



WETHERBY FIRST ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 2024

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcoming the school community back after the summer break is always a pleasure.

It is a chance to reconnect with each other, build new relationships with the children in Year 7 and look forward to everything the school year will bring. This roundup shares with you some of the highlights from the past 8 weeks and make you aware of activities the children to get involved in after the half-term break. I hope you enjoy the read.

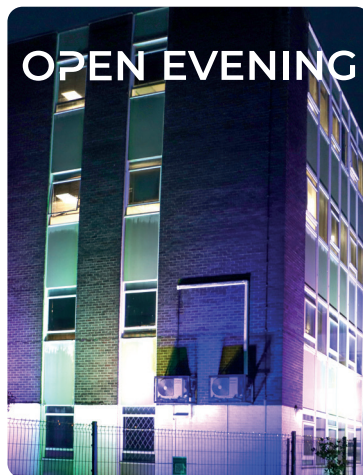
HALF-TERM 1 REVIEW

OPEN EVENING

Our annual Open Evening for students in Year 5 and 6 took place this half-term and was our busiest ever with over 250 families coming to look around our school.

To support these prospective students, over 100 of our new Year 7s had volunteered as tour guides, with parents stating how impressed they were with their knowledge of the school and how well they spoke on the evening.

A huge thank you to every student who supported the Open Evening to make it such a wonderful night!



YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING DAY

180 new Year 7s have joined us this half-term and made a superb start to their life at Wetherby High.

As part of their induction to support them form new friendships, to work together and to develop their character skills they took part in team building day. Students really impressed with their positive attitude to this and how they challenged and supported each other.



WETHERBY DASH

In a change to the school calendar, the annual Wetherby Dash took place this half-term.

This was a great event for the whole school to come together and support.

The Dash winners for 2025/25 were

Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented their House.



HALF-TERM 1 REVIEW - CONTINUED

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

This half-term students have donned their berets in the House **'Eiffel Tower Model Building'** competition.

A great opportunity for our budding architects and engineers to test out their problem-solving skills!



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 sat their first series of mocks this year, and have impressed with their positive attitude and hard work. It has been lovely to hear stories of students working together to revise for these exams and to establish a strong habit of revision that will support them as they progress throughout this year. Well done, Year 11!

YEAR 10 CAREERS EVENT & WORK EXPERIENCE

Students in Year 10 have started to look ahead to the next steps of their careers by attending the **careers fair at Leeds Beckett University**.

They have also started to look at work experience and where they would to spend their work placement which takes place next February.



COACHING THIS HALF-TERM

Our focus in Coaching this half-term has been on **building community within our groups, as we have welcomed new students and staff members to coaching.**



One of the ways we have done this is to reflect on our House identity and how we are all part of one of our four House communities.

We have looked at the **Ghanaian traditional art of Adinkras**

to create a House mosaic banner.

These banners were displayed at the Wetherby High Dash and will be used to show our allegiances throughout the year.

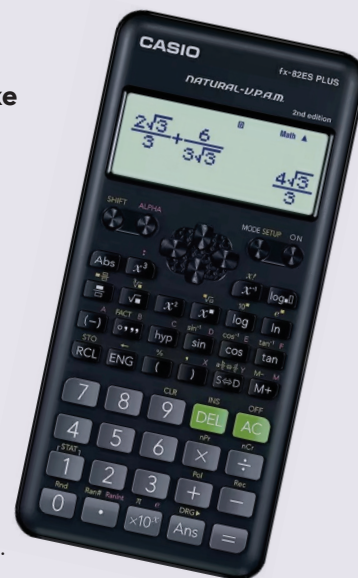


EQUIPMENT

Being properly equipped for school and lessons supports students to make good progress in their learning and develops their organisational skills.

Every day, all students should come to school with:

- A black backpack.
- A pencil case with black pens, a green pen, a ruler, a pencil, a rubber.
- A whiteboard pen (and spares).
- A calculator. Using calculators fluently is a key part of being a good mathematician. They will be used in most lessons and are allowed in 2 out of 3 of their GCSE Maths exams at the end of Year 11. Casio scientific calculators are recommended by the maths team.



Pens and pencil cases can be purchased via ParentPay and collected from the Student Reception.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN HALF-TERM 2 AT WETHERBY HIGH SCHOOL

HT2 Week 1 w/c 4th November	House competition: Art - taking place in art lessons for all KS3 students.
	Diwali celebration: Friday lunchtime under the canopy.
HT2 Week 2 w/c 11th November	House competition: Dodgeball - every lunchtime in the Sports Hall.
	Year 11 Mock Results Assembly for Year 11 students: Tuesday session 7.
HT2 Week 3 w/c 18th November	Year 11 PCE: Wednesday 20th November 4.00-7.00pm.
HT2 Week 4 w/c 25th November	Year 10 Mock exams: Monday-Friday (see timetable attached).
HT2 Week 5 w/c 2nd December	Performing Arts 'Winter Showcase': Tuesday 4.00-5.00pm in the Main Hall (tickets can be collected for this from Student Reception in November).
	Hanukah celebration: Friday lunchtime in the canteen.
HT2 Week 6 w/c 9th December	Year 10 PCE: Wednesday 11th December 4.00-7.00pm.
	Whole school traditional Christmas Dinner: Friday lunchtime in the canteen.
HT2 Week 7 w/c 16th December	KS3 Venture Presentation for KS3 students: Monday session 7.
	WHS Talent Show: Wednesday (for students only).
	House Celebration Day: Friday (school closes at 12.00pm). Students may wear a Christmas Jumper.

If your child would like any support in taking part in these events then please do speak to their coach.

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

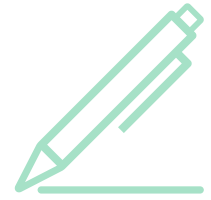
25TH - 29TH NOVEMBER

Students in Year 10 will be sitting their first set of mock exams in November.

The purpose of these mock exams is for:

- Students to experience what exams feel like by sitting them in the theatre and following exam regulations. This supports them to become comfortable with the process of sitting exams ahead of Year 11 and the real GCSEs in the summer of 2026!
- A chance for students to demonstrate their knowledge of their subjects so that teachers can identify gaps and misconceptions to allow students to make progress.

Students will receive a personalised timetable that will detail which exams they have, and where they will sit.



	MONDAY 25TH	TUESDAY 26TH	WEDNESDAY 27TH	THURSDAY 28TH	FRIDAY 29TH
PERIOD 1 8.40-9.30		OPTION B Art / Computing / DT / Food / Geography	OPTION A DT / Food / Geography / History / Music / Photography	ENGLISH LITERATURE	OPTION C Art / Drama / Geography / History / CAMNAT PE
PERIOD 2 9.30-10.20	SCIENCE BIOLOGY				
PERIOD 3 10.20-11.10					
PERIOD 4 11.35-12.20	FRENCH		MATHS Non-calculator		SCIENCE CHEMISTRY
PERIOD 5 12.20-1.15					
PERIOD 6 1.50-2.40	MATHS Calculator	SCIENCE PHYSICS			
PERIOD 7 2.40-3.20					