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NEWSFLASH

Fortnightly Newsletter of Woodhouse Grove School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone following the Summer break and a huge Grovian welcome to all new pupils and families joining the Grove community this September.

Newsflash comes out every two weeks and highlights some of the key activities taking place at the Grove. For Grove News, you can also follow us on social media.

Year 7 Team Building Day

Our new Year 7 enjoyed some fantastic sunshine for their team building day. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and work on communication and collaborative learning - as well as great fun!



Head Prefects

Congratulations to all of our elected Prefects for 2024/25 - we look forward to working with you. Well done to Lucy and Ayo, who are our Head Prefects. [Click here](#) to find out more about them.



Year 7 Academic Snapshot

Year 7 seemed to have settled in well. In History, 7H have been looking at primary and secondary sources with Mrs Warner and enjoyed passing round an original Warden helmet from WW2 and talking about why it is a primary source.



University DNA Workshop

Just before we broke for Summer, Year 12 biologists visited The University of York and carried out a practical in their fantastic labs. This was ideal preparation ahead of Year 13. They used special enzymes to 'chop up' DNA into specific and varied lengths. They then used a technique called 'gel electrophoresis to separate the fragments based on their size. This produced a unique banding pattern, and this process is also called DNA fingerprinting. They managed to match one of the suspect's DNA to a sample found at a crime scene.



Co-curricular Science Clubs

On Tuesday after school, Year 7 Crest Award Club and Year 8 & 9 STEM Club joined forces to explore everyone's favourite material: SLIME! Students worked in pairs and followed recipes to create and investigate 4 different types of slime: classic, glitter, magnetic and Oobleck. It is safe to say that lots of fun (and mess) was had by all - including the teachers!



Tim Peake — Meet & Greet

A group of Year 9 children and parents who love all things Stem and Space, organised a visit to see Tim Peake in Harrogate on Thursday night.

They arranged for a personal meet and greet with Tim before his show which was absolutely amazing. He signed books, took selfies and was so happy that the children had such an interest in Space. Evidently, a very educational and inspiring evening.

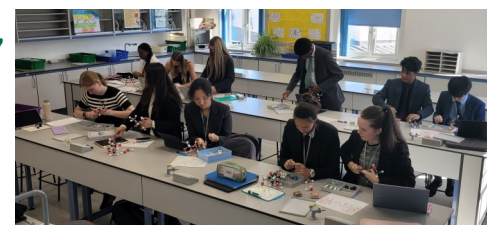


Biology Olympiad

15,000 students took part in the Royal Society of Biology's Olympiad. We had two gold medal winners (top 5% of all entered), one silver and two bronze. The students used their pre-existing knowledge and skills for this competition and showed great resilience and problem solving skills.

Science In the Classroom

In A-level biology, students have been exploring how monomers such as glucose



join together to make large polymers in condensation reactions. The students each built their own glucose with molymod kits before condensing them together to make a polysaccharide that was 11 glucose molecules long: An undecasaccharide'!

Boarding It's-A-Knockout

The rain did not dampen the spirits of our boarders who enjoyed an action-packed day of team building, problem solving and competition!

It was great to see them getting to know each other and working together throughout the day displaying high levels of motivation and resilience.

Our boarding community adds so much to our Grove community, and ensures there is always plenty to get involved with around school. More Photos on [flickr](#)



Knife Crime Awareness Workshop

This morning, Year 9 had a Knife Crime awareness workshop, led jointly by the NHS and the Police to try and help prevent the many tragic incidents in the UK.

West Yorkshire Police provided a scenario-based workshop that allowed pupils to see at first-hand how a murder investigation unfolds (based on a real-life case), and the dangers of carrying a knife.




The NHS A&E Doctors ran a session that looked at statistics, anatomy revision and real graphic injuries and how they manage penetrating trauma. They also discussed the consequences of knife crime.

A practical session followed, learning how to respond to a knife crime incident including calling 999 and applying pressure on bleeding wounds.



The ABC Online Safety Checklist

Internet Matters have produced a really simple guide for parents using Activate, Balance and Check.

 <p>Activate</p> <p>Activate parental controls</p> <p>Use the controls and tools available from broadband providers, online platforms and apps to install safe search settings, block inappropriate content and prevent contact from strangers.</p> <p>FIND A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE</p>	 <p>Balance</p> <p>Balance screen time</p> <p>Agree a good balance for your children's screen time, taking education and leisure content into account. Encourage active screen time over passive and consider setting limits for the total hours spent online each day.</p> <p>LEARN ABOUT BALANCE</p>	 <p>Check</p> <p>Check and chat</p> <p>Check which apps your children use and the relevant age limits for each platform. And talk regularly about online safety and what they might come across so you can work together to manage any risks and keep online experiences positive.</p> <p>GET ADVICE BY AGE</p>
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The ABC's are broken down by age to make this as simple as possible for parents: all ages, under 5's, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+. We thought this was well worth sharing!

