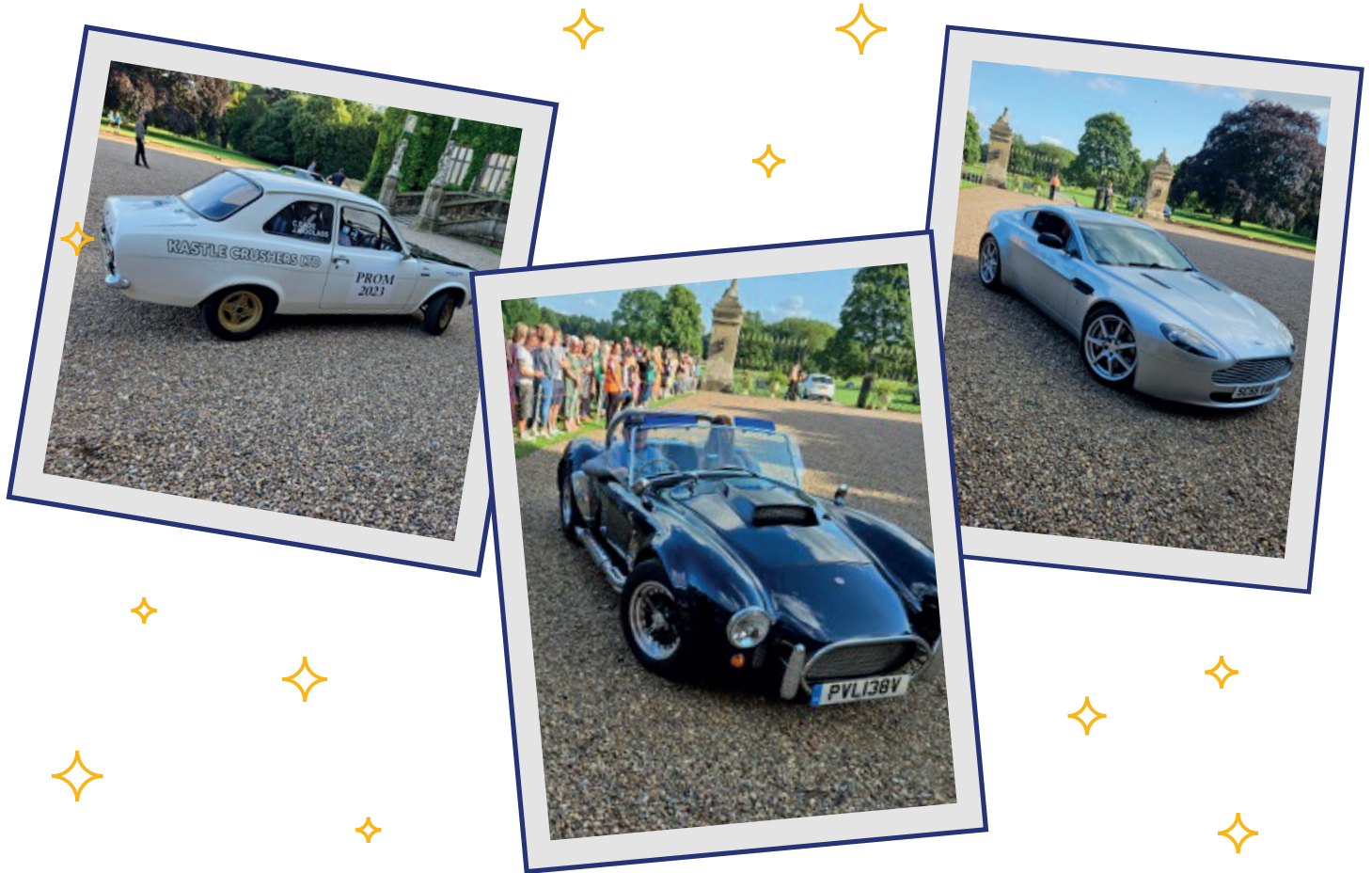


WATER SKIING SUPERSTAR IN YEAR 9

Oliver M in Year 9 has been making great progress with his water skiing. He is currently working on his barefoot skiing in France at Chartres with the GB Team and he will be representing the country for Team GB barefoot skiing in July.

He has been skiing with some of the German, Swiss and Netherland team members and is being trained by world champion barefoot skier Ashley Groan (Stebbins) from Florida. Oliver has also made the British National Championships for the British water ski tournament and he will be going to compete in this discipline in August at Oxford Water ski club. This summer he will also be representing his country at the Austrian nationals and the Europe and Africa championships. He has put in so much effort and determination and he has finally achieved his dream of making Team GB. Well done Oliver!





