



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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Year 11 GCSE MFL

The MFL Faculty will be holding an Information Evening for parents/carers of Year 11 GCSE French and Spanish students on **Tuesday 5 February**. The aim is to show parents how they can help students revise, even if they do not speak French or Spanish themselves.

Please return the reply slip from the letter issued at Parents' Evening last week or ask the MFL Faculty for another letter. The speaking exams take place during the week commencing **Monday 29 April**.
Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Year 11 GCSE Drama

The GCSE Drama examiner will be visiting Woodbrook Vale for the Year 11 final practical assessment on **Friday 22 March**.

GCSE students are expected to deliver two performances from a play on the day.

It is vital, therefore, that in order for members of the class to be fully prepared, they learn their lines and attend rehearsals regularly.

Parental support would be greatly appreciated.
Mrs Hopkinson, Teacher of Drama

Attendance Award

The highest attending registration group for last week was 8SS with an excellent weekly attendance of 99.29%. 8SS enjoyed a reward breakfast this morning.

Congratulations to all members of 8SS.
Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Clubs

Our Clubs timetable has been updated.
Click [here](#) to view.

Fundraising

We are very pleased to announce the funds raised at the end of last term:

Christmas Jumper Day: £327.37 for the Matt Hampson Foundation.

Cake Sale: £267.64 for the Sophie Wilson - Go Fund Me.

Thank you to students, parents and staff for your contributions and support.

Admissions Consultation

Woodbrook Vale School's consultation on its admission arrangements ended on 10 December 2018. Thank you to all who responded to this consultation.

Following careful consideration of all responses, the Academy Trust, as the Admission Authority, has made minor changes to two elements of the oversubscription criteria within our admission policy (elements 3 and 4). The revised criteria are set out below:

3. Children living permanently in the Woodbrook Vale catchment area.

Click [here](#) to view the map.

4. Children currently attending a feeder primary school who do not live in the catchment area. The designated feeder schools are:

- Holywell Primary School
- Mountfields Lodge Primary School
- Outwoods Edge Primary School
- The Beacon Academy

A copy of our 2020-2021 admission policy has now been published on our school website, along with information about how any objections can be lodged with the Office of the School Adjudicator.

Please click [here](#) to access the policy.

This policy will operate for school entry in August 2020.

It will also apply to all mid-term admissions for the school year 2020/2021 and for subsequent years until further notice.

Our House

Woodbrook Vale is looking forward to its next production, 'Our House' on **Wednesday 30 January, Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February**.

Students are currently working hard in their rehearsals

(pictured). The price of the tickets is £5 and they are currently available to purchase via ParentPay.



Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing **Monday 28 January** are:

Year 7: Health & Wellbeing - Personal Hygiene.

Year 8: Careers - Who would employ me?

Year 9: Relationships & Risks - Body Image.

Year 11: Relationships & Risks - Healthy and Abusive Relationships.

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.

Sport

Sports Leaders

Wednesday 30 January

Year 5/6 Basketball At Woodbrook Vale, 3:30-5:00pm.

Fixture

Thursday 31 January

KS4 Boys' Badminton Tournament at Woodbrook Vale, 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Forgotten Items

We continue to have instances where parents/carers have handed in forgotten PE kit, homework and cooking ingredients during the school day. There is no guarantee that these forgotten items will reach the student on time. It is the overall responsibility of all students to remember to bring in their homework, PE kit and cooking ingredients. Subject teachers will also be informed if a student has forgotten any of the aforementioned items.

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



Letters

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

Contacting Staff

There have been a few occasions this term when parents/carers have visited the school to see a member of staff without having an appointment. Unfortunately, this is not always convenient due to busy teaching commitments. However, we understand that some matters require urgent attention and if you telephone the Main Office we will always try to arrange a time for you to come in which is suitable for both you and the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

CyberFirst Competition

Woodbrook Vale School has entered a CyberFirst competition. This national competition is only open to Year 8 girls. We have successfully managed to create 5 teams.

Cyberfirst aims to provide a fun but challenging environment to encourage and inspire the next generation of young women to consider computer science as an option with a view to a future career in cyber security.

The content for each category is consistent with subjects within the computer science syllabus.

However, the competition will contain some advanced cyber topics that are not covered in traditional education but will seek to stretch the lateral thinking and additional cyber knowledge of the teams.

The top 10 teams will be invited to take part in the Grand Final on the 24 and 25 March.

Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 8



Humanities Heroes

The Humanities Faculty would like to say a big 'well done' to the following students:

Aidan Lee: an improved commitment and attitude since the mock exams.

Ruben Middle: excellent ICT to help the Humanities Faculty.

Hadi Bhojani: being very helpful, providing excellent contributions to class discussion and impeccable behaviour.

Charlie Bennett, Shelley Dhiman, Evie Hearne, Sam Kerslake, Laiba Latif, Elly Munday: achieving above target in the Year 10 Sociology Exam.

Tom Ford and Irina Efremova: excellent attitude and effort in Geography, always contributing and completing challenge tasks.

Nehha Jevan: progress made in the Year 10 History mock, a superb effort.

Eleanor Bull and Abigail McEwen: excellent assessment grades in their recent Year 10 mock exams.

Orihah Marshall and Erin Donnelly: excellent work ethic and support to one another.

Abigail Coles: showing great resilience in her Year 10 mock exams.

Group 8B1: a constant pleasure to teach.