You can download the guide [HERE](#)

BSA Sleep Champions

We are proud to announce that we have successfully achieved the Boarding Schools' Association 'Sleep Champions' accreditation for our boarding community at Woodhouse Grove School.

This scheme celebrates and recognises schools who are committed to improving sleep hygiene within their boarding facilities.

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SLEEP CHAMPIONS 2024
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Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Archie, Year 12**, who had an incredible run yesterday at the British & Irish Mountain Running Championships finishing 7th in his U17 race.



He was also part of the England team who took team gold as well as winning the Edinburgh cup for best overall team.

Archie said *"It felt like an honour to put on the England vest for the first time.*

It was a tough, fast race but I made really good ground on the downhill section of the race, which contributed to my 7th place."

Congratulations to **Benjy, Year 13**, who was part of the Yorkshire Boys Golf Team crowned National County Final Champions in Devon over the Summer.



Yorkshire beat Kent, Cambridgeshire and Gloucestershire and Benjy played superbly under immense pressure, against the elite in the country with a 70% foursomes and singles success rate.

Huge Congratulations to 4 of our **Year 8 boys; Clark, George, Henry & Archie**, who won the prestigious Yorkshire Challenge Cup with their rugby league team, Keighley Albion. It was a hard fought victory against a very good Normanton Knights side, but Albion won 10-4.



U14 Football

The U14 girls' football team kicked off their season in spectacular fashion with a resounding victory over Fulneck School. In perfect conditions, the team showcased their skills, scoring some remarkable goals. A big thank you to Mr. Hosty for leading the team. With their first cup match coming up next Tuesday, this win serves as excellent preparation.



Rugby Results

Congratulations to our rugby teams who won 7 of the 10 matches against Barnard Castle this week. Particular mention to the 1st XV who won in the final gasps of the game and all our U12, U13 and U14 teams—with very convincing wins. Our 1st XV also progress through to the next round of the U18 Schools Cup.



Netball News

Congratulations to our U12 netballers who celebrated a win in their first competitive fixture for the Grove, beating GSAL 25—11.



Our U18 A and B teams and 3rd VII all recorded wins against Harrogate Grammar School and our 2nd and 3rd VII and U14s won against Harrogate Ladies College.



Tennis Champs

Congratulations to last year's Year 10 boys tennis team who won the West Yorkshire Youth league at the end of last year.



School Sport

For info: All our sports fixtures and results are posted on our school sport website. Click below to visit.

[Woodhouse Grove School | Sports Home](https://www.woodhousegrovesport.co.uk)
[\(woodhousegrovesport.co.uk\)](https://www.woodhousegrovesport.co.uk)

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL
Sport's Christmas Ball
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024
THE MIDLAND HOTEL
BRADFORD
BD1 4HU
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW VIA:
[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WOODHOUSEGROVESCHOOL](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/woodhousegroveschool)

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL
CRICKET AWARDS
IN THE MCCARTHY THEATRE
THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER
BAR OPENS AT 6PM, PRESENTATION STARTS 6:30PM
AN AWARDS EVENING WITH ALL YEAR GROUPS TO CELEBRATE THIS INCREDIBLE CRICKET SEASON AT THE GROVE
WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL
RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT
[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WOODHOUSEGROVESCHOOL](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/woodhousegroveschool)
EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST RESERVE A PLACE THROUGH TICKETSOURCE **INCLUDING STUDENTS**

A Summer of Opportunity

Some of our students experienced amazing Grove trips during the Summer. More photos of these trips, and many other Grove experiences can be found on our school flickr account.

[Woodhouse Grove's albums | Flickr](#)

49 of our senior rugby players embarked on a tour to **South Africa** and played some top school and representative teams. They also visited Robben Island, Table Mountain and went Whale Watching in Hermanus.

16 pupils from Years 11 to 13 enjoyed an adventure of a lifetime in **Costa Rica**. Their 5-day trek took them through the rainforests of the Corcovado National Park, with stunning views, fauna and flora. They helped with late-night turtle patrols, beach clean-ups and in the hatchery at a turtle conservation project, then enjoyed some relaxation time on the beach.



WGS Autumn Term Camps 2024

Each camp will have a variety of activities in order to develop skills for different sports.

The age group of each camp varies but is highlighted on TicketSource.

Buy your tickets now on **TicketSource.**



Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October

Multisport
Years 1, 2, and 3 with Mr Waterhouse

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October

Multisport
Years 4, 5, and 6 with Mr Waterhouse

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October

Cricket
Ages 5 - 13 with Mr Randhawa

Thursday 31st and Friday 1st November

Rugby
Years 7 & 8 with Mr Barr

Thursday 31st October

Netball
Leeds Rhinos Netball Foundation

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December

Rugby
Years 5 & 6 with Mr Waterhouse and Years 7 & 8 with Mr Barr

Friday 3rd January

Cricket
Ages 5 - 13 with Mr Randhawa