



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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Fundraising Day

On **Thursday 20 December**, we will again be having a fundraising day for the Matt Hampson Foundation. Students can pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper (instead of their blazer) and/or Christmas accessories.



There will not be a catering service at break time due to the Christmas Lunch preparations.

There will be other fundraising activities throughout the day including a cake sale at break time organised by student leaders.

Students and staff are asked to bring cakes in to school on the morning of Thursday 20 December.



Library Books

Late book slips are sent out regularly via tutor group wallets. Once a slip has been received, students should return their books to the Learning Centre as soon as possible. If a book is not returned after three reminders, a letter will be sent home requesting parents'/carers' assistance in ensuring the book is returned. Should a book be lost, the student needs to see Mrs Smith in the Learning Centre and the book should either be paid for or replaced. This will enable us to maintain good stock levels in the library, for the benefit of all students.

Sport

Monday 17 December

Year 10 County Cup Football Vs St Paul's Catholic School, 2:30pm kick off at Woodbrook Vale.

School Canteen Assistant Vacancy

Are you looking for employment whilst your child is at school?

Would you like to join our team as a Catering Assistant from 11:45am - 2:00pm each week day during term time (£8.50 per hour)?

If you are interested, please contact Dave Green, School Business Manager: 01509 557560 ext 103.

tellbytext

Woodbrook Vale offers a system for students to report bullying called



tellbytext. If a student would like to report that they are being bullied, they may:

- text 21153 and their message to 07781474660
- leave a voice message at 0845 2258230
- report online at www.tellbytext.com

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Evening

On Monday 10 December, the 26 Year 11 students who had successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award were invited to attend an Awards Evening alongside their parents. The event was held to celebrate their successes and receive their certificates and pin badges.

It was a lovely evening which provided an excellent opportunity to show many of the wonderful skills that the students had worked on in order to complete their sections. Special thanks go to Max Alderman and Orihah Marshall for providing music during the evening and to Grace Longman, Sasha Rennocks, Maisie Simmonds, Neave Flood and Emma Lafferty for baking some delicious cakes too. It was a pleasure to see you all receive your Bronze Award, congratulations! Have a lovely Christmas Holidays, and to those carrying on to Silver - we will see you in the new year for your next DofE chapter!

Mrs Diaper, Teacher of PE & DofE Manager



End of Term Arrangements

This term ends on **Friday 21 December**. In line with previous years, we are planning to allow students to leave a little earlier than our normal closing time of 3:00pm.

Lunch will be at the usual time on this day, after which students will return to their Period 5 lesson where a register will be taken. Classes will then be dismissed during the afternoon at 1:30pm. Due to the early school closure, there will be no HUB after school on Friday 21 December.

School opens for all students on **Tuesday 8 January 2019**.

Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing **Monday 17 December** are:

Year 7: Rights & Responsibilities - Child Poverty

Year 8: Health & Wellbeing - Social Drugs:
Alcohol

Year 9: Careers 3 - What options? Too much choice?

Year 11: Careers - Money: U-explore

Please discuss the topics we are covering in PD lessons with your child. If any issues are raised that you would like us to be aware of, please contact your child's form tutor.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Parents/carers of Year 11 students are invited to our Parents' Evening on **Thursday 10 January 2019, 3:30pm - 7:00pm**. This evening will give you the opportunity to speak to subject teachers regarding your child's progress. Subject teachers will be discussing 'Next Steps' which will help your child achieve their target grades.

Please visit <https://woodbrookvale.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

Online booking will be available from **9.00am on Thursday 13 December 2018** and will close at **3.00pm on Wednesday 9 January 2019**.

For a short guide on how to add appointments please visit our website: <http://www.wbvs.co.uk/ParentsEvening>

Any problems please contact Mrs Perry on 01509 557560 ext 144.

Attendance Award

The highest attending registration group for last week was 9MH with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.10 %.

Congratulations to all members of 9MH.



Letters

All letters can be viewed on the school website: www.wbvs.co.uk

Headteacher's Commendation Award

Continuing our rewards programme at Woodbrook Vale of identifying students who have gone 'above and beyond' what is expected of them, or have done something particularly worthy of recognition, five students were awarded the Headteacher's Commendation Award. These students have been nominated by Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year. On Friday 7 December, commendations were presented by Mr Peat to the following students: Athan Butcher (7CB), Tyra McLaren (7TB), Jade McLean (7TB), Oscar Lawes (9SP), Lizzie Dunn (11ED).

Comments from Heads of Faculty/Heads of Year who nominated students included:

'For being a model citizen.'

'Consistent positive attitude and extra intervention resulting in great progress.'

'Continual determination and working hard whilst trying to move up a set.'



Year 11 News

It has certainly been a busy, purposeful, tiring and often surprising three weeks but the mock examinations are now complete. Well done to Year 11 and thank you for the immense effort that I have seen from all students and staff during this often stressful period.

This week's revision superstars (nominated by classroom teachers) are Orihah Marshall and Amar Lakha who attend all revision sessions with a sense of purpose and ambition. Max Alderman has also been nominated; not only for the way he conducts his own revision but also for the time he gives in supporting others in their learning.

GCSEPOD top watchers this week are Emma Thorpe, Will Booth, Joey Bandelow and Jordan Adcock.

The combined effort of students across Year 11 has enabled Woodbrook Vale to reclaim the top spot on the GCSEPOD regional league table.

Congratulations to all students who know that they have given their best during this term. I am confident that your strong work ethic will be rewarded in your grades.

Mrs Kell, Head of Year 11

First Aid Course

Year 11 Health and Social Care students were very lucky this week to be able to take part in a day long First Aid course run by St John Ambulance. As part of their assessed work, the students have to complete the course and demonstrate that they can independently apply their knowledge of first aid in a variety of situations. Over the course of the day, the students learned how to deal with cuts, burns and asthma attacks as well as putting one another into the recovery position and practising CPR on “Little Annie”.



Keisha Patel and Amber Hamilton bravely volunteered to use a practice AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to administer a shock to a casualty who has suffered a cardiac arrest. Luckily, the device tells the user what to do and has clear instructions. They were pleased to find out that their casualty survived! There is an AED device in school should the need ever arise, and now Health and Social Care students are fully qualified to use it.

Mrs Dawes, Teacher of Health & Social Care and Science

Personal Development: 7JL

Last week in PD, 7JL made responsibility flowers. They thought about the things that they currently had responsibility for and the things they would like to start taking responsibility for and made them into flowers. They all pledged that this week they would try and take responsibility for something new - their own behaviour, their revision, their homework, helping at home, respecting their parents more, playing with their siblings and a whole range of other ideas.

Mrs Smith, Trainee Teacher



Christmas Trees



This year, Woodbrook Vale is displaying two types of Christmas trees: traditional and IT (made of iPad boxes).

