



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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Attendance Award

The highest attending registration group for last week was 11ED with an excellent weekly attendance of 100%.

100%

11ED enjoyed a reward breakfast this week.

Congratulations to all members of 11ED.
Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Careers - Woodbrook Vale Parents

We would be delighted to hear from any parents/carers who would be willing to come into school to share their career stories and experiences with some of our students.

We believe that Careers education is vital to inspire and motivate our students and it would be great to hear from anyone who may have advice to offer. Careers Week will be taking place during the week commencing **Monday 4 March**. We are hoping to have a range of activities for our students. If you feel you may be able to contribute and have an hour or so to spare, please email: mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk
Mrs McSwiney, Careers Coordinator

Sport

Thursday 28 February

Sports Leaders

Year 5/6 Basketball Competition at Woodbrook Vale School, 3:00pm -5:00pm.

Year 11 GCSE French Speaking

The Year 11 GCSE speaking exams are during the week commencing **Monday 29 April**. Students need to know their questions for all topics. Remember that speaking interventions continue on Monday lunchtimes in Room 11 or by appointment. Please talk to one of the teachers in the MFL faculty if you need any help with learning the questions.
Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Letters

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

Governors' Commendation Awards

The following students were presented last week with a Governors' Commendation Award for their outstanding work with potential Headteacher candidates over the past few weeks:

- Anna Byham 10TG
- Hareese Panesar 10BD
- Frances Miller 10DA
- Rebecca Chahal 9KH
- Fran Hodgkins 9JM
- Ali Bahsoun 8MP
- Adam Waez 8HS
- Sienna Warren 8MP
- Hemani Visavadia 8MP
- Leo Moechel 8MP
- Ewan North 8HS

Comments from the potential candidates and governors:

'You went above and beyond even our highest expectations for the knowledge, confidence and credibility of Woodbrook Vale students.'

'Thank you for the time and the honesty with which you answered our questions. You were a credit to the prefect badge and yourself, and I wish you all the best with your studies.'

'Thank you for organising our visit round the school so brilliantly this morning. I was very impressed not only by the school but by you as well.'

'Thanks for your kindness in showing us around, as well as your friendliness and openness.'

Congratulations and thank you for being excellent ambassadors for Woodbrook Vale School.



Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing

Monday 25 February:

Year 7: Health and Wellbeing: Mental Health - Self Esteem

Year 8: Careers: What makes me employable?

Year 9: Relationships & Risks: STIs

Year 11: Relationships & Risks: Warning Signs

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.

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



GCSE Mock Exams

GCSE mock exams will take place during the week commencing **Monday 11 March**.

Year 11 students will have mock exams in:

English Language

English Literature

Maths

Statistics

Biology, Chemistry and Physics for both separate Science students and combined Science students.

Year 10 students will have a mock exam in Statistics.

Please encourage your child to revise,

Timetables will be issued after the half term break.

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.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:

[@WoodbrookVale](https://twitter.com/WoodbrookVale)

and keep up to date with our latest news and information.



Headteacher's Commendation Awards

Continuing our rewards programme at Woodbrook Vale School of identifying students who have gone 'above and beyond' what is expected of them, or have done something particularly worthy of recognition, four students were awarded the Headteacher's Commendation Award on Friday 8 February. These students have been nominated by Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year. The commendations were presented by Mr Peat and Mrs Anderson to the following students:

- Rebekah Ashton, 7CL
- Abi Brooks, 8MP
- Niam Patel, 8SS
- Chloe Wignall, 9KH

Comments from Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year who nominated the students included:

'Fantastic resilience and extreme maturity in all subject areas and social situations.'

'Excellent leadership demonstrated during the School Open Day, French cafe, school productions and all charity events.'

'Consistently working hard in Science and taking an active role in school life.'

'Continued dedication to the school production: Our House.'



SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND Faculty is hosting its second coffee morning on

Wednesday 13

March from 10:00am

-11.30am. This will

be an opportunity for parents/carers to come along and meet the team, ask any questions or have any queries answered regarding SEND arrangements and provision at our school.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 13 March**.

Mrs Tyers, Assistant SENDCo





WE Scare Hunger

Woodbrook Vale School donated over 750 dry food items as part of the WE Scare Hunger campaign. The donated food items were handed to Pace, a local food bank in Loughborough.

Thank you to all parents and students for their contributions.
Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 8



English and Business Studies Collaboration

Well done to Year 9 students who participated in the Dragons' Den Project. An array of original and thoughtful ideas were pitched. Students demonstrated an ability to work collectively, to use persuasive techniques in their writing, and the confidence to perform their pitches to the class. Winning groups included the following: Amy Anderson, Lilly Earnshaw, Jasmine Chauhan, Mohammed Aboadba, Younes Bena, Isaac Katchick, and Josh Sharma. A special mention goes to Cerys Walton who produced some outstanding work individually (pictured).

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Mr Khan, Teacher of Computing & Business Studies

Rugby

Well done to Jacob Cusick, 11DD on his selection for the U16 Talent Development Group 2019 with the Leicester Tigers.

