



HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

Well done to the students who received a Headteacher Commendation this week! You have been recognised for your excellent efforts.

PLASTIC FOOTPRINT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY TEAM, WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

IN ONE WEEK, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY TEAM THREW AWAY:

503

PIECES OF PLASTIC

OVER A YEAR THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO:

26,156

PIECES OF PLASTIC

WHAT WAS ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY TEAM'S PLASTIC PACKAGING WASTE USED FOR?



81%

FOOD & DRINK



7%

TOILETRIES & CLEANING



12%

EVERYTHING ELSE

Woodbrook Vale School took part in the Big Plastic Count in March and the results have been collected by students in each tutor group. Reducing plastic waste is a really important part of reducing our impact on the environment and the Eco Team want to help us to do this. Thank you to all of those who took part!

THE HEPWORTH, WAKEFIELD



On Friday 22nd March, 33 Year 9 Arts Award students visited the Hepworth, Wakefield. As part of achieving the award, students are required to visit an arts event and get involved in the workshop.

The Hepworth Wakefield opened in 2011 to house Wakefield's art collection and provide a legacy for the sculptor, Barbara Hepworth in the town in which she was born. The gallery gained the title, Museum of the Year in 2017 and is a really impressive David Chipperfield Architects design.

Students experienced a tour through the various galleries and spent time making collaborative drawings from the Hepworth Sculptures, which they then used as a reference in a multi media workshop.

It was exciting for all the students who enjoyed working first hand from the works of art.





BIG BANG FAIR 2024

The Big Bang Fair is the UK's largest STEM event and aims to inspire young people aged from 11-16 through activities, shows and workshops.

Tickets are free and more information can be found [here](#). Schools can register their interest in attending [here](#).



National Centre
for **Computing**
Education

I Belong: encouraging girls into computer science



WE HAVE ACHIEVED AN AWARD!

We are really excited to announce that we have obtained a National Centre for Computing Education award.

As a school we have demonstrated our commitment to 'Improving gender balance in computer science' by participating in the I Belong: encouraging girls into computer science.

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR COMIC RELIEF AND HUMANAID



**WOODBROOK VALE
SCHOOL**

CULTURE DAY



**Wear your
cultural clothing!**

**Cultural Snacks on offer at
break time in the Drama Studio!**

Thursday 18th April 2024

Year 10

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Business Networking Event

1st – 5th July 2024

Apply now!

If you have an interest in:

- ✓ Event Management
- ✓ Marketing Communications
- ✓ Business

Positions Available

- ✓ Event Management
- ✓ Marketing Communications
- ✓ Graphic Designer

What is the aim of the week? What will the week involve?

Aiming to strengthen businesses in our local community by organising, planning and executing an exciting networking and social event here at Woodbrook Vale.



Register your interest:

mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk

CLUBS AND INTERVENTIONS - SPRING TERM 2024

Here is a timetable showcasing what clubs and interventions we have on offer during the spring term. If you have any queries please email office@wbvs.co.uk.

| Day | Club | Staff Member | Year Group (s) | Time | Room | Starting Date | End Date |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------|
| Monday | Christian Union | Mr Lewney | All Years | 12:30 - 1.10 pm | Room 15 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Air Hockey Club | Mr Matthews | All Years | 12:30 – 1:10 pm | Room 25 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Drama Club | Mrs Hopkinson | All Years | 3 - 4 pm | Drama studio | January 2024 | ongoing |
| Tuesday | Adobe Club | Mrs Eddy | Years 8 & 9 | 12:30 – 1:10 pm | DICT | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Darts Club | Mr Clargo | KS3 | 12:35 – 1:10 pm | Room 12 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club | Miss Vaughan | All Years | 12:25 – 1:10 pm | Room 3 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Art & Design GCSE | Art Dept Staff | Year 11 | 3 – 4 pm | Art1/2/workshop | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | School Production | Mrs Hopkinson/ Mrs Kitching | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Drama Studio | January 2024 | Feb 2024 |
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| Wednesday | Games & Chess Club | Mr Ayres | All Years | 12:30 – 1:10 pm | Room 15 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Arts Award | Mrs Philippou | Year 9 | 12:30 – 1:10 pm | Art 1 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | January 2024 | ongoing |
| Thursday | Darts Club | Mr Clargo | KS4 | 12:35 – 1:10 pm | Room 12 | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Homework Club | Miss Roberts | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Library | January 2024 | ongoing |
| | Art & Design GCSE | Art Dept staff | Year 11 | 3- 4 pm | Art 1/2/workshop | January 2024 | ongoing |
| Friday | Careers Club | Mrs McSwiney | Years 7 & 8 | 12:30 – 1:10pm | Room 3 | February 2024 | ongoing |
| | School Production rehearsals | Mrs Hopkinson | All Years | 3 – 4 pm | Drama studio | January 2024 | Feb 2024 |

YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION

Friday afterschool revision sessions continue after the Easter Holidays. Sessions are open to all and are general revision, not specific topics. Mrs Dale's Thursday lunchtime Chemistry revision will also be running with a focus on C3 - Quant Chem for those interested in this tricky topic.

