



Woodbrook Vale Newsletter

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Note on Road Safety

Please can parents and carers be mindful when using their vehicles on Grasmere Road and surrounding streets? This area often becomes congested and creates dangers to students and local residents.

Thank you for your cooperation.

– Mr Green, School Business Manager

Word of the Week

Converge - To join together or become very similar.

Can you use the word of the week in a sentence?

– Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Attendance

The highest attending registration groups for each year group this week were:

7AW, 8FK, 9DM, 10RB, 11ID

The highest attending registration group for the week ending **Friday 7 February** was: **9DM** with a weekly attendance of **98.08%**. This is great, well done! A reward breakfast was enjoyed by the students on **Friday 14 February**.

– Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer & Ms Gallagher, Administration Assistant

Year 11 MFL Information Evening

The Year 11 MFL Parents' Information Evening is on **Wednesday 26 February 2020**. This evening will show parents/carers how to help their child revise for the GCSE French and Spanish speaking exams which will take place during the week commencing **Monday 20 April 2020**. No previous knowledge of the language is needed! If you did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact any of the MFL teachers.

Seneca Learning now includes a French AQA French section with the relevant vocabulary.

– Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

SEND Coffee Morning

Save the date! The next SEND Coffee Morning will take place on **Thursday 5 March 2020**. It is always a pleasure to meet and get to know parents/carers at these informal events. These meetings strengthen our relationships with you and your families and help us to continue our support of your children at Woodbrook Vale.

– Miss Woodcock, Lead LSA

WE Scare Hunger Foodbank Drive



Over the last few weeks, Woodbrook Vale students have been collecting non-perishable food products for a local food bank as part of the WE Scare Hunger Campaign. The Student Leader Charity and Environment team challenged each tutor group to collect as many food items as they could. The result of their campaign was immense as some forms had collected over 100 food items.

Mike Riley, Schools Coordinator at Loughborough Area Food Bank came to collect the donation. The foodbank is supported by The Trussell Trust who provide emergency food and support to people in poverty and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. Mike was amazed, not only by the sheer amount of food our students had collected but also by the positive 'can do' attitude the student leaders showed when loading the car. Mike had to make two trips with his car full of donated items!

Number of Items

Year 7:	418
Year 8:	269
Year 9:	378
Year 10:	125
Year 11:	121



Overall, we donated 1,311 food items to be enjoyed by those in need. This means we beat last year's record! Thank you to everyone who donated.

– The Student Leader Charity and Environment Team

Headteachers Commendation Award



Congratulations and well done to Rosa Mock, Ellie Robertson, Suze Moreland, Max Barr, Drashti Patel, Dan Pedge, Maia Brett, Niamh Bradley-Stevenson, Khushali Joshi, Millie Hamilton-Sandhu for receiving the Headteacher's Commendation Award this week.

Your hard work and determination in school life and beyond has not gone unnoticed. I very much enjoy presenting these awards as it gives me the perfect opportunity to get to know our students.

– Mrs Fraser, Headteacher

Careers Support for Parents

Success at School has created a new section of their website to help parents guide their children through the first stages of their careers. There is advice around apprenticeships, post-16 options and what to do on results day. They also have a newsletter specifically for parents that you can sign up to. The webpages can be found at www.successatschool.org/advice/parents

All students also have access to the Kudos, a website which has more detailed resources to help with all areas of careers guidance. Their username is their school email address. The Kudos website address is www.kudos.cascaid.co.uk

If you have any queries, please do get in touch.

– Mr Hynes, Deputy Headteacher

Woodbrook Vale Clubs

An updated schedule of all school extra-curricular activities is now available on our website. There are a variety of clubs for students to join.

Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.woodbrookvale.leics.sch.uk/>

Year 10 Mock Interviews

On **Monday 10 February**, Year 10 took part in mock interviews with local business people from across Leicestershire. The interviews focused on the students' future goals and career ambitions and were designed to promote individual reflection on strengths and weaknesses.

All the visitors were extremely impressed with our students and commented on what mature, confident young people they are. Feedback will be shared with the students after half term and some who really impressed the interviewers will be receiving a reward in due course.

