



Updates for the parents and community of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form



KEY DATES

Year 6 Transition Days

By Mr Gell - Head of Year 7

At the end of June we were delighted to welcome over 200 Year 6 students, who will be starting at South Wolds in September, for two Transition Days. This followed a two month long programme of transition visits to over a dozen of our feeder primary schools, who met the children and their teachers as well as some additional transition support visits for selected students.

On the first Transition Day, students met their new tutor and registration group as well as enjoying four taster lessons, ranging from bunsen burner safety in science to forensic analysis in maths, shape poems in English to digital art.

In the evening of the first day, we welcomed the parents of our new students to a packed hall and refectory where they had the opportunity to meet the key staff involved in supporting their child's move to South Wolds.

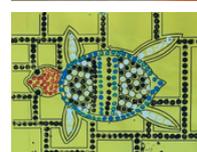
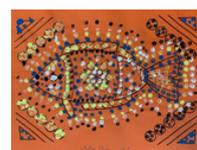
On the second Transition Day, organised by Miss Dixon and Miss Georgiou from the Modern Foreign Languages department, the students celebrated diversity across the world by taking part in International Day.

Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of excellent workshops run by staff across the school focusing on different cultures and traditions from around the world. These workshops included: learning bhangra dance; designing flags in geography; studying poetry from around the world in English; making their own Chinese fireworks in science; recreating ancient indigenous Australian art; and designing their own rangoli patterns in maths.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped welcome the Year 6 students to South Wolds. We can't wait for September!

We have also commenced the training of our Student Transition Mentors who will be on hand to support our new Year 7 students from September with adjusting to life at South Wolds. The student volunteers span all of our year groups and will follow a year long programme designed by the Kidscape organisation to develop their mentoring skills.

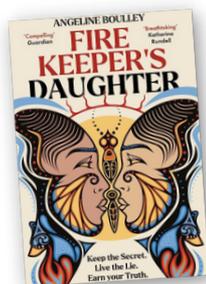
- 5th Sept - Student Review Day
- 21st Sept - Year 5/6 Open Evening
- 22nd Sept - Inset Day
- 11th Oct - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 19th Oct - Year 7 & 12 Parents Evening
- 9th Nov - Post 16 Open Evening
- 15th Nov - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 16th Nov - 6th Form Taster Day



Diversifying the Library

By Ms Haywood

One of the key aims of our Reading Strategy is to ensure that the books in our library are representative of the whole school community. We want every student at South Wolds to be able to see themselves reflected in the books they read and have invested in a large selection of titles that give better representation to the LGBTQ+ community, neurodivergent young people and a range of races and cultures. Have a look at just some of the exciting new titles below:



Fire Keeper's Daughter A ground-breaking thriller about a Native American teen who must root out the corruption in her community. Eighteen-year-old Daunis has always felt like an outsider with her mixed heritage, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. When she witnesses a murder, Daunis reluctantly agrees to go undercover. As the bodies pile up, Daunis finds herself caught in a web of deceit that threatens the people she loves the most. Perfect for Year 8 and above.

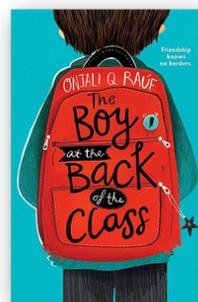
Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating

She's easy going and one of the most popular girls at school. But when she comes out to her friends as bisexual, they don't believe her, claiming she can't be bi if she's only dated guys. Panicked, Hani blurts out that she's in a relationship... with a girl her friends can't stand - Ishu Dey. A coming of age love story perfect for Year 8 and above.

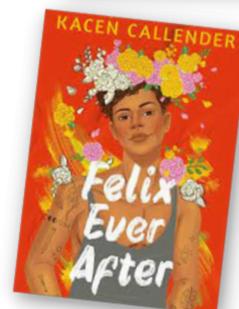


The Boy at the Back of the Class

This is a story about Ahmet the new boy at school. The story is a child's perspective of the refugee crisis and highlights the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense. Suitable for Year 7 and upwards.



Felix Ever After From award-winning author Kacen Callender comes a revelatory YA novel about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time. Felix Love has never been *in* love - and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. Suitable for Year 8 upwards.



Book Blankets: A new approach to library lessons

By Ms Haywood

This half term we have relaunched our library lessons with a focus on encouraging conversations and connections through books. This approach is informed by Reading for Pleasure research by The Open University, which advocates for more 'book blether' to get children and young people hooked into books.

