



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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MFL

Woodbrook Vale subscribes to an excellent website for independent revision in both French and Spanish. www.linguascope.com can be accessed using the username woodbrook and the password fabfrench (for either language). Year 7 students will find it particularly useful for revising basics such as colours and dates.

Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Sport

Monday 23rd September

Years 9,10,11 Boys' Table Tennis Tournament at De Lisle College, 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Tuesday 24th September

Years 10/11 Girls' Netball Vs De Lisle College at Woodbrook Vale School, 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Thursday 26th September

Years 7,8,9 Girls Netball Vs Loughborough Amherst School at Loughborough Amherst School, 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Team Leicestershire Cross Country dates for 2019-2020

Click [here](#) for dates.

First race is on **Saturday 28 September**, Prestwold Hall. See Mr Smith for further details.

Woodbrook Vale Open Day/Evening

On Wednesday 18 September the school was open for prospective parents to visit the school (for entry into Woodbrook Vale in August 2020). Our student guides did an outstanding job of showing visitors around and were excellent ambassadors, demonstrating a great pride in their school.

Examples of Feedback From Visitors:

'massively impressed.'

'exceptional professionalism and enthusiasm of the students.'

'excellent tour, atmosphere and learning environment.'



Skills Show 2019

The Skills Show (organised by WorldSkills UK) is at the NEC in Birmingham from **21-23 November 2019**. It is the UK's largest skills, apprenticeships and careers event and well worth attending for anyone interested in work-related (vocational) courses.

<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live>

Mr Hynes, Deputy Headteacher



Forgotten Items

We have had instances very early at the start of this term 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.

Attendance Reward

The highest attending registration group last week for Year 8 was 8FK with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.28%. 8FK will have a reward breakfast on Monday morning.

Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Word of the Week

'Eradicate'

(If you eradicate something, you get rid of it completely)

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Year 9 Sustainability Project

Year 9 GEOGRAPHERS ARE STEERING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

As part of the Year 9 Sustainability Project Assessment, students fulfilled a brief to produce an idea for something that reduces, reuses or recycles materials that have a negative impact on the environment. There was an amazing response from the students and whilst it was made clear that no one needed to make the product they had designed, many actually did!

Mr Burt said, “Probably over half of them have actually made something. This year more than ever students have come up with inventive and original ideas for helping to save the planet. I think they have a better awareness of challenges facing the environment and this has come from their use of the internet and social media and its focus on the impact of things like single use plastics on wildlife such as turtles and marine life.”

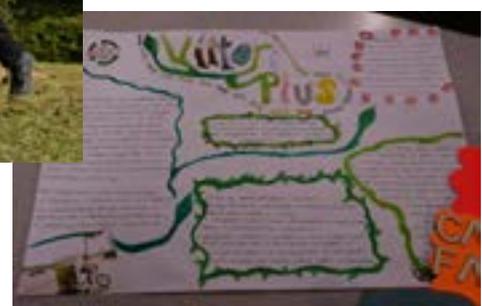
One amazing project involved three boys making a go-kart out of waste products they found in the local area. They described how they had reused wooden pallets, old bike parts and an old road sign found in a hedge. We heard that they had great fun building it over two days in the summer and even greater fun test driving their invention, which incidentally had no brakes! Keanu told us, “The clue is in the word ‘hand brake’ – you use your hands!” He went on to describe how Russell’s driving skills had accidentally caused him to mount the kerb and crash into a hedge! No insurance claims please... and no wildlife was hurt in the making of the product.

Other projects included furniture made from old copper piping, children’s toys made from old socks, desk tidies made from toilet rolls and shoe boxes and jewellery made from old plastic straws.

The Geography department would like to thank all the parents who have got involved in encouraging their children with this project supporting with glue guns, welding, cutting, sticking and sourcing materials. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves whilst learning about local and global projects designed to reduce the negative impact of humans on the planet. The challenging part was when they had to justify each part of their idea in a presentation to the class using geographical knowledge and link their choices and decisions to local and global contexts.

