



WOODBROOK VALE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th April 2025

CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to congratulate our students who received a Headteacher's Commendation this week.

Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence have truly shone, and this recognition is well-deserved.



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A MESSAGE TO YEAR 11

Dear Year 11,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued hard work and determination. Your efforts over the past few weeks have not gone unnoticed, and I've been genuinely touched by the kind and supportive comments many of you have shared – especially the good wishes about my own situation. They've meant a great deal and reminded me of what a thoughtful and caring year group you are.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break. Take the time to rest, recharge, and spend time doing the things that make you happy. It's so important to find that balance between revision and looking after your wellbeing.

When we return, we'll be entering your final full half term at Woodbrook – a big milestone. Let's come back ready to make it count.

Wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful Easter.

Take care,
Mr Thornton

YEAR 11 DINNER MONEY

IMPORTANT

After Easter, Year 11 accounts will not be allowed to go into debt. Please ensure you keep a regular check on your child's account as we cannot serve without sufficient funds. Any unspent amount will be either refunded or transferred to a sibling.

GCSE FRENCH AND SPANISH SPEAKING EXAMS

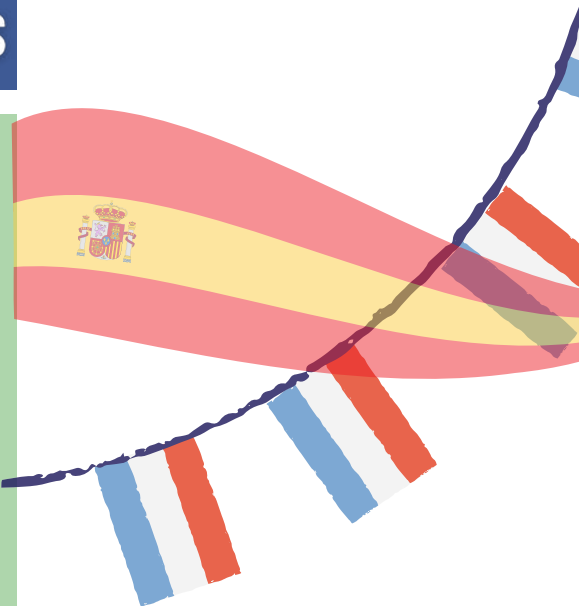
These will take place w/c 28th April.

All students will have an individual time slot and need to have learned their speaking answers on all topics. If students have any medical or dental appointments this week they should check with their teacher to ensure the appointments don't clash.

Thank you to those who attended the information evening for speaking assessments last night. If you were unable to attend and would like an information pack please contact me by email.

fkitching@wbvs.co.uk