Once a fortnight, all students in Year 7 and 8 will visit the library in one of their English lessons where they will be invited to explore and interact with a range of texts through our 'Book Blanket' initiative. The teacher will encourage and prompt conversations and discussions about the books in an informal and non-pressured environment, in order to initiate and develop students' positive interactions with books.

For further information about the research behind 'book blether' and 'Book Blankets', please click here [Findings - Reading for Pleasure \(ourfp.org\)](https://ourfp.org)



Yoto Carnegie Book Group

By Mrs Conroy

The Carnegie Medal for Writing is awarded annually to a book for children and young people that creates an outstanding reading experience through writing. Medal holders include Arthur Ransome, C.S. Lewis, Neil Gaiman, Terry Pratchett, Phillip Pullman, Sally Gardner and Elizabeth Acevedo. Every year they invite children to 'shadow' the judging process by reading the shortlisted novels and deciding on their winner.

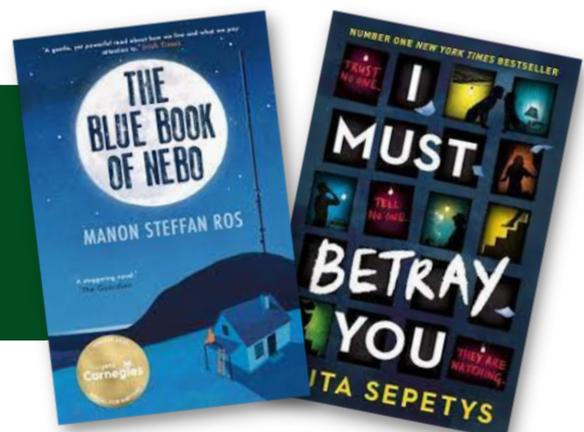
Students from Years 7 to 11 were set the task of reading all eight of the shortlisted novels; not an easy feat for anyone, particularly those who were also revising for exams. However, they all rose to the challenge and enjoyed the Friday lunch time discussions where they had the opportunity to read, chat about the books and, of course, eat biscuits with their like-minded peers.

This year all of the shortlisted finalists were female writers and two were also previous winners. As a group, we voted *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros as the most medal-worthy novel for its beautifully written story set in a post-apocalyptic Wales and the official judges agreed with our choice! For the first time in the awards almost 90-year history, the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing was awarded to a book in translation. Told through the dual narrative of a mother and son in post-apocalyptic Nebo, this "compelling" story explores Welsh identity and culture, as well as exploring how to survive in the aftermath of a nuclear war. The original Welsh publication, *Llyfr Glas Yebo*, won multiple awards, including the 2019 Wales Book of the Year.

We celebrated the end of our Carnegie shadowing with a fun quiz and watched the official winners revealed on screen.



All this year's short-listed books are in the library, so please do come along and take a look. And don't forget to join us next year for Carnegie 2024!



June and July High Flyers

↑ Mitchell J (Year 8) Art

Mitchell never stops drawing! He loves doodling and it's great to have such an enthusiastic student in the class. Well done Mitchell! [Miss Aston](#)

Harry A-T (Year 10) Maths ↑

Harry has worked really hard all year. Well done Harry! [Mrs Skillbeck](#)

↑ Sophie C (Year 9) Art

Sophie is showing such dedication already to the subject coming outside of lessons to complete her work to a high standard. She is showing a great amount of skill and creativity within her work, well done Sophie! [Miss Aves](#)

Ianna K (Year 9) EP ↑

Ianna has progressed so much since joining EP. The effort level and consistency in lessons is exactly what we expect from South Wolds students. Alongside her effort, Ianna is so polite and always wants to find out more and work on how to get even better grades. Great work. [Mr Baines](#)

↑ Brodie B (Year 10) English

Brodie always makes good contributions to class discussion in English. It's great that he has so many ideas to share and that he is willing to share them! [Mrs Arnold](#)

Spencer E (Year 11) Graphics ↑

Spencer is a graphics professional, he's constantly seeking to improve his Photoshop or Illustrator skills by watching videos online and then teaches me new things. It's great having such an enthusiastic and talented student in the class. [Miss Aston](#)

↑ Will P (Year 8) EP

Will is a real positive influence in class and always comes in with great manners as well as something to say about me supporting Arsenal! Will has achieved a lot this year and is making continued progress as expected in Year 8. [Mr Baines](#)

Rebecca C and Shinoria H ↑

These two always have excellent discussions about any text we read in lessons - they are engaged in what they read and are very thoughtful - I really enjoy listening to their ideas. [Mrs Arnold](#)

↑ Caitlin S (Year 11) EP

Caitlin's positivity towards EP is brilliant and is a clear sign of how having the right attitude can really benefit in lessons too. Her enthusiasm towards the subject is emphasised within her work which is also progressing as we move into year 11. Great work! [Mr Baines](#)

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↑ Megan C (Year 9) English

Megan always works incredibly hard in English to complete all tasks thoroughly and to the best of her ability. She is also super polite, friendly and positive. She has been a pleasure to teach.