Jacob is in a squad of 40 players who will be playing and training over the coming months, hoping to secure a place in next season's U18 squad.

Mr Smith: Head of Faculty: PE & Music



Cross Country

Woodbrook Vale's cross country season is coming to a close and 3 students have had an amazing year.

Rebecca Van Aardt, 7CL is celebrating triple success. She came 3rd in the recent County Championships, was ranked 2nd in the overall season rankings and has been rewarded with selection to represent Leicestershire at the National Cross Country Finals on Saturday 23 March at Prestwold Hall.

Daniel Van Aardt, 8SS has had an equally impressive season. He finished 2nd in the recent County Championships, was ranked 2nd for the overall season and has been selected to represent Leicestershire and Rutland at the English Schools' Championships on Saturday 16 March in Leeds.

Gemma Newport, 10JP achieved 6th place in the County Championships. She has also been selected to represent Leicestershire and Rutland at the English Schools' Championships on Saturday 16 March in Leeds.

Well done and good luck.

Mr Smith, Head of Faculty: PE & Music

Interested in Apprenticeships?

Leicester College have some events that may be of interest...

Apprentice Workshop – Tuesday 19 February 2019

Are you considering an apprenticeship, but you're not too certain about where to start or what to do when you leave school?

Our apprenticeship team are holding a workshop where you can get expert advice and guidance on skills, such as;

- Updating your CV
- Interview techniques
- Job search analysis.

Improve your chances of getting an apprenticeship by joining us on Tuesday 19 February. The event will be held at C Block in Freeman's Park Campus, 145 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 7LW.

To confirm your place, email your name and contact number to apprenticeships@leicestercollege.ac.uk

Apprenticeship Fair – Wednesday 6 March 2019

Join us on the Wednesday 6 March, 3 pm to 8 pm for our Apprenticeship Fair.

Leicester College Apprenticeship Fair is a fantastic way to find out about apprenticeships and meet with employers who are looking to recruit new apprentices to their teams, in a wide range of sectors, such as:

- Business Administration
- Construction
- Digital industries and IT
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Pharmacy Services
- Dental Nursing
- Customer Service & Management

If you're not too sure which sector you'd like to work in, don't worry! Our great Apprenticeships and Careers teams will be on hand to provide you with some inspiration and ideas.

Email apprenticeships@leicestercollege.ac.uk for more details.



Clubs Timetable



Woodbrook Vale Clubs



Day	Club	Staff Member	Year Group	Time	Room	Starting Date	End Date
Monday	Christian Union	Mr Foote	All Years	Lunch time	Room 13	September 2018	July 2019
	Orchestra	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:50	Music Room	September 2018	July 2019
	Badminton	Mr Godfrey	Years 7, 8 & 9	Lunch time	Sports Centre	September 2018	July 2019
	Rugby	Mr Smith	Year 7	15:00 - 16:00	Sports Centre	15 October 2018	March 2019
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	Years 7, 8 & 9	Lunch time	Room 6	September 2018	July 2019
	Orchestra	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:50	Music Room	September 2018	February Half Term
	Girls Football	Miss Briers	Year 7	15:00 - 16:00	Sports Centre	17 September 2018	March 2019
	Badminton	Mr Godfrey	Years 10 & 11	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2018	March 2019
	Table Tennis	Mr Smith	All Years	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2018	March 2019
	Design Catchup	Mr Worth	Years 10 & 11	15:00 - 16:00	ADT	October 2018	July 2019
Wednesday	KS3 Art Club	Mrs Philippou	Years 7, 8 & 9	Lunch time	Art 1	September 2018	July 2019
	WMA	Students	Year 11	15:00 - 16:00	ICT 2	September 2018	July 2019
	Sewing Bee	Mrs Perry	All Years	15:00 - 16:00	Art 2	10 October 2018	May 2019
	French Club	Miss Prunaret	All Years	12:25 - 12:45	Room 10	September 2018	July 2019
	Film Club	Mr Sachin Dandhu	All Years	12:30 - 13:00	Room 21	September 2018	July 2019
	Basketball	Mr Smith	All Years	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2018	March 2019
Thursday	KS4 Art Club	Mrs Philippou & Mrs Elliott	GCSE	Lunchtime & 15:00 - 16:00	Art 1	September 2018	July 2019
	Silent Reading Club	Mrs Raphael	All Years	12:30 - 13:00	Room 22	January 2019	July 2019
	Darts	Mr Clargo	Years 10 & 11	Lunch time	Room 6	September 2018	July 2019
	Production	Mrs Hopkinson & Mr Parsons	All Years	15:00 - 16:30	Drama Studio & Music Room	September 2018	February 2019
	Spanish Club	Ms Brizuela	Years 10 & 11	Lunch time	Room 8	September 2018	July 2019
Friday	Orchestra	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:50	Music Room	September 2018	February Half Term
	Poetry Workshop	Mrs McSweeney	All Years	12:25 - 13:00	Room 18	January 2019	July 2019
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	15:00 - 16:30	Drama Studio	September 2018	July 2019
	KS4 French	Ms Lewis	GCSE	Lunch time	Room 9	September 2018	July 2019