

Principal's Blog

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SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET

That time has come again where Solutions for the Planet are working with our year 8 students for their Big Idea day. Each day half of the year group will look at what is affecting the world around us, then combine their knowledge from lessons throughout the year and their new knowledge gained from Solutions for the Planet; to invent and design solutions to the world's problems such as air pollution or recycling.

It is a great opportunity for our students as alongside staff members from Solutions for the Planet, we also have mentors from our local companies such as Kongsberg. After last year's success in getting to the National final, we are hoping for another similar outcome this year!



WARM SPACES

Warm Spaces are open across the district for residents including families and children to access, where they will find a warm friendly space with activities for all ages, company and often free hot refreshments. Some of the Warm Spaces offer a space for children to complete their homework with access to free wi-fi, books and other amenities. For more information, visit www.wakefieldcouncil.com/warmspaces

YEAR 9 - IAG

It was fantastic to see so many Year 9 students with their families at our Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) evening on Tuesday. A reminder that a letter, promotional booklet and overview are available on our website [here](#).

Deadline for choices via the Google Form on the Year 9 Classroom is Wednesday 25th January 2023!

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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

A huge thank you to all students who completed the baseline survey with the anti bullying alliance - just under half of our young people. We will be able to use this information to support our knowledge of what young people think and our plans moving this forward.

As always, students can speak to adults available at social times or fill in the 'Tell Us' online google form available in their Year Group Google Classroom or the yellow 'Tell Us' form in SID or the Dining Room and place in the box under the Random Acts of Kindness Tree.

As always, we ask all in the academy to **THINK** before they speak.



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CHILDLINE'S ASK SAM

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Children and Young People can often find it difficult to share issues with educational staff. Particularly if they think that those issues will get them into trouble, or if they happen to be of an embarrassing nature. In addition many pupils will find the promise of confidentiality received from staff, difficult to believe. This might be particularly true among children whose familial backgrounds are unstable, or who simply have not had the most positive experiences with trusting adults.

For safeguarding and educational staff alike, the question arising from these situations is 'well how can I help if I don't know what's wrong?' ChildLine's 'Ask Sam' service seeks to aid in these scenarios. The page contains an archive of questions asked to ChildLine from children and young people on a range of issues. In this way it can help to outline the kind of issues people are struggling with.

ChildLine's Ask Sam page can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/ask-sam/>