[Mrs Arnold](#)

↑ Sophie P (Year 11) Graphics

Sophie works really hard and never makes a fuss about it, one day I can just check her folder and suddenly amazing work has appeared. She's the unsung hero of our class. [Miss Aston](#)



June and July High Flyers

Benjamin W (Year 8) French

Ben is one of the most polite and friendly young people I have ever met whose personality lights up a room and puts a smile on everyone's face! *Miss Georgiou*

Eila O'R (Year 11) History

Eila always comes to lessons with a positive attitude and works really hard. She always gets involved in class discussions and has produced some excellent work in History this year! *Miss Fox*

Louella C (Year 9) Art

Louella has shown an huge amount of talent already in Art. Her attention to detail and creative approach is showing true originality. Amazing work Louella! *Miss Aves*

Liam G (Year 9) French

Liam recently won a University of Nottingham languages competition by writing a fantastic poem in French - what an achievement! Well done Liam! *Miss Georgiou*

Carly C (Year 8) Crochet Club

Carly has been so determined to learn to crochet this year, she started off by making chains and finished Year 7 by making thoughtful crochet gifts for her friends (water bottle holders, small animals and hair ties) - amazing work, well done! *Mrs Rowe*

Jack C (Year 11) English

Jack never knowingly draws attention to himself but during the past year, he has stood out as an incredibly hard-working and conscientious student as well as being a lovely individual. He is focused in lessons, kind to others in how he subtly supports them and takes every piece of feedback on board to ensure he produces his best work. Well done, Jack. *Ms Shaw*

Annabelle W (Year 8) Maths

Annabelle has made a wonderful start in her new maths class. *Mrs Skilbeck*

Evan H (Year 11) French

What amazing resilience, determination and effort shown in French, well done Evan! *Miss Georgiou*

Sarim J (Year 8)

Sarim has such a positive character and is a pleasure to talk to. This is seconded in the Hackney sessions for Literacy! *Mrs Angus*

Harry C (Year 9) Literacy

Harry worked hard on completing work and also improved his descriptive writing skills. *Mrs Conroy*

Kaitlyn J (Year 8) EP

Made an excellent start to year 8, evaluating free will and maintaining the same attitude towards lessons as she did in year 7. The standard of work Kaitlyn is producing is far beyond expected and it's great to see! *Mr Baines*

Menaal K (Year 8) Literacy

Menaal enjoyed her sessions and worked hard on learning new skills and on her reading fluency. *Mrs Conroy*

Jake S (Year 10) Art

Jake is dedicated and driven in Art. He works above and beyond of what is expected in lessons, completing work at home to an incredibly high standard, well done! *Miss Aves*

Gabriella G (Year 13) French

Thank you for all of the valuable support you have given GCSE French students this year! *Miss Georgiou*

HIGH FLYERS



June and July High Flyers

↑ Sammy M (Year 11) Art

Sammy is consistently focused and motivated in Art. She is finding her own ideas that she is inspired by and beginning to develop her work to a good level. *Miss Aves*

Harry A-T (Year 10) Literacy ↑

Harry has made good progress in his literature and worked consistently through the year.