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| Friday 12th April | General Rev | |
| Friday 19th April | General Rev | |
| Friday 26th April | General Rev | |
| Friday 3rd May | General Rev | |
| Friday 10th May | General Rev | BIO PAPER 1 EXAM AM |
| Friday 17th May | General Rev | CHEM PAPER 1 EXAM AM |
| Friday 24th May | No revision | |

THIS WEEKS SCIENCE CONUNDRUM



QUESTION:

What is specific heat capacity?

LAST WEEKS QUESTION:

What is the main driver of climate change on Earth?



LAST WEEKS ANSWER:

The increase in greenhouse gases caused by human activities, with CO₂ being the largest contributor.

SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE UPDATE

Here is a timetable showcasing what sports clubs are on offer.

If you have any queries please speak to a member of the PE department.

| Day | Club | Year Group | Time | Location |
|-----------|----------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday | Basketball | All years | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Sports hall |
| | Girls Football | KS3 | After school (3-4pm) | Sports field |
| Tuesday | Badminton | KS3 | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Sports hall |
| | Dance | All years | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Gym |
| | Netball | KS3 | After school (3-4pm) | Ball court/sports hall |
| | Athletics | All years | After school (3-4pm) | Sports field |
| Wednesday | Badminton | KS4 | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Sports hall |
| | Table Tennis | All years | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Gym |
| Thursday | Pickleball | All years | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Sports hall |
| Friday | Volleyball | All years | Lunch time (12:25-1pm) | Sports hall |

YEAR 8 & 9 FUTSAL IN LIMEHURST

The Year 8 and 9 girl's futsal team travelled to Limehurst for their area competition. The team won all four of their games, with goals coming from all four of the outfield players. The girls demonstrated strong teamwork skills to work the ball and link up effectively in order to create a number of attacking opportunities, as well as supporting each other in defence. The team have now progressed to represent the area in the futsal finals at Crown Hills Community College on the 23rd April.

GCSE SPEAKING EXAMS FRENCH AND SPANISH

The speaking exams (25% of the final grade) will take place w/c 22nd April. Students need to learn the conversation answers for all three themes, as each will be tested over the photocard and conversation parts of the exam. This will also be excellent revision for the written paper.

Revision sessions continue as follows:

French 3pm Tuesday Room 11.

Spanish 3pm Wednesday Room 7

There will also be an extra French session on Thursday 18th in Room 11 at 3pm. Otherwise students should see their teacher for an alternative slot at lunchtime. Parents /carers /siblings can also help but testing students on their questions even if they do not speak the language themselves.

NEW WARHAMMER CLUB

James Lipman (8AS) and Oskar Toczkiwicz-Wilkinson (7CT) have organised a Warhammer club at The Arc Community Hub on Grange Park. The charity are kindly supporting this and the club will be overseen by volunteers. The 1st session is Saturday 20th April and James designed this fantastic poster to advertise.



Warhammer Club



Love Warhammer but want someone new to play against? We are trialing a new club:

Saturday 20th April 16:15-18:15.

£5 per person.

Bring one of your armies (but bearing in mind you only have 2 hours to play your game), dice, tape measure/measuring ruler, a board and some scenery. Tables will be provided. Suitable for Adults and Children (11 years+). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please email secretary@arc-hub.org.uk to book your space.

- Just getting started? We also have opportunities to play in pairs to help learn the rules and share an army.
- Want to play a different board game? Please get in touch so we can gauge interest.



DRAMA CHARACTER CHAMPIONS

Well done to this week's Drama Character Champions for demonstrating positive attributes and securing nominations from your teachers in drama recently.



MORGAN MEIJER (7CB)



FRANK PARKER (8HA)



WILL STEWART (9NH)





LIZ PICHON

Liz Pichon studied graphic design and has worked as an art director in the music industry. Her freelance design work has appeared on a range of products and she has written and illustrated a number of picture books, including My Big Brother Boris.

Liz is the author of the best selling TOM GATES series for 9+ readers, which has sold 5,000,000 books in the UK. Tom Gates has been translated into 44 languages and has sold over 16.5 million copies around the world.

The first book in the series THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, The Red House Book Award Best Book for Young Readers and the Waterstone's Best Fiction for 5-12 year olds Prize.

The fourth book in the series TOM GATES: GENIUS IDEAS MOSTLY won the Blue Peter Award for Best Story. In 2013, Liz Pichon was a World Book Day author with TOM GATES: BEST BOOK DAY EVER (SO FAR).

Liz is married with three children and lives in Brighton.

TRY READING:

- The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
- Tom Gates Excellent Excuses
- Tom Gates Everything's Amazing (Sort Of)