

## Word of the Week

**Serenade** - To sing or play music to someone

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:

**7AF, 8LK, 9IS, 10IC, 11BD**

The highest attending registration group for the week ending **Friday 14 February** was: **10IC** with a weekly attendance of **99.17%**. This is great, well done! A reward breakfast was enjoyed by the students on **Friday 28 February**.

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

## SEND Coffee Morning

The next SEND Coffee Morning will take place next week on **Thursday 5 March 2020, 10-11am**. 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

## Attitude to Learning Student Survey

We are currently reviewing our ATL criteria across the school. Students have been asked for their opinions via an online questionnaire which they can access via their school email account. Please could students to complete this survey and give their views on the current criteria.

The deadline for this survey is **Friday 28 February 2020**.

- Mr Thornton, Head of Year 10

## MFL GCSE Revision Tips

Increase the variety of your written and spoken answers by using:

[www.synonyms-fr.com](http://www.synonyms-fr.com) to find an alternative word

A further thank you to all parents who attended the GCSE MFL information evening this week.

- Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

## WBV Students in Local Production



This week, several students are involved in the Rare Productions show of *Hairspray* at Loughborough Town Hall. Miss Coelho, Learning Support Assistant at Woodbrook Vale has been working for the company as their Rehearsal Assistant. She reports that the students have worked extremely hard and have shown amazing talent and professionalism throughout all rehearsals, producing a brilliant show.

*Hairspray* will be on on this Friday 28 and Saturday 29 February (matinee and evening) to full audiences! Massive well done and good luck to Evie Hardwick (playing Amber), Ross Baxter (playing Link), Madison Ditta (playing Penny), Rebecca Chahal (playing Little Inez) and Beth Clarke and Ellie McDermott (chorus members).

- Miss Coelho, Learning Support Assistant

## Business Leader Inspires Students

On **Thursday 27 February** Year 10 Business Studies students were given the opportunity to hear the experiences of local business leader, Chris Burgess. He used the lesson to talk about his own experiences in business using real life examples to support the students' current GCSE Business content.



In addition, Chris gave inspirational advice to students to support them in Post 16 choices. The students that took part were extremely well behaved and asked some thought provoking questions.

- Mr Khan, Head of Year 8

## New School Skirt

Two styles of skirt were shortlisted to become part of the Woodbrook Vale Uniform for students. Sorry the skirt options were not more colourful! The bespoke fabric with school colours would with the school's colours would have been too expensive at over £30 per skirt. In order to make a fair selection, we have asked students, parents and staff which skirt they preferred via an online survey on our website.

We are very pleased with the turn out of the survey so far. It has been a hot topic of conversation over the last week. More than 400 parents and over 500 students have voted with an even spread across all year groups (Year 7-10).

The decision will be announced to staff and students at school on **Monday 2 March**. There will be an announcement also published on our website. More information regarding the introduction of the skirt will be published in due course.

- Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher



## Apps Parents Should Know About



**Meetme** is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. Users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

**Live.me** is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location.



**Tiktok** is used for creating and sharing short videos. It has very limited privacy controls. Users can be exposed to bullying and explicit content.

**Ask.fm** encourages users to ask other users anonymous questions. The app is known as a host for cyber bullying.



## Inspector Calls Performance



On **Wednesday 26 January 2020** K.2.2 Productions visited Woodbrook Vale to perform *An Inspector Calls* to Year 11. Students have been studying the classic piece of 20th century theatre by J. B. Priestley as part of their English Literature GCSE. Though first published in 1945 and set in 1912, the play deals with various political arguments that modern audiences can relate to, such as class structures and moral responsibility.

The production company visit schools with the aim to inspire, educate and enrich the lives of their audiences. Their performance and Q&A certainly brought the set text to life and we hope that the memory of their visit will make an impact on students' revision. This is the third year that the company has visited the school and we would love to have them back again.

- Miss Benfield, School Admin & Marketing Officer

## GCSE Drama

The AQA GCSE Drama Examiner will be visiting Woodbrook Vale on **Tuesday 24 March** to watch and grade the performances our Year 11s have been preparing for their final practical assessment.

They have two extracts from a single script that they have to each learn and perform which equates to 20% of their overall GCSE grade.

If you are the parent, carer or guardian of a Year 11 GCSE Drama student, please save the date in your diary and encourage and support your thespians in learning their lines and rehearsing to prepare for this exciting day!

Your help is greatly appreciated!

- Mrs Hopkinson, Teacher of Drama

## Year 11 Interventions



### Monday 2 March

Physics: Electromagnetism (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 3 March

Chemistry: Chemical analysis 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 1  
Chemistry: General Revision (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 4 March

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

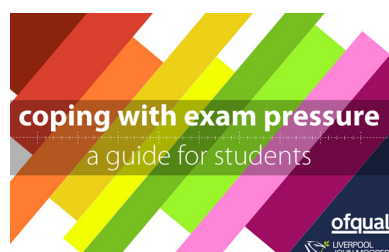
### Thursday 5 March

Biology: Variation and Evolution 3:00-4:00pm / Lab 3  
Physics: Electromagnetism (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

## Coping with Exam Pressure

People react to stress in different ways... Stress can be a great motivator for some students, giving them the 'get up and go' that they need to succeed. Other students are indifferent to stress; they can float along without getting affected by stress in a good or a bad way. Stress can be a bad thing for some students, when exam pressures become overwhelming. The key things to remember are that: there is nothing to be scared of, anxiety is not inevitable and you can learn how to cope more effectively.

Follow this link to learn more about coping with exam pressure in this guide by Liverpool John Moores University: [click here](#)



## C Card Visit

Representatives from the NHS C Card will be visiting Year 10 & 11 students at Woodbrook Vale on **Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 March 2020**. They will host optional drop in sessions during lunch times to inform students about the service.

The C Card is an NHS service which allows young people to access to free condoms from a range of venues across Leicestershire. It is a confidential service which also offers information and advice about sexual health and relationships.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs Anderson 01509 557560

- Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher

## Ex-Student Becomes Pro Cricketer



Ex-student Nathan Bowley has signed a professional cricket contract with Leicestershire County Cricket Club. He first caught the eye of the Foxes' coaching staff during his time studying sport at Loughborough College. This is the first professional contract for the bowler from Woodbrook Vale who said, after the announcement, "I have been with the club since I was 13 and it is a club that is really close to me. I am really excited to be on board."

Leicestershire CCC Head Coach Paul Nixon said, "Nat is a wonderful young man with a quality attitude and high skill levels with the ball. It is clear that he has been working hard and making great progress with his batting as well. We are delighted with his progression and have rewarded him with his first contract."

Nathan is now in his first year at Loughborough University and will continue to play for the team alongside his studies. Woodbrook Vale is incredibly proud of Nathan for this achievement and wish him the best of luck in his career.

- Miss Benfield, School Admin & Marketing Officer

## Next Week's Sports Fixtures

### Monday 2 March

Year 7/8 Girls & Boys Sportshall Athletics Tournament at Charnwood College  
3:30-5:30pm

### Tuesday 3 March

KS3 Girls Badminton County Final  
at Babington Academy  
4:00-7:30pm