One group who researched a company called Viitor Plus in Romania found that there are people now who are looking into ways to cut down on single use plastics for packaging of water by using aluminum cans instead. The idea is that since aluminum is more readily recycled than plastic the infrastructure is already there. This leads us to reflect once again on our own use of plastics in school and new ideas are now emerging for school action. Grateful thanks to Year 9 for sharing their story this week.

Here are some examples of this wonderful work:



Leicestershire County U16 Football

After being selected myself with the honour of running the newly resurrected Leicestershire County U16s football squad for the upcoming season, I began the thorough trials process. Every school in the county was emailed to nominate potential players, every grassroots club in the county was emailed with the same brief. We received over 200 applications for the squad. We held a trial night at Leicester City FC Academy for the 60 players that we had narrowed the field down to and the standard was exceptional. Incredibly difficult to reduce that number of 60 down to the squad of 18 that we had decided was the optimum number. However after much deliberation and argument a squad was selected. I am delighted to say that five Year 11 students from Woodbrook Vale made the final cut: George Moore, Declan Warren, Ajay Korpai, Ollie Burnett and Harlee Edwards. This is an incredible achievement for the 5 students and will see them represent their county against Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Humberside and Staffordshire in the league phase of the competition. This is an honour for the students involved and also for Woodbrook Vale itself reflecting the quality of football within our Year 11 group. Declan Warren has been selected as captain and George Moore as vice captain, further honours for these two individual players.



Mr Moore, HLTA & Year 10/11 Football Coach

Post 16 Open Days

<p>De Lisle College Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 4SQ T: 01509 268739 www.delisle.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 7th November 2019 – 6pm – 8pm 	<p>Loughborough College Radmoor Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3BT Tel 01509 618375 www.loucoll.ac.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 5th October 2019 - 10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday 2nd November 2019 - 10:00am - 1:00pm
<p>Rawlins Academy Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8DY, Loughborough Leicestershire LE12 8DY Tel 01509 622800 www.rawlinsacademy.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 2nd November 2019 – 10am - 12 	<p>Charnwood College Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 4SQ Tel: 01509 554400 www.charnwoodcollege.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 27th November 2019 - 6pm – 8pm
<p>Stephenson College Thornborough Road, Coalville LE67 3TN T. 01530 836136 www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 20th November 2019 - 3pm – 6pm Tuesday 5th February 2020 – 3pm – 6pm 	<p>Brooksby Melton College Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 0HJ Tel 01664 855444 www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk</p> <p>Brooksby Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 2nd November 2019 – 10am- 1pm Thursday 23rd January 2020 – 5.30pm – 7.30pm <p>Melton Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 23rd November 2019 – 10am - pm Tuesday 21st January 2020 - 5pm – 7pm
<p>Leicester College – All Campuses - Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 7LW 0116 224 2240 www.leicestercollege.ac.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8th October 2019 – 4m – 8pm Saturday 30th November 2019 – 11am – 3pm 	

Post 16 Applications

Post 16 provider	How to apply	Personal statement required	Open days	Deadline for applications
Rawlins Academy	Online form on school website	Yes	Saturday 2 nd November 2019 10am - 12	31/1/2020
Loughborough College	Pdf form on website to print Online - Goes live on 30/09/19	No	Saturday 5th October 2019 10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday 2 nd November 2019 10:00am - 1:00pm	31/1/2020
De Lisle College	Online form on school website	No	Thursday 7th November 2019 6pm – 8pm	30/11/2019
Charnwood College	Online or Form at back of prospectus	Yes	Wednesday 27 th November 2019 - 6pm – 8pm	31/1/2020
Stephenson College	Online	No	Saturday 26 th October 2019 10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday 8 th February 2020- 10:00am - 1:00pm	31/1/2020
Brooksby Melton College	Online	No	Brooksby Campus Saturday 2 nd November 2019 10am- 1pm Thursday 23 rd January 2020 5.30pm – 7.30pm Melton Campus Saturday 23 rd November 2019 10am - pm Tuesday 21 st January 2020 5pm – 7pm	31/1/2020

Post 16 application form links:

Rawlins Academy

<https://www.rawlinsacademy.org.uk/application/358277.html>

Loughborough College

<https://www.loucoll.ac.uk/how-to-apply>

De Lisle College

<https://www.delisle.org.uk/212/sixth-form-application-1>

Charnwood College

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-SY_rRD9KpBML8qaIKFFex8HRwRFPG6td5bM75Hlv-U/view-form?edit_requested=true

Stephenson College

<https://stephensoncoll.ac.uk/courses>

Brooksby Melton College

<https://www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk/course-finder/>

Year 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening

Parents of Year 7 students are invited to make an appointment to meet their child's form tutor on **Thursday 3 October between 3:30pm and 7:00pm.**

The Consultation Evening will be an opportunity to discuss how the year has begun. We would like to invite your child to attend the meeting with you.