YEAR 11 PROM

A fantastic evening was had by all who attended the Goole Academy Prom at Carlton Towers. The night began with students arriving in an array of transport, from flashy sports cars, limousines, to a quad bike! Family, friends, and staff, lined the grounds to watch the students arrive and everyone took advantage of the mild weather conditions. Inside the spectacular venue, the students were spoilt with a glitter wall provided by What Katy Did, balloons and centre pieces by Abi's Fab Facepainting and Balloons. A sweetie table, selfie props and a DJ playing current chart hits were also provided. Food arranged by the venue was a delicious selection of fair foods and nibbles. Nominations for awards were made prior to the event, with plenty of deserving winners. Best Dressed nominations were made on the evening by the students and was won by Eden C. Professional photographer Dale Turner was on hand during the event to capture special friendships. All students looked sensational with some opting for traditional attire whilst others celebrated individuality with styling.

Prom was organised this year by the Senior Student Leadership Team. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported the evening.



WHAT IS MCAS?

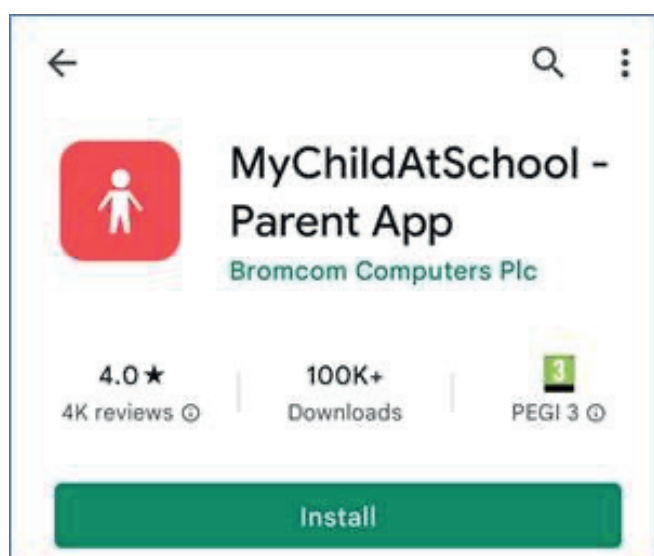
MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a portal that can enable parents to view their child's academic performance in real time via a web browser or mobile app. This facility allows exclusive access to key academic dates, attendance information and the personal details the academy holds for you and your child.

The academy are using all of the following modules which are available in MCAS:

- **Notifications**
- **Pupil details check**
- **Attendance**
- **Parent consents**
- **Parents evening booking**
- **Clubs and trips**
- **Dinner money**
- **Online payments**
- **Behaviour**
- **Reports**

We are encouraging all parents and guardians to install the app as app notifications will be our preferred method of communication from September. We are also going cashless, no more cash will be accepted for school trips, purchase of uniform or school meals.

The app is available through Google Store or Apple Store, just search for My Child At School app by Bromcom Computers Plc.



SCHOOL ABSENCE: GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND ILLNESS

Frequent absence is a serious problem for students, as often much of the work they miss is not made up, leaving these students at a significant disadvantage for the remainder of their school career. There is a clear link between poor school attendance and low levels of achievement. Your help and support is required to address this problem as quickly as possible.

At present the main reason for pupil absence from school within the East Riding is illness. When deciding whether or not your child is too unwell to attend school ask yourself the following questions:

- **Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?**
- **Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?**
- **Would I take a day off if I had this condition?**

Think carefully before keeping your child away from school for medical reasons. If they wake up saying they are unwell, consider whether the symptoms they have mean they need to stay at home. **Do not keep your child away from school 'just in case' when they could be in class learning with their friends.**

If your child requires a medical appointment these should be made outside school hours wherever possible. However, if your child has an appointment during school time you should take an appointment card or letter to the school office so your child's absence can be authorised.

COMMON CONDITIONS

If your child is ill, it is likely to be due to one of a few minor conditions. Whether you choose to send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. This guidance may assist you

- **Chicken pox:** Children should be kept at home for 5 days from the onset of the rash.
- **Coughs, colds:** A child with a minor cough or cold should attend school.

- **Earache:** Medical advice should be sought.
- **Headache:** A child with a headache does not normally need to be absent from school. If the headache is more severe and accompanied by other symptoms, you should seek medical advice.
- **Rashes including Hand, Foot and Mouth and Slapped Cheek:** Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious diseases. If your child has a rash, check with a pharmacist, practice nurse or GP before sending them to school.
- **Toothache:** School attendance should be maintained until your child can be seen by a dentist.

