



Achievements and Performance

In addition to a wide range of trips in Australia, Europe and the UK, departments are involved in number of enrichment activities:

Art

- Involvement in mural at Queens Mill museum.
- Year 9 research trip to the Deep.
- Year 11 trip to Leeds College to support them with their portfolio project.
- Book making workshop at Leeds college of Art for Year 7 pupil premium/more able pupils. This linked in with World Book Day.

Core Skills

- Panto trip.
- Yorkshire wildlife trip.
- Tropical world trip.
- Crucial Crew workshops.

Computing

- Young Gamer Designer BAFTA award entries
- Computer Game Development Club
- Minecraft club.
- Computing club.
- Girls in Tech event attended by computing pupils in Y8 and Y9.
- Member of the BCS (British Computer society), The Chartered Institute for IT Approved Centre.

Drama

- Cast of 20 students taken from 50 auditionees performed Ceasefire Babies at Castleford Academy and at WYP as part of the National Theatre Connections Festival.
- Theatre trips
- Two drama Showcases where students have performed strong performance pieces within a range of styles.
- A brand new drama curriculum created with new resources.
- Whole school musical of 'Les Miserables' performed over 3 nights to a large audience.
- Links with the National Theatre, Sheffield Theatre and Airedale Academy.
- Tech units introduced for pupils who are interested.

English

- 25 Y11 students took part in the Pet XI Poetry Workshop30.
- Y10 Pupil Premium boys involved in Jamie Peacock motivational workshop.
- 72 Y8 pupils were taken on a residential trip to Belgium as part of the teaching of Private Peaceful.
- 96 Y11 pupils were taken to see Blood Brothers as part of the GCSE Literature course.
- 34 KS3 pupils were taken to see Warhorse.

Geography

- Running Year 7 cross curricular day - Africa Day.



- Year 7 Malham trip.
- Year 10 Sneaton Castle residential.
- Secured funding to run AQA training focusing on the new SPEC, particularly Unit 3 (fieldwork) for all Wakefield School and some Sheffield schools.
- PiXL training.
- Increased option numbers.
- 3rd place at the regional World Wise Quiz.
- Year 8 trip University of Leeds.
- Year 8 trip – Coasts.
- Year 9 trip – University of Leeds.
- Planet Earth Club.
- Students into schools Oct-Jan.
- Year 11 webinar.
- Science dome Y9.
- Leading a session at Geography Conference.
- Attendance across Wakefield Geography curriculum Group.

History

- 48 students went to Rome in May 2018.
- Year 8 trip to the Royal Armouries in Leeds.
- Year 9 trip to Pontefract Castle to support new GCSE.
- Two students into schools: One from Leeds University and one from Huddersfield University.
- Y8 Holocaust Day – Survivor Live Webcam
- Rome trip – 50 students May 2018

Literacy

- 39 millionaires
- 261 million words read: year 7s 96millions, year 8 63 millions, year 9 63 millions, year 10 35 millions, others 4 millions
- Book Fair Sales £1312, 60 % commission giving £787 worth of free books

Maths

- 18 pupils achieving Gold, Silver or Bronze awards in UKMT 2018 with one pupil progressing to national final.
- Over £600 raised for local charities by Year 8 in their "Giving Nation" fundraising day.
- Three grade 9's achieved in mathematics during the 2017 cohort.

Media Studies

- Pupils have been supporting filming and photography in a number of areas around school, including a number of Music and Drama events.
- Pupils from KS3 have been supporting Y11 film projects by working as camera operators and offering technical support, giving them the opportunity to work with Media equipment and experience working on a film based project.

MFL

- 77 Year 8 students were taken to Paris.
- Staff from MFL supported the Belgium Trip, run by the English department.



- We are also part of the MFL Wakefield Learning Partnership, attending meetings and hosting.

Music

- “Les Miserables” musical.
- KS4 Showcase
- Transition Musical best it’s ever been
- VIP Studios opportunities website (music production software).
- Soul Band and Harmonix performed at the Music for Youth regional festival.
- Dynamix performed at Wakefield Theatre.
- Took 3 pupils to perform at a unity day in Castleford
- Took choir to carol sing at the Old Folks home in Castleford - this was a great experience and really brought the community together.
- Wakefield Music Service – Strategic Overview group, VIP studios from Charanga Music, Musical Futures
- Instrumental tuition available for all
- Les Mis performance to Year 6 pupils with workshop
- Cas Factor – more live Music than ever with lots of production opportunities