Mrs Conroy

↑ Mohammed E (Year 8)

Mohammed always tries his best with such a positive attitude - well done! *Mrs Angus*

Evie M (Year 8) Spanish ↑

Evie has always worked really hard in Spanish, has done really well, and makes a great contribution to the class. *Mr Roberts*

↑ Hannah K (Year 10) English

Hannah's English work impressed me but at the end of Year 9, it wowed me. It has been fantastic to see her confidence grow, especially when analysing literary texts and the expression of her ideas is really eloquent. She has improved so much in the last year and should feel really proud of her achievements. *Ms Shaw*

Bayleigh H (Year 9) Maths ↑

Bayleigh has made an excellent start to Year 9 maths. Well done! *Miss Turnbull*

↑ Oliver M (Year 8) Literacy

Oliver is a fantastic positive student who always wants to do well, he has worked with enthusiasm and determination in all his Switch on literacy. *Mrs Conroy*

Scarlett E (Year 8) Literacy ↑

A positive attitude to literacy in her Switch-On sessions. *Mrs Conroy*

↑ Millie L (Year 8) Literacy

Millie enjoyed her Switch-On sessions and made great progress in her literacy. *Mrs Conroy*

Alex M (Year 11) English ↑

Alex's has made phenomenal progress in English during the past year, to the point where he is now exceeding his targets. His perseverance, his attention to detail and focus mean he has gone from strength to strength and I hope he is proud of what he has achieved. *Ms Shaw*

↑ Jack O (Year 9) History

Amazing homework showing the global nature of the First World War and the Alliance Systems. Well done! *Mrs Ritoridis*

↑ Honey C and Jake D-P (Year 13) French

Thank you for all of the fantastic support you have given Year 7 French students this year! *Miss Georgiou*

↑ Eddie C (Year 8) French

Eddie has made a very impressive start to Year 8 French, engaging well in lessons, participating with enthusiasm and showing an exemplary attitude to learning. Well done Eddie! *Miss Crawford*



Dance Afternoon



By Miss Drewett

Our annual primaries dance afternoon was held on Wednesday 28th May.

A number of our feeder schools attended with a selection of Year 6 students joined in the workshop. The workshop was run by Miss Drewett with the support of the South Wolds Dance Troupe.

The students spent 2 hours learning a full routine and then performed this to parents at the end of the school day. There was so much energy and enthusiasm.



The Dance Troupe showed true leadership and set a great example to our up and coming dancers. It really was a great afternoon showing the talent of our young dancers.



Musical Showcase 2023

By Miss Drewett

Our musical has changed slightly this year... we have decided to produce a musical showcase!

All students involved auditioned to be a part of the evening and show off their talent.

There are 4 dance groups who will be sharing their own choreography, 4 singing performances from a variety of shows and 2 extracts from Footloose and Annie which have been put together by school staff.

The students are working really hard and looking forward to the evening on Tuesday 18th July @7pm

We have a huge amount of talent here at South Wolds and it's a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of students both onstage and behind the scenes.



Sports Day

By Miss Drewett

We are really looking forward to our annual sports day on Thursday 20th July 2023. We have a fantastic variety of activities for students to get involved in.



Tutor groups are busy preparing their teams and the PE Department are hoping for good weather!

Year 12 sports leaders will be supporting the day and helping to ensure that the activities run smoothly. All staff have been allocated activities to support which all adds to a wonderful community spirit.



Year 6 Sports

By Miss Drewett

Our Year 6 sports afternoon was on Thursday 13th July with a fun packed hour of athletics based activities.

The schools that attended were Bunny, Willowbrook, Crossdale and Willoughby. They were split into 10 even teams and rotated around a number of activities both track and field.

The afternoon was supported by our Year 10/11 sports leaders who were great role models and helped the afternoon to run smoothly.



Freestyle Dance World Championships Success

By Year 7 Sienna S

Hello, I'm Sienna



I recently competed in the Freestyle Dance World Championships in Blackpool.

Freestyle Dance is a fast and inventive dance style. For those of you that are Britain's Got Talent fans you will know the dancer Lillianna Clifton who came 2nd. She is a freestyle dancer and was also competing at the world championships.

I was one of the youngest competing in my category and representing England. I was up against 63 other dancers from all over the world, and I made it to the final after 6 very competitive heats impressing the judges and achieving an incredible 7th place. My family are very proud of my achievement in gaining a world trophy because I have only been a freestyle dancer for a year!

Thank you for reading my story.

Sienna



EMET Maths Challenge

By Mr Gell & Miss Williams

On Wednesday July 12th we took two teams of new Year 8s to participate in the EMET Maths Challenge, where they participated in three challenging rounds of elite mathematics, each lasting 45 minutes.

We are so proud to report that one of our teams were placed second in the whole competition, narrowly missing out to The West Bridgford School by only 5 points!

Congratulations to all of the students who took part.



Roll call of honour:
Harry M, Isaac S,
Oscar W, Ben W,
Lucia C, Freya McE,
Libby T and
Matilda W.