Vomiting and/or diarrhoea: Children with these symptoms should be kept at home for 24 hours after their symptoms have gone. If symptoms persist or reoccur medical advice should be sought.

There is **no** reason for your child to be absent from school for minor ailments such as:

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| • Athlete's Foot | • Threadworms |
| • Ringworm | • Head Lice |
| • Cold Sores | • Tonsillitis |
| • Conjunctivitis | • Period Pains |
| • Sore Throat | • Warts & Verrucae |

You should, however, seek treatment for the above ailments. Confidential medical advice can be sought from 8am onwards in relation to minor ailments from most pharmacies.

More detailed advice and information on these illnesses can be found on the school website or at the school office.

ABSENCE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME

If your child is absent from school due to illness for more than three days, or is often absent for short periods, you can be asked for supporting evidence (appointment cards etc) to confirm the absence. If your child is frequently ill, the school may be able to offer additional support and advice. If your child has had ten days absence in any one half term you will be asked to attend a meeting in school to discuss this.

MORE SERIOUS CONDITIONS

- **Asthma:** If your child has been diagnosed with asthma you will need to inform the school. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure their child has an inhaler in school, labelled with their name and is not out of date. See the school asthma policy on our website.
- **Broken Bones:** School will make arrangements, following medical advice, for children attending school with broken bones to stay inside where necessary.
- **Eczema:** Children with eczema can attend school even whilst being treated. Children should only be absent from school on the advice of the GP when the eczema is so severe.
- **Glandular Fever:** This infection is not caught by day to day contact, therefore your child does not need to stay away from school unless they feel too unwell to go.
- **Impetigo:** If your child has, or you suspect they have impetigo, you must seek medical advice and keep your child away from school until the sores have scabbed over and are healing, or 48 hours after starting medication. Don't forget to wash your hands to prevent the illness spreading!
- **High Temperature:** You can usually identify a high temperature through your child looking or feeling shivery. There are lots of reasons for a raised temperature and if symptoms persist you should seek medical attention. As soon as your child is feeling better they can return to school.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN SCHOOL

You need to inform school if your child has had hospital or surgical treatment and is returning to school with stitches or a plaster cast or if they need to restrict their Physical Education lessons, break times or lunchtimes. If your child has an on-going illness you may be required to come into school to discuss, set up a care plan or discuss a referral for Home Tuition.

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Sometimes you may keep your child off school because they are taking a prescribed medication. In many cases schools are able to help your child to take their medication and prevent unnecessary absence. If your child's medicine is to be taken three times a day this can be done before school, after school and before bedtime to prevent any disruption. If your child is taking prescribed medication during school time the medicine must be handed into the main reception by you as a parent/carer where you will be asked to complete a form giving details of medication and dosage and authorising a member of school staff to give the medicine to your child.

INFORMING SCHOOL OF MINOR ILLNESS

If your child is absent due to a minor illness you must contact school first thing in the morning giving the reason for the absence and how long you expect them to be absent. It is helpful if you let the school know the nature of the illness to prevent it being spread to others in the school. Medical evidence may be requested to support your child's absence (appointment card, medication, prescription etc).

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

You need to make sure school has your current contact details including your work, home and mobile telephone numbers, email address and also an emergency contact. It is important that school is able to contact you during the day if necessary.

HELP AND ADVICE

For further advice you can talk to a member of school staff or the school nurse. If you need any further medical advice please call NHS 111, visit your local pharmacy, walk-in centre or your GP.

A child who has frequent absence due to illness may be offered a Support Plan or referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Education Welfare Service

Telephone: (01482) 392146

NHS 111 Service (24 Hours)

Telephone: 111

School Nurse – Contact through school

Goole Academy

Centenary Road

GOOLE

DN14 6AN

Telephone: 01405 504000

Patient Advice & Liasion Service

Health House

Grange Park Lane

Willerby

HU10 6DT

Telephone: 01377 208823

ABSENCE QUICK GUIDE

Child has medical appointment or is considered too ill to attend school.

DAY 1 OF ABSENCE

Inform school before 9am of reason and expected return date of your child. Any medical advice given or visits made.

DAY 2 OF ABSENCE

Update the school on your child's progress, any medical advice given and confirmation of when your child will return to school especially if condition worsens.

DAY 5 OF ABSENCE

Update school on your child's progress regularly. Medical evidence may be requested for five days absence or more.

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 are creating more harmful CO₂ into our environment at each recycling process. The "GenerationJuice" Drinks Hubs have been introduced, which 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!

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 (Year Leaders)**
- **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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