– Mrs McSwiney, HLTA & Careers Coordinator



Words Over Weapons Visit

Words Over Weapons (WOW) visited Woodbrook Vale School on **Tuesday 11 February**. The project aims to stop young people carrying knives and change young peoples' attitudes towards knife culture by empowering them to challenge and educate their peers.

They delivered assemblies and workshops throughout the day that brought to attention the myths, misconceptions and harsh realities of carrying a knife. Through interactive quizzes and case studies, students were given the opportunity to learn about knife crime in an open and supportive space.

We would like to thank WOW for spending the day with us and sharing their powerful message.

– Mrs Moors, Assistant Headteacher



Year 11 Interventions



Monday 24 February

Physics: Waves (Triple) 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 2
English Language (3-4 border): Lunch time / Room 18
English Coursework: 3:00-3:30pm / ICT 2
French: Lunch time / Room 9
Maths: General Revision 3:00-4:00pm / Rooms 6, 7, 14, & 15
Maths: FSMQ 3:00-4:00pm / Room 13
Maths: Foundation to Higher Booster 3:00-4:00pm / Room 12

Tuesday 25 February

Chem: Using resources & equilibrium (Triple) 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 1
Chemistry: Chemical calculations (Triple) 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 2
English: Micro-session Writing Speed Lunch time / Room 18
English: Micro-session (Set 3) 3:00-3:20pm / Room 19
English: Writing Speed (3-4 border) 3:00-4:00pm / Room 18
English Lit: (3-4 border) 3:00-3:45pm / Room 20
English Coursework: 3:00-4:00pm / ICT1
History: 12:25-1:00pm Room 1
French: Lunch time / Room 9
Maths: Yr 11 General Revision 3:00-4:00pm / All Maths Rooms
Maths: Yr 10 Statistics Revision 3:00-4:00pm / All Maths Rooms

Wednesday 26 February

Chemistry: Equilibrium (Combined) / Lab 2
English: Micro-session PP Lunch time / Room 19
English: Set 1 Catchup Lunch time / Room 22
French: Lunch time / Room 9

Thursday 27 February

Biology: Reproduction 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 3
Physics: Waves (Combined) / Lab 2
English: Micro-session (Set 3) Lunch time by booking / Room 19
English Literature: (3-4 border) 3:00-3:45 / Room 20
English Literature: Writing Speed 3:00-4:00pm / Room 18

Year 11 Interventions

Welcome back to notes on how to revise for your English exam. Revision for the two language papers is different to the literature papers, meaning there are no quotes to learn! Remember, both papers have a huge 40 mark question which you can prepare for.

- Focus on **vocabulary**. Learn new words! Pick five new words and use them.
- Make sure sentence starters are exciting. Perhaps start with the verb. After you have written your first paragraph of creative writing use a highlighter on all your sentence starters. Can you improve them?
- Another important feature is **punctuation**. Try and use at least five different types in your writing.
- Finally DAFOREST... if you can't remember what's it all means revise it!
- Lastly, you can go on the Edexcel website and download past papers to prepare for your mocks in March. Of course, interventions are available most days of the school week for support.

– Ms Cellupica, Acting Head of Faculty: English & Drama

Year 9 Growth Mindset Award

There were two winners of this week's Growth Mindset Award. Max Barr was awarded for showing determination to see set back as opportunities. Chloe Limage was awarded for challenging and pushing herself in her English lessons.

– Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 9



Cross Country

Well done to Dan Glover who has been selected to compete for the Leicestershire Cross Country team at the National Finals to be held on **Saturday 21 March** at Prestwold Hall.

– Mr Smith, Head of Faculty: PE & Music

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 25 February

Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey Competition at Charnwood College.
3:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday 27 February

Sportability Competition at Woodbrook Vale.
3:30pm-5:30pm

Lost Property



Are you missing a personal item? Please check in at the student office if you have misplaced coats, house keys, glasses, pencil cases, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.

Mrs Hibberd, Student Office Receptionist would be happy to reunite students with their lost belongings.

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