



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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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 completed so far and should also ensure that they can ASK questions. 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. If you would like an information pack from the Parents' Information Evening, please email me: fkitching@wbvs.co.uk
Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Breakfast Club

Do you know that your child could be entitled to a free breakfast at school?
Toast, cereal and juice are available between 8:00 am and 8:25am everyday in the dining hall.
Please contact the school for further information.

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

Attendance Award

The highest attending registration group for the last week before the half term break was 7FK with an excellent weekly attendance of 99.29%. 7KF enjoyed a reward breakfast this week. Congratulations to all members of 7FK.
Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Message from Chair of Governors

As many of you know by now (please see letter on the website if you don't!) Rachael Fraser will be taking up her role as Headteacher of Woodbrook Vale School on 3 June 2019 immediately after the Summer half-term break. As Gary Peat is leaving immediately after Easter the Governing Board has asked Sarah Anderson, one of our very experienced and excellent Deputy Headteachers to be our Acting Headteacher for the first half of the Summer Term until Rachael starts.

Gavin Brown, Chair of Governors

GCSE Geography Field Trip

The Year 11 GCSE Geography students have had a busy week where they have been out completing fieldwork techniques for their component 3 exam. On Monday, the students were in Loughborough Town Centre where they focused on the impacts of pedestrian flows. On Wednesday, they were at Bradgate Park where their focus was on risks and looking at the impacts of tourism on footpath erosion. They were great ambassadors for the school and myself and the other staff members felt very proud of how they approached members of the public who were also highly complimentary of their approach, attitude and behaviour. The students completed various fieldwork techniques including fieldsketches, activity logs, pedestrian counts, footpath indentation and infiltration measures. It was a pleasure to take them out of school and they should feel proud of their efforts.

Mrs Kimber, Head of Faculty: Humanities



Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing **Monday 4 March**:

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

Year 8: Careers: Preparing for Work

Year 9: Relationships & Risks: HIV/AIDS

Year 11: Careers Week

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.

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.

Letters

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

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



Word of the Week

"Impeccable"

(something that is perfect)

Can you use the Word of the Week in a sentence?

Sport

Monday 4 March

Years 7 & 8 Boys' and Girls' Sportshall Athletics at Charnwood College, 3:00pm-5:30pm.

Thursday 7 March

Sports Leaders

KS2 Cross Country at Woodbrook Vale School, 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:

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

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



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



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.

Year 11 Mock Exams 11.03.2019 - 15.03.2019

Date	Start Time	Duration	Component Title
Monday 11 March	9.00am	105mins	English Language Paper
Monday 11 March	1.30pm	105mins	Biology Higher Paper 2
Monday 11 March	1.30pm	105mins	Biology Foundation Paper 2
Monday 11 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Biology Foundation Paper 2
Monday 11 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Biology Higher Paper 2
Tuesday 12 March	9.00am	90mins	Statistics Paper 1
Tuesday 12 March	1.30pm	105mins	Chemistry Higher Paper 2
Tuesday 12 March	1.30pm	105mins	Chemistry Foundation Paper 2
Tuesday 12 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Chemistry Foundation Paper 2
Tuesday 12 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Chemistry Higher Paper 2
Wednesday 13 March	9.00am	90mins	Maths Paper 1
Wednesday 13 March	1.30pm	90mins	Statistics Paper 2
Friday 15 March	9.00am	105mins	English Literature
Friday 15 March	1.30pm	105mins	Physics Higher Paper 2
Friday 15 March	1.30pm	105mins	Physics Foundation Paper 2
Friday 15 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Physics Foundation Paper 2
Friday 15 March	1.30pm	75mins	Combined Physics Higher Paper 2

Year 10 Mock Exams 14.03.2019

Date	Start Time	Duration	Component Title
Thursday 14 March	9.00am	90mins	Statistics Paper 1
Thursday 14 March	1.30pm	90mins	Statistics Paper 2

Year 9 Sports and Exercise Day

Year 9 students visited Loughborough University on Friday 15 February to support the PE PGCE course and experience a day on campus as part of the university's Outreach Programme. Students experienced high quality athletics coaching, received a tour of campus and took part in fitness testing and nutrition workshops. Students worked exceptionally hard and behaved impeccably. Well done to you all for being excellent ambassadors for Woodbrook Vale School.

Mr Smith, Head of Faculty: PE & Music



RNIB College Visit

On Wednesday 13 February, a group of 16 students visited the RNIB College in Loughborough. The group are currently designing a product for the blind/partially sighted as part of the 3M Young Innovators Challenge Competition. During the visit they explored the equipment that is used by the blind and spent an afternoon doing a range of tasks blindfolded such as making a sandwich, peeling vegetables and using a walking stick around the site. They will be visiting the 3M factory in April to present their work to a panel of judges.

Mr Worth, Teacher of Art & Design Technology



World Book Day

Woodbrook Vale will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March**. Students will be given National Book Tokens that can be exchanged for one book from the wonderful selection available. The tokens are valid from **Thursday 27 February to Sunday 31 March 2019**.

Additionally, tutor groups will be testing their knowledge of all-things-books with a World Book Day themed quiz. There will also be an exciting competition to follow, details of which will be announced to tutor groups next week.

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

