



HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

Well done to the students who received a Headteacher Commendation this week! You have worked really hard!

Governing Board Vacancies - April 2024

There are vacancies for two new Parent Trustees (Governors) on the School Governing Board.

The role of a trustee focuses on three areas:

- Vision/Ethos (values) - one that values every child
- Ensuring that the school provides excellent Teaching and Learning for all children.
- Ensuring that the money that school receives is used as well as possible in achieving this.

If you feel you can contribute to this oversight and leadership please consider becoming a Parent Trustee.

I am very happy to discuss the role with any interested parent - if you would like to talk to me, contact me at gavin.brown@wbvs.co.uk.

Letters and nomination forms will be emails to all parents/carers next week; Friday 26 April 2024. If you would like a paper copy of the letter and nomination form, please contact the school office at office@wbvs.co.uk who will send a copy home with your child.

Nomination forms will need to be returned to school by **midday on Wednesday 08 May 2024**.

Gavin Brown, Chair of Trustees



WOODBROOK VALE

CULTURE DAY 2024!

On Thursday 18th April, students had the opportunity to wear clothing that represents their culture for 'Culture Day'. There was a wide range of dress wear worn including, cadets uniform, rugby kit, football kit, dance outfits and clothing from students country of heritage.

Students were kindly asked to donate £1 to two chosen charities, with 50% of the proceeds going to HumanAid and 50% going to comic relief.



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
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.

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	

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.

AREA ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Area Athletics competitions are coming up! If you are interested in representing Woodbrook Vale, please come along to Athletics club on Tuesdays after school.

- U17 (Year 10/11) – Tuesday 30th April; 3pm– approx 6;30pm. Please sign up in the sports hall if you're interested.
- U13 (Y7) & U15 (Y8/9) – Wednesday 15th May; 3pm – approx 7:30pm. Please come and speak to a member of PE staff you're interested.

Quorn Playing Fields

THIS WEEKS SCIENCE CONUNDRUM



QUESTION:

Which food group does ethanol confirm the presence of, and how does it do this?

LAST WEEKS QUESTION:

What is specific heat capacity?



LAST WEEKS ANSWER:

The amount of energy needed to raise the temperature of 1kg of a substance by 1°C. Its units are J/kg°C.

PREVIOUS WEEKS QUESTION:

In an endothermic reaction what happens to the temperature of the reactants?



PREVIOUS WEEKS ANSWER:

It decreases

Price Rises in Canteen

After more than 5 years with no rises in prices in our school canteen, we have had to succumb to the pressure of rises in wage costs and food costs.

From **Monday 29th April**, the cost of a main meal deal will go up to £3.25. Canned drinks will go up to £1.00 but drinks for reusable bottles will remain the same and will always be a much better option.

Please encourage your child/young person to get a reusable drinks bottle and make regular use of it. It is better for the environment and better for your wallet!

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.



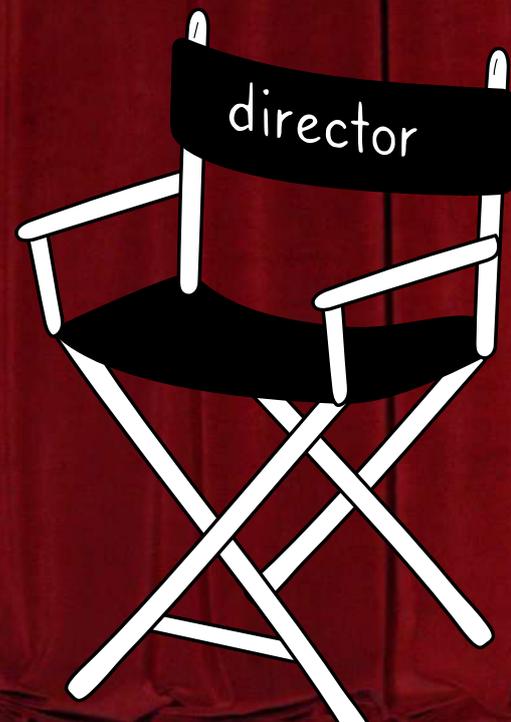
MORGAN MEIJER (7CB)



FRANK PARKER (8HA)



WILL STEWART (9NH)





SPOTLIGHT ON AUTHOR

ANTHONY HOROWITZ

Anthony is one of the most prolific and successful writers working in the UK – and is unique for working across so many medias. Anthony has written over 50 books including the bestselling teen spy series Alex Rider, which is estimated to have sold 21 million copies worldwide and has been turned into a hugely successful TV series. A third series has just been filmed and the fourteenth Alex Rider novel, *Nightshade: Revenge* will be published in 2023.

Anthony is also an acclaimed writer for adults and was commissioned to write two new Sherlock Holmes novels *The House Of Silk* and *Moriarty*. He was commissioned by the Ian Fleming Estate to write continuation novels for James Bond with *Trigger Mortis* and *Forever and Day*, published in 2015 and 2018 respectively. A third novel in the series *With A Mind To Kill* was published in May 2022.

Anthony's award-winning novel *Magpie Murders* was published in October 2016 to critical acclaim and was serialised on BritBox at the beginning of 2022 with Lesley Manville in the lead role.

It's sequel, *Moonflower Murders*, will begin filming in September 2023. His new series featuring Detective Hawthorne and a sidekick called Anthony Horowitz has four books so far: *The Word is Mruder*, *The Sentence is Death*, *A Line to Kill* and the recently published *The Twist of a Knife*. Anthony has just started work on a fifth: *Close to Death*.

In 2019 Anthony became a Patron to Home-Start in Suffolk, a small local family support charity working with families across the Suffolk county, as they navigate through challenging circumstances such as mental health issues, bereavement, long term or terminal illness, isolation, domestic abuse, poverty and so much more. The valuable work the organisation does right in the heart of the community – bringing together trained volunteers into families lives to support them both practically and emotionally, helping them to grow in confidence and empowering them with the skills to raise their children to flourish – is why Anthony chose to support this dedicated and hardworking charity.

And in Anthony's own words – "for me, charity begins at Home-Start".

Anthony was awarded a CBE in 2022 for his services to literature.

TRY READING:

- *Magpie Murders*
- *Alex Rider: Stormbreaker*
- *Groosham Grange*
- *Moonflower Murders*
- *Alex Rider: Point Blanc*

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:

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