



# Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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## Uniform and Equipment

A letter has been issued to students this week outlining our uniform and equipment expectations. We aim to ensure that all parents/carers and students are very clear about what is permitted and what isn't. I trust that this will help in terms of conversations at home and also in the purchasing of uniform in preparation for the new academic year. We have noticed, in particular, that a number of students have had nose piercings. Facial jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons. If you require support with the purchase of uniform or equipment please contact me directly at school.  
Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher

## Apprenticeships

If you would like to find out more about apprenticeships to support your child in their career choices, the following link is very useful. You can also subscribe and receive monthly updates. Click [here](#) to access the link.  
Mrs McSwiney, HLTA & Careers Coordinator

## Attendance

The highest attending registration group for the week before the half term break was 8TB with a weekly attendance of 100%. Well done 8TB. A reward breakfast was enjoyed by students in 8TB on Thursday this week.

Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:  
[@WoodbrookVale](https://twitter.com/WoodbrookVale)  
and keep up to date with our latest news and information.



## New Head starts at Woodbrook Vale

My name is Rachael Fraser and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Woodbrook Vale School.

I would like to thank students and staff who have given me such a warm welcome this week. I have been busy conducting assemblies and one to one meetings as well as doing some English teaching. I am already very impressed by the hard work,



enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour of the students here at Woodbrook Vale School. I am particularly grateful to those students who have read aloud in assembly or come to talk to me at lunch and break times... you know who you are!

When I made the decision to return to the East Midlands, where I went to school myself, I was attracted to Woodbrook Vale School by the philosophy. As you will know, it is centred upon a core ethos that speaks of working to produce motivated and enthused learners who are proud of their achievements, keen to celebrate the successes of others and willing to make a positive contribution to their community. This closely matches my own vision of education.

I must pay tribute to my predecessor Gary Peat, who, along with the governing body, has set the school on such a fantastic trajectory of success. I will work tirelessly to further embed the school ethos, preserve the uniqueness of the school and enable the students to clock up happy memories..

Many students have asked me about uniform. I am not proposing any changes at this stage but I have told students I will be looking at how well they wear the uniform.

I look forward to working with students, staff and parents in the coming years and to meeting you all in due course.

Rachael Fraser, Headteacher

## Spanish

All Year 8 and 9 languages groups have started learning Spanish this week in addition to French. Please ask your child about other countries where Spanish is spoken and see if they can greet you in Spanish!

Gracias

Señora Kitching, Teacher of MFL

## Year 11 PE Kit

Any Year 11 students wishing to donate their Woodbrook Vale PE t-shirt and/or hoody, please hand them to the Student Office or the PE Office. Thank you.

Mr Smith, Head of Faculty: PE including Music

## Word of the Week

'Abysmal'

(Something that is very bad)

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

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

## Clubs

Click [here](#) to view Woodbrook Vale's latest clubs.

## 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.

## Medication

There are times when students may need to take medication during the school day. An authorisation form needs to be signed by a parent/carer and these are available from our Main Reception.



Please ensure that 'over the counter' medication is in its original packaging. Prescription medication must also be in its original packaging and include the child's name and date of birth on the label.

We cannot accept medication that does not follow the above guidelines. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Letters

All letters can be viewed on the school website:

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

## Athletics

On Wednesday 22 May, Woodbrook Vale participated in the Area Athletics event at Loughborough Grammar School's playing fields, Quorn. The small team of athletes performed extremely well. The following athletes qualified for the County Championships at Saffron Lane Stadium, Leicester on **Saturday 8 June**.

Rosa Mock,10DB	1st place	200m
Mar Ruiz-Monserrat,10TG	1st place	300m
Maya Devalia, 10DB	2nd place	100m
Gemma Newport,10JP	2nd place	800m
Luke Sweeney,10TG	1st place	100m

Well done to everyone and good luck at the County Championships.

Mr Smith, Head of Faculty: PE including Music

## Weekly 'Hot Job'

This week's 'Hot Job' is:

### Marine Engineer

This week's 'Hot Job' is Marine Engineer. They design, build, test and repair boats, ships, underwater craft, offshore platforms and drilling equipment. This job is predicted to grow 3% nationally by 2023.

If this is something your son or daughter might be interested in, you can find more information at [careerpilot.org.uk](http://careerpilot.org.uk) and see local job market information.

Careerpilot has information on over 800 jobs. Each job profile explains entry requirements and regional employment. It's a one-stop website explaining all the choices, qualifications, and courses available to 13-19 year olds. There's also a Parent Zone, with information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decisions about study and work.

Mr Hynes, Deputy Headteacher

## SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND Faculty is hosting its third coffee morning of the year on **Wednesday 12 June from 10:00-11:30am**.

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 12 June**.

Mrs Tyers, Assistant SENDCo

