



Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

As we step into the vibrant hues of October, a month of falling leaves and colder weather here in the UK, we extend a warm welcome to the latest edition of our Primary newsletter. September has seen an influx of fresh faces and familiar ones embarking on their educational journey with Wolsey Hall. To our new families, we're delighted to have you join our educational community, and to our returning students, welcome back!

Throughout September, we trust that many of you have had the pleasure of meeting your Student Progress Manager and dedicated Tutors as you dive into new courses.

This month's newsletter celebrates all our students and is filled with fun things to do at home, as well as providing tips and advice. We hope that you find this newsletter informative and enjoyable.

Best wishes,
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WHY NOT TRY A NEW CHALLENGE THIS MONTH?

Our Primary clubs are free for all students to join. From Art, Cookery and Creative Writing to LEGO, Photography and Chess, there should be something for everyone to enjoy.

You can access the clubs through the Primary Community course on Canvas. Once your child has completed their club challenge, it can be uploaded to the gallery. Email a photo to sue.day@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Here's a selection of the delightful entries we received for Cookery Club last month where the children loved making chocolate fudge biscuits.



Antigone, 5, UK



Dorothea, 8, Philippines



Miguel, 9, UK



Ola, 4 and Michal, 7,
Poland

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Wolsey Hall siblings Radu and Isabela recently competed in the European Karate Championship in Belgium where they achieved amazing results, based on their dedication to hard work and training.

Eleven-year-old Radu won a bronze medal in Kata Teams for his age category, together with his fellow teammates and had really good sparring matches in kumite. Meanwhile his nine-year-old sister Isabela achieved two gold medals in kumite for her age category and one bronze medal with her kata performance.

They trained intensively and worked hard to be a part of the Romanian National Karate Team to represent their country in such an important championship. Huge congratulations to Radu and Isabela!

If you would like to share your child's achievement in our newsletter please email: danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk





STUDENT SHOUTOUTS

Each month we say 'HELLO' to some of our Primary students around the world. Keep working hard and making us, your family and yourself proud. This month we are saying hello to:

Khloe, age 9, Indonesia
 Robbie, age 12, Romania
 Joviann, age 11, Malaysia
 Khalila, age 8, Indonesia
 Kiev Charles, age 7, Qatar
 Areen, age 7, Saudi Arabia
 Mikael, age 11, UAE
 Larssa, age 12, Qatar
 Aimee, age 10, India
 Luka, age 10, Romania
 Samyak, age 11, India
 Ascher, age 8, Malaysia
 William, age 11, UK
 Nava, age 11, Indonesia
 Amayah, age 9, Saudi Arabia
 Morgan, age 11, South Africa
 Kiana, age 11, Indonesia
 Emily, age 12, Portugal
 Anita, age, 11, India,
 Nathalie, age 7, Philippines
 Ameil, age 7, Malaysia
 Amna, age 8, UAE
 Mark, age 10, UK
 Vivienne, age 8, USA
 Raden, age 11, Malaysia
 Elias, age 8, Romania
 Yousif, age 6, Saudi Arabia
 Adira, age 10, USA
 Joshua, age 10, South Africa
 Dawait, age 11, UAE
 Sahisha, age 4, Indonesia
 Maia, age 11, Romania
 Suri, age 11, UK
 Ocean, age 9, Indonesia
 Olivia, age 8, Romania
 Kinan, age 6, Saudi Arabia

Chloe, age 9, Malaysia
 Kingsley, age 11, UK
 Mikael, age 11, Malaysia
 Kiefer, age 10, UAE
 Mishele, age 10, Namibia
 James, age 7, USA
 Muhammad, age 9, Nigeria
 Soshana, age 9, Romania
 Mardiyah, age 9, Nigeria
 Hamza, age 7, Saudi Arabia
 Elijah, age 10, UAE
 Domino, age 8, Philippines
 Abigail, age 9, Malaysia
 Olivia, age 10, UK
 Kehansa, age 11, Qatar
 Felix Daniel, age 6, Philippines
 Khalid, age 6, Saudi Arabia
 William, age 9, Czech Republic
 Kymani, age 13, South Africa
 Alexandra, age 11, Romania
 Raghad, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Leo, age 10, UAE
 Cassidy, age 10, UK
 Divta, age 8, India
 Sadia, age 10, UK
 Jayla, age 8, USA
 Sanjit, age 10, Malaysia
 Jasmine, age 9, USA
 Toma, age 10, Romania
 Zacharias, age 11, Indonesia
 Arielle, age 6, Malaysia
 Matthew, age 12, South Africa
 Jed, age 9, UAE
 Nafisa, age 10, Indonesia
 Haneen, age 7, Saudi Arabia
 Abby, age 9, UK

OUR WONDERFUL EARTH

Earth is unique! It's full of incredible places like mountains, oceans, and forests, where we can explore and play. Our amazing Earth is like a giant playground for all of us. Just like we look after our favourite toys and games, it's essential to take care of our Earth too.

What can we do to help Earth?