PE

- Sports Teams in Athletics, Rugby, Football, Basketball, Netball, Rounder’s, Hockey, Cricket, Cheerleading
- Recreational Sports Clubs in Fitness, Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Badminton, Dodgeball, Athletics, Hockey, Rugby
- Year 7 Boys Football – Wakefield 5 a side Champions, League Runners-up
- Year 8 Boys Football – Wakefield League Champions, League Champions
- Year 10 Boys Football – Wakefield League Finalists
- Year 7 Girls Football – Castleford and Pontefract Champions
- Year 7 Girls Football – Castleford and Pontefract Finalists
- U13 Girls Football – District Champions, EFL Cup Finalists
- U14 Girls Football – West Yorkshire County Champions
- Year 7 Girls Netball – Wakefield League Runners up
- Year 8 Girls Netball – Castleford and Pontefract Champions, Wakefield League Runners up
- Year 8 Boys Basketball – Wakefield Champions
- Year 8 Boys and Girls Athletics – Wakefield Champions, Regional A Finalists
- All Years Athletics – Bronze
- Year 8 Girls Rounder’s - Castleford and Pontefract Champions
- Year 8 Girls Rounder’s - District Pontefract Champions
- Girls Cheerleading – National Cheerleading Competition (Durham) 6x 1st Places, 17 Finalists. National Cheerleading Competition (Blackpool) Team Runners Up, 8 Finalists
- Year 7 Boys Rugby – Wakefield Runners Up, Yorkshire Semi Finalists, National Quarter Finalists
- Year 8 Boys Rugby – Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire Champions, National Champions (Attended Parade of Champions at Wembley Stadium)
- Year 9 Boys Rugby – Wakefield Runners Up
- Year 10 Boys Rugby – Wakefield Champions



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- Year 11 Girls Rugby – Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire Runners Up, National Champions

RE & PSHE

- RE Club has been organised by the Cross Project Christian Youth Group this year - they have been focusing on charity, such as Operation Christmas Child, running a drive for the local food bank in Castleford and Buying a Goat for a family in Africa with Oxfam.
- All pupils in KS3 have received Be Safe and Healthy Days, with Y7 & Y8 taking part in Citizenship Days. The Prison Me? No Way! Team made their annual trip to work with Y9. The whole school Cross Curricular Day allowed pupils to spend some quality time focusing on a different theme for each year group. (Year 7 – Africa Day, Year 8 – Giving Nation, Year 9 – British Values, Year 10 – Be Safe & Healthy)
- Students have also benefitted from Themed Weeks such as Democracy Week voting for student council, assemblies on gender stereotyping. Equality & Diversity Month with assemblies led by The Cross Project. Anti-Bullying Week and Fair Trade Fortnight. Safe & healthy Days were also arranged such as Fire Safety by WYFS, Change4Life re sugary drinks. CAMHS, Yewtree Yearbook, On-Line Safety and Re-Start a Heart Day. Y9 with PC Potter looked into Anti-Social behavior, Teenage Cancer Trust, State Of Mind, CAMHS, Spectrum – HIV.
- Lord Best delivered a talk to Student Council on Government & Politics. Andrew Nairne (director of Kettle’s Yard) met with KS3 & KS4 Art students to raise aspirations.
- Accord Inclusivity Award 2018 - Castleford Academy in Top 10 schools in the country for community cohesion.
- National Citizenship Service – 30+ students joined Y11. Castleford Academy now a champion school.
- Cross Curricular Days working with refugee, Sikh workshop, Police Constable, FBV flag design and a consent workshop.
- Y7 Took part in a road safety performance and workshop led by “The Riot Act”.
- Y8 Citizenship Days booked with Spectrum and British Red Cross.
- Y7 with Loudmouth – Bully4U, Spectrum, British Red Cross and Forget Me Not.
- Spectrum Health.