Please visit <https://woodbrookvale.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Online booking will be available from 9:00am on **Wednesday 18 September** and will close at 3:00pm on **Wednesday 2 October**. For a short guide on how to add appointments, please visit our website: ([Parents/Parents Evening Booking System](#)).

Letters were issued to Year 7 students this week.

Miss Harper, Head of Year 7

Express Yourself: Autistic Adolescents

From Lakeside Arts, Nottingham:

Sharing ideas about anxiety and navigating an ever changing world

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November 2019

Lakeside Arts Centre, University Park Nottingham, NG7 2RJ

Lakeside Arts team is looking to bring together a small group of autistic adolescents to take part in some fun arts-based activities over two weekend afternoons in November, working with artists from different art-forms. The participants will be encouraged to share their opinions and experiences to help educate the artists and teachers think about different ways of working with young people with a positive impact. Participants will then have the opportunity to bring friends and family along to a showcase celebration on Friday 8 November to share their work if they wish. If your child would like to take part in this event, please look at the event page and register (see link below). There are only 15 places available, so early booking is recommended.

nottingham.ac.uk/education/express-yourself



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 2019	July 2020
	Production Orchestra	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:55	Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
	French Speaking	Mrs Kitching	Year 11	12:25 - 12:55	Room 11	September 2019	July 2020
	Football	Mr Smith/Mr Godfrey	Years 7 & 9	15:00 - 16:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	14 October 2019
	Cricket Nets	Mr Hayes	All Years	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	April 2020
	Netball	Mrs Diaper	KS3 & KS4	15:00 - 16:00	Netball Court	September 2019	14 October 2019
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	Years 7, 8 & 9	Lunch time	Room 6	September 2019	July 2020
	Jazz Band	Mr Parsons	All Years	Lunch time	Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
	Table Tennis	Mr Smith	KS3 & KS4	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	July 2020
	Badminton	Mr Godfrey	KS3 & KS4	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	July 2020
	GCSE Design Catchup	Mr Worth	Years 10 & 11	12:25 - 13:00 and 15:00 - 16:00	ADT	September 2019	July 2020
Wednesday	KS3 Art Club	Mrs Philippou	Years 7, 8 & 9	Lunch time	Art 1	September 2019	July 2020
	Rock Club	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:55	Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
	Sewing Bee	Mrs Perry	All Years	15:00 - 16:00	Art 2	25 September 2019	1 April 2020
	Football	Mr Grundy	Year 11	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	December 2019
Thursday	Art for GCSE Students	Mrs Philippou & Mrs Elliott	Years 10 & 11	Lunch time & 15:00 - 16:00	Art 1	September 2019	July 2020
	Basketball	Mr Smith	KS3 & KS4	12:30 - 13:00	Sports Centre	28 October 2019	July 2020
	Dance	Mrs Blaze	Year 9 & 10	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	July 2020
	Singing Club	Mrs Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:55	Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
	Darts	Mr Clargo	Years 10 & 11	Lunch time	Room 6	September 2019	July 2020
	Production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson & Mr Parsons	All Years	15:00 - 16:30	Drama Studio & Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
Friday	Production Orchestra	Mr Parsons	All Years	12:25 - 12:55	Music Room	September 2019	July 2020
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	15:00 - 16:30	Drama Studio	September 2019	July 2020
	Poetry	Mrs McSwiney	Years 7 & 8	Lunch time	Room 18	September 2019	July 2020
	Football	Mr Grundy	Year 11	12:25 - 13:00	Sports Centre	September 2019	December 2020