- **Reduce, reuse, recycle:** Use things like paper, plastic, and toys wisely. Reuse toys and recycle paper and plastic to make new things. That way, we won't make too much mess on our playground.
- **Save water:** Water is super important. Save it by not leaving the tap on while brushing your teeth and why not take shorter showers? This way, we can keep our playground's water fountains flowing.
- **Plant trees:** Trees are like the colourful swings in our playground. They help keep our playground cool and provide shade. They also provide us with precious oxygen. You can plant trees in your garden or parks with your family. Why not join the Wolsey Hall 130th anniversary celebrations by planting a tree – you are helping planet Earth!
- **Pick up litter/rubbish:** Imagine if you saw litter scattered all over the playground. That wouldn't be fun, right? If you see litter like sweet wrappers or empty bottles on the ground, pick them up. Our playground will stay clean and safe for everyone.
- **Turn off lights:** When you leave a room, turn off the lights. Earth loves it when we save energy, just like we save our favourite games for later.



Why do we need to take care of Earth?

Think about how sad you'd be if your playground was full of broken toys, and no one wanted to play there. Earth is like our giant playground, and we want it to stay fun and beautiful.

Let's be Earth heroes!

We can protect our playground and make it even more exciting. If we all work together, Earth will stay happy, and we can enjoy its wonders for a long, long time.

Remember, even small actions can make a big difference. Let's give Earth a big playground hug and keep it clean, green, and full of fun!



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH



Reveal the hidden picture by copying the pieces into the correct locations. The coordinates show where each piece fits into the grid.

The pieces are labeled with coordinates: J6, F1, H8, I2, A10, E1, D1, C6, G8, H10, D10, A6, G9, J1, H2, H1, F9, A9, I9, D4, H9, E5, I3, B4, A8, C1, B9, F2, D3, C10, D6, J7, G2, E10, G10, E4, G1, C2, D2, H3, B8, E6, A7, G4, F5, C4, B10, E9, G5, F3, F6, B1, A5, E3, B6, D5, B3, C5, F4, I1, G3, C3, C9, J2, J10, J8, I10, I8, J5, B5, F10, E2, J4, B2, J9, A4, J3.

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LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Your task is to make a shopping list with all the things your family needs from the supermarket. But here's the exciting part: you have a budget, which means the amount of money you can spend. Ask your parents what the budget is for the shopping once you have made your list. Your job is to decide which item to buy so that you stay within the budget. You'll need to compare prices, look for deals, and make sure you're getting the best value for your money.

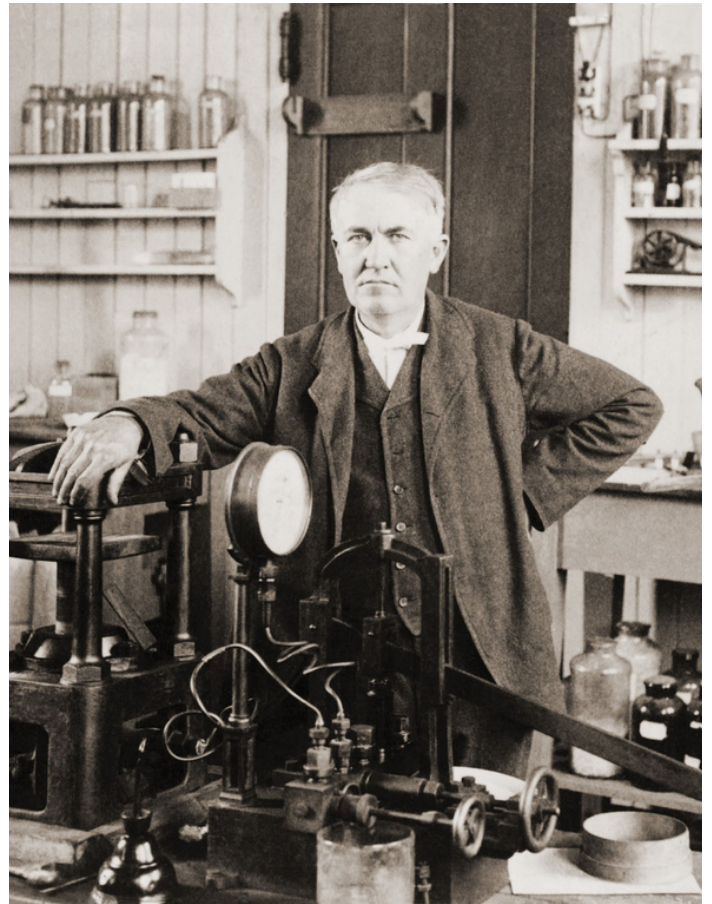
Once you're at the store, use your list and budget to make wise choices.

Learning to manage money is important because it teaches you how to make smart financial choices and stay within a budget. It's a valuable life skill that helps you understand the value of money and how to make the most of it.

FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Thomas Edison was mostly homeschooled by his mother, Nancy Edison, who played a significant role in his early education. She encouraged his curiosity and provided him with books to read. Edison's personalised learning and experimentation eventually led to his remarkable career as an inventor and innovator.

