



# Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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## GCSE French Year 11

Due to the limited number of lessons before the GCSE French exams, a mock listening file for both Foundation and Higher papers has been uploaded onto the attached link for students to complete in their own time. Students will be given the paper by their teacher and will be able to mark the paper in class.

[Link to Listening File](#)

On the day of the GCSE French Listening and Reading exams (**Tuesday 14 May**), there will be breakfast and revision session for students from 7:45am. The sessions will be split into Foundation and Higher and students will be asked to sign up in advance.

Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

## Date for Diary: Spring Concert

Spring Concert at Woodbrook Vale,  
**Tuesday 30 April, 6:00pm.**  
An evening of musical entertainment.



## Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing **Monday 29 April:**

Year 7: Diversity & British Values-ID & Diversity

Year 8: Rights and Responsibilities-Suffragettes

Year 9: Rights and Responsibilities: People & Parliament

Year 11: Revision

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.

## Attendance

The highest attending registration group the last week before the Easter break was 8AK with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.28%. 8AK enjoyed a reward breakfast this week. Congratulations to all members of 8AK.

Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



## Kirkland Rowell Survey

We constantly aim to improve the education and enrichment that we offer for students at Woodbrook Vale School and are now at a stage in the academic year where we need you to tell us how well you think we are doing and how we can improve the things that are important to you and your child. Please spare ten minutes to fill in the online questionnaire and tell us what you think. The questionnaire can be found at <https://survey.g1-assessment.co.uk/s/JFGE1/> The password is WVS492371 (the password is case sensitive).

By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources to make our school the best that it can be for your child. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will make a real difference to how we operate our school and make improvements in the future.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sarah Anderson, Acting Headteacher

## Year 8 E-Safety Inter-Form Competition

Year 8 students took part in an E-safety inter-form competition last term. The winners for the E-Safety poster competition were announced during the Year 8 assembly this week and were rewarded with prizes for their hard work and efforts!

1st place: Rachel Newport

2nd Place: Ali Bahsoun

3rd place: Ashleigh Lam, Izzy Rowley, Zara Giglio  
Chloe Linkevicius, Aylissa Freer,  
Grace Liu, Safiyyah Mughal

Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 8



## Forgotten Items

We continue to have instances where parents/carers have handed in forgotten PE kit, homework or 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.

## Sport

### Sports Leaders Events

#### **Tuesday 30 April**

Mini Orange Tennis Training at Woodbrook Vale, 1:30pm-3:00pm.

#### **Friday 3 May**

Year 5/6 Mini Orange Tennis at Charnwood Lawn Tennis Club, 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

## Word of the Week

'Conclusion'

(The end of something)

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

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

## Letters

All letters can be viewed on the school website:

[www.wbvs.co.uk](http://www.wbvs.co.uk)

## 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.



## New Timetable & Year 11 Study Leave

All year groups will move to their new timetables on the first day back after the May Half Term break (**Monday 3 June**). New timetables will be issued to students before the half term break so they are prepared for the first day of the new timetable.

**Monday 3 June** is also the first day of Year 11 study leave. From this date, Year 11 students only need to come into school for their exams. We will publish a timetable of revision classes and available study rooms for any Year 11 students who feel this would be beneficial.

Other important dates for Year 11:

- **Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday 19 June, 9:30-10:30am**
  - **Prom on the evening of Thursday 27 June, 7:30-10:30pm**
- Mr Hynes, Deputy Headteacher

## E-Safety Residential Trip

Over the Easter holidays, five Year 8 students wanted to further enhance their E-Safety knowledge. They researched and found a 4-day E-Safety residential in Nottingham. The course provided a valuable introduction to the tools, knowledge and skills required to build and protect small networks and personal devices. Over the 4 days, they developed a secure understanding of the internet and its uses and explored a variety of networks. They also had the chance to construct their own devices and learned how to secure them.

Please read the following testimonials from two of the students:

*'I loved the experience at Cyberfirst. I thoroughly enjoyed the lab work as we learned about the importance of security and how hackers commit the crimes that they do. I would definitely recommend this experience to all students who are fascinated by the world of cyber as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.'*

Safiyah Mughal

*'During the Cyberfirst course, many new skills were introduced to me, which I am sure will help me to reach my potential in my upcoming career. The most enjoyable moments for me were when the guest speakers talked to us about their careers in the cyber world.'*

Chloe Chambers

Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 8

## 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 5 April. These students have been nominated by Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year. The commendations were presented by Mr Peat to the following students:

- Meghna Ranjit Nair, 7TB
- Storm Casey, 7FK
- Dylan Kana, 7JL
- Ellis Cooke, 11ED
- Imogen Donoghue, 11IS
- Ben Morris, 11ED

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

- *'significantly improving their scores in Biology, and attending after school intervention without fail'*
- *'100% effort'*
- *'outstanding commitment and contribution to extra curricular activities'*
- *'being a role model to his tutor group'*
- *'going above and beyond with learning'*
- *'a polite and well mannered individual, a joy to have in the classroom'.*



## Year 9 Sonnets

### Match Day

*Atmosphere all round, supporters jumping up and down.*

*The terraces are shaking, the nets are breaking!  
Chanting fans are loud - they can be heard all around,  
the atmosphere is intense and mind blowing.  
The world famous ground. The world famous ground.  
Screams and dreams fans hoping and unknowing  
creating different sounds - fans unite all around  
the globe. From everywhere they keep arriving.  
Harsh decisions, harsh words, supporters clown  
throughout the match - always supporting.  
Team training, team battering, teams crackdown-  
two teams with one ambition. Winning!  
Players, loving managers jumping, fans screaming  
Smash and dash, shoot and score – what a feeling!*

By Josh and Dan, Year 9

### Hate

*Thoughts of pure anger build up in my head  
When I fall asleep I feel asleep I feel like I'm  
falling  
But when I wake I still feel dead  
Every day I want to be dying*

*Hatred and anger make my face turn red  
Hate is a blinding sun full of anger  
A tsunami of thoughts fuel my hatred  
Hate causes the most horrible slander*

*Hate is a fire burning through my head  
Destroying everything in its path  
Hate swirls in my mind as I lay in bed  
Ready to release its deadly wrath*

*Hate is horrible and unstoppable  
Hatred and anger are not optional*

By Ollie, Year 9

Year 9 students have worked extremely hard on their sonnets during their English lessons.  
Mrs Gadd, Teacher of English

# We are talking mental health at Woodbrook Vale School



## Key Staff:

- **Mrs S Anderson** - Designated Child Protection / Safeguarding Officer / Acting Headteacher
- **Ms J Lewis / Mrs S Moreland** – Mental Health Champions
- **Mrs J Whelband** – Student Welfare Officer

## News and Information:

Woodbrook Vale is currently working towards receiving a **Well-being Award**.

To achieve this we are working hard on our targets, to raise awareness, remove stigma and improve the well-being of our students by providing Mental Health support, when they require it.

Through our PD curriculum and assemblies, our students are learning more about how to stay mentally healthy and to talk openly about this important issue.

## Woodbrook Vale signposts you to help and support:

- ❖ There is a Mental Health and well-being policy on the school website. The appendix has a list of helpful websites and resources, organised under each issue. You can click on the sites listed and be automatically directed to the help you require.
- ❖ Students having difficulties may approach the school Mental Health Champions or any member of staff. We now have a referral system in place to support students who may just want someone to listen to them or more.
  - ❖ The school also has the services of a school nurse and a relate counsellor.
- ❖ We are also planning a drop in clinic hosted by our older well-being prefects, where younger students can go if they feel they cannot talk to an adult.