- AA.
- Red Cross
- MacMillan
- St Johns Ambulance
- Prison. Me? No way! Trust
- Change 4 Life
- Yew Tree Theatre in Education)
- WY Fire Service
- WMDC Road Safety Team
- Teenage Cancer Trust
- British Heart Foundation
- Loudmouth
- The Great Get Together (Jo Cox)
- HQ Arts (Social Norms)
- The Samaritans – Peer Mentors
- Re-Start a Heart Team
- Newfield Lodge Care Home
- CAMHS (Jane Causier)
- African activities,
- Freedom Personal Safety (Julie Tweedale)
- One Day Creative
- Cross Project
- BHS Hindu Workshop.
- Roop Singh (Sikh Visitor)

Science

- Weekly science club Yr7
- World Skills day- Yr9 Birmingham
- Year 9 reward visit from Cold Blooded Encounters.
- National Science week – Yr7-9 lessons and All year groups competitions held in school.
- Host lessons for feeder Primaries National Science week lessons.
- Salters Chemistry Festival York - Year 8 University competition.
- Biology Challenge –Yr9,10
- Spectroscopy in a suitcase -Yr10 separate
- What's in my water National mining museum –Yr 9 separate scientist
- Yorkshire wildlife park Yr10 Separate scientist
- KLFalconary Yr7 Rewards/Intro to ecology

Technology

- Big Deal Competition with YR9. They have visited Barclays HQ and are in the finals next week.
- 4x4 in Schools with YR10 they got to the final at Jaguar Land Rover in Gaydon.
- Y10 Related have visited The Hepworth to look at Events Management.
- YR10/YR11 Food - taster visit to Leeds College.
- University of Limerick visit - looking at females in STEM (Engineering).
- Visit from female Civil Engineer for Y9.
- Go Higher West Yorkshire - Careers Convention for YR10/YR11 Construction.



- Help with Keep Moat Project - YR11 Construction.
- Brebur Site Visit - YR11 Construction.
- Aspire-igen careers – Construction.
- Leeds City College of Building been in to do Apprenticeship talks to YR11.
- Howden Joinery Site Visit for Product Design pupils - YR11.

Textiles

- Y8 selected pupils involved with Leeds College of Art working on a Textiles project for “Make your Future”.

Firefighters

- Y11 Young Firefighters passing out parade.
- Duke of Edinburgh – students completed their bronze and silver award.

Careers

- 98% of Y11 pupils applied to College using UCAS Progress.
- 375 pupils have received 121's.
- 16 out of school trips including; Cambridge University Residential, MFL revision conference, Philosophy conference, University Tours and Taster Days.
- Y10 Taster Days at Wakefield College and Pontefract NEW College.
- Mock Interviews and CV support for Y11.
- UCAS and personal statement support for Y13.
- A range of speakers on a variety of careers and higher education in assemblies.
- Careers Fair at Y10 Parent's Evening.
- Training events for the Higher Education Y10 student council.
- Keep Moat construction project for Y9 students.
- Medical Mavericks- Bringing medical science careers into schools for Y9 and Y10.
- Employability skills course for Y11 students.
- Maths My Tutor sessions- one on one tuition for Y11 students.
- Choices @ 16 Cedar Court event- showcasing Post 16 providers for pupils and parents.
- Cedar Court Hotel Maths revision residential.
- Talk the Talk confidence session- Helping Y9 students find their voice.
- Biodome Geography enrichment sessions.
- Unseen Poetry workshop- Preparing Y11 for the challenge of English GCSE.
- PIXL conference- Helping our students gain entry to top universities.
- Exam-busters workshops for pupils and parents.
- Motivational speaker from the iCAN academy- Developing an iCAN attitude.

More Able

- All More Able and Talented pupils in all year groups have received at least one stretching the Most Able assemblies this year.
- Parents of More Able pupils have received information on how to support their pupils at home.
- Y11 More Able revision/exam stress workshop/assembly.
- Two High Flyers Awards celebrating achievement.
- More Able Wall of Fame on library corridor.



- 10 More Able My Tutor sessions held to stretch and embed maths concepts for students.
- More Able philosophy conference in Manchester for Y10 students.
- Leeds University Law Trip following pathways work.
- Cambridge Residential Trip experiencing and overnight stay at the University and insight into the daily life.
- Staff CPD sessions and Middle Leaders training.
- Mensa IQ Test for 56 More Able pupils (16 of which got into Mensa!).
- Yorkshire Wildlife Park Zoology conservation visit for separate Biology science students.
- Various rewards in assemblies.
- Praise letters home.

Fundraising

This year, we have worked with and fundraised for the following charities donating a considerable amount of money accrued from school functions and events:

- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- BBC Children in Need
- Castleford Food Bank
- WaterAid
- Sport Relief 2016
- Samaritans
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Star Bereavement Support Service
- The Prince of Wales Hospice
- Martins House Children's Hospice
- British Heart Foundation
- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Food Bank Drive for Castleford Smawthorne Community Church
- Operation Christmas Child
- Oxfam Bake Sale
- Clothes Drive for Help for Heroes
- "Odd Sock Day"