Thomas Edison is famous for inventing some amazing things that changed the world. One of his prolific inventions was the light bulb. But Edison didn't stop there; he also made the phonograph, which is like a great-great-grandparent of today's music players. He even helped make the movies! He created a special camera that could record moving pictures, like the ones you see in the cinema.



RESOURCE CORNER

Turtle Diary offers a wide range of educational games and activities for kids in various subjects, including math, science, language, art and more. It's designed to be both fun and educational, making it a great resource for young learners to explore and reinforce their skills. The website features interactive quizzes, puzzles and lessons suitable for children in the early stages of their education.

UNLOCKING FUTURE SUCCESS: IGCSES AND A LEVELS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

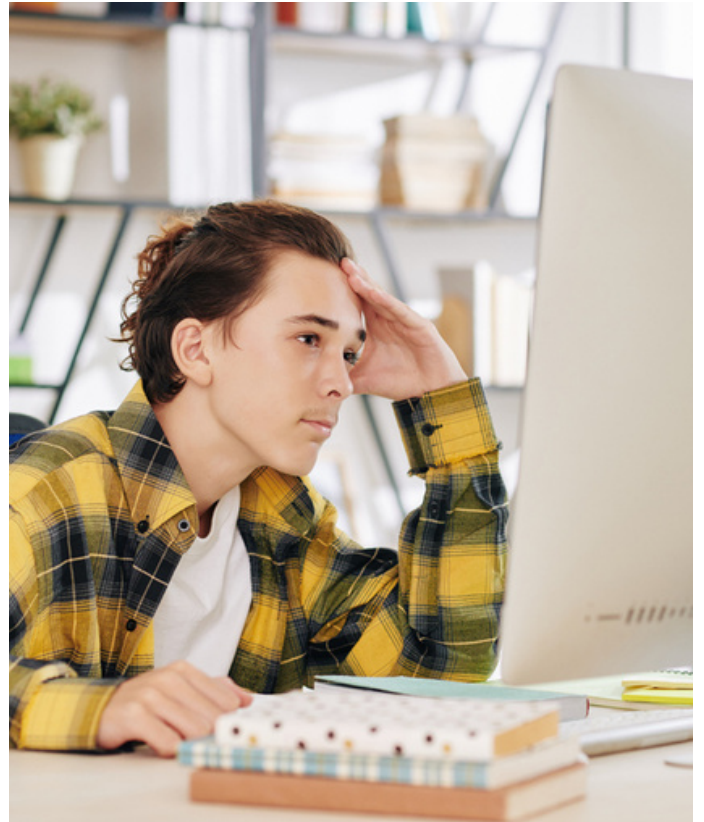
Did you know that your child can complete their learning journey with Wolsey Hall from pre-Primary all the way through to enrolment at college, university or starting a career?

We provide a homeschooling academic pathway that holds immense promise for your child's future. There are the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and Advanced Level (A Level) courses which lead to external qualifications that are universally recognised. Students use these to apply to university or college, or even begin their careers. If you're currently homeschooling primary-age children, it's essential to consider the opportunities these qualifications can offer as your child grows.

Laying a Strong Foundation

IGCSEs, typically taken around age 16, provide a robust foundation in a variety of subjects. They foster skills such as critical thinking, effective communication and problem-solving. IGCSEs and A levels also equip your child with essential skills such as research abilities, time management, and adaptability. These skills are not only valuable for university life but are also highly sought after by employers. They provide an international perspective, helping your child thrive in an interconnected world. Exposure to diverse subjects and ideas enables them to develop cultural awareness, tolerance and empathy.

The flexibility of IGCSEs and A levels allows you to tailor your child's education to their unique interests and career aspirations too.



As parents guiding your child's education, we encourage you to explore the possibilities that IGCSEs and A levels offer. These qualifications serve as more than academic milestones; they are gateways to a world of opportunities. Whether you envisage your child attending a prestigious university or excelling in their chosen career, IGCSEs and A levels provide a robust pathway towards achieving those dreams.

So, as your primary-age homeschoolers embark on their educational journey, it is reassuring to know that Wolsey Hall can guide you through the entire learning journey and can provide your children with an educational foundation that prepares them for a fulfilling, successful life.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER COMPETITION

Our video competition closes later this month, on 31st October. Tell us why others might like to choose to homeschool with Wolsey Hall Oxford!

If your child would like the chance of winning a cash prize or some Wolsey Hall merchandise please do encourage them to enter. Videos can be up to 3 minutes long but shorter ones also qualify! All levels of video making skills are very welcome.

You can find full details on how to enter in the Primary Community, or ask your Student Progress Manager.

All entries will be uploaded to our Youtube channel once the competition closes and winners are selected.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 125 countries. Are you making the most of our opportunities to connect with other homeschooling families worldwide?



Our Primary Level Parents [Facebook Group](#) is a private group to connect with other families, share ideas and information. Have you joined yet? You may also like to follow our [Facebook page](#).



Our [YouTube channel](#) is full of videos from students and their families who are sharing advice and tips for successful homeschooling.



We often feature our students' achievements on our [Instagram](#). Why not follow and engage with us there too?