SUMMER SAFEGUARDING ADVICE

The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form will be closed from 12.30pm Friday 21st July for the Summer holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 5th September 2023

If you require urgent help during this period, you do not need to be alone:

Emergency Help and Support

For urgent help, if someone is in danger or an active crime is being committed call 999. If you are aware that someone has committed a crime or been a victim of a crime please call 101.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

There are a range of support services available. Please see below:

KOOTH - for children and young people aged between 11-24 years who want to talk to a mental health professional online, anonymously and free. Visit their website www.kooth.com for further details.

HARMLESS - provide a range of advice and support about self harm, people who self harm, their friends and families. www.harmless.org.uk or call 01159 348445

MIND - provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. www.mind.org.uk

THE SAMARITANS - are available 24/7 to help with anything that's troubling you, no matter how large or small the issue feels. Calls for free on 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (response time for email 24 hours)

CHILDLINE - available 24/7 for all mental health needs, concerns, help and advice. Call free on 0800 1111 or visit www.childline.org.uk

BE U NOTTS - to support early mental health and emotional wellbeing for young people and parents/carers. www.beusupport.co.uk

Nottinghamshire NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: Anyone needing mental health support for themselves or others can call the NHS crisis line on 0808 196 3779. 24/7, 7 days a week.

Abuse and Radicalisation

If you are worried that you or someone you know is being abused or radicalised, even if you're unsure, you can speak to NSPCC about your concern. Call 0800 1111, report it online or email help@NSPCC.org.uk

If you are an adult call 0808 800 5000

Online Safety

We value the importance of educating our students in staying safe online. There are a range of support services available. Please see below:

CEOP - helps any child or young person under the age of 18 who is being pressured, forced or tricked into taking part in sexual activity of any kind (online and/or in 'the real world'). www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre or www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_81

PARENT SAFE - a very useful website containing top tips for parents. www.parentsafelglf.net

REPORT HARMFUL CONTENT - reports can be made online, response time is 72 hours. www.reportharmfulcontent.com/report

UK SAFER INTERNET CENTRE AND NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY - for additional information and guides for any additional e-safety advice. www.saferinternet.org.uk, www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Drugs & Alcohol

FRANK National Drugs Helpline
Call: 0300 123 6600

DRINK LINE
Call: 0800 917 8282
www.drinkaware.co.uk/alcohol-support-services

CHANGE GROW LIVE (Notts)
www.changegrowlive.org/nottinghamshire

Housing Support

If you need support to find somewhere safe to stay, please contact:

Nottingham Community Housing Association
Call: 0800 013 8555
www.ncha.org.uk

Further Support

If you have concerns for the safety of a child during school holidays, please contact Nottinghamshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0300 500 80 80 or visit the website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk. If you require an urgent response outside of working hours (8.30am-5pm) contact Nottinghamshire's Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 456 4546

If the child lives in Nottingham City please contact Child and Families Direct: 0115 8764800

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999 immediately.

Alternatively, if you feel the child is at risk of abuse or neglect, but not in immediate need of protection, you should call the Police on 101.

Food Banks

The Trussell Trust have a range of food bank services within the Nottinghamshire area. Visit their website www.trusselltrust.org

Keyworth Community Food Bank at the Xchanging Rooms at the Rectory Field near the Village Hall. Contact keyworthtcp@gmail.com



Can I ride an e-scooter?



It is currently against the law to ride a private e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

   @nottspolice



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

Electric scooters are classed as a motorcycle as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and, because of their low speed, within the subclass of moped.

This means that electric scooters must abide by the same road traffic legislation as mopeds and motorcycles, such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

What happens if I've been stopped by Nottinghamshire Police?

Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 provides the power to seize privately owned e-scooters for driving without insurance or a driving licence.

If you are stopped while riding a e-scooter, you may be given a warning by an officer and your details will be recorded.

If you are stopped a second time your e-scooter will be seized and retained by police.

However, Nottingham City has launched an e-scooter trial from October 2020 - November 2022 which makes it legal to ride a WIND scooter on roads, cycle paths and cycle lanes.

WIND scooters in partnership with Nottingham City Council can be hired by the minute which is accessed using an app.

The rider must have a provisional/full driving licence, and be at least 16 years old. Wearing a helmet is recommended.

Have a fabulous Summer!

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term.





The South Wolds Academy
and Sixth Form

Come and join us...

YEAR 5/6 OPEN EVENING

Thurs 21st Sept 2023
5.30pm - 8pm



Further details coming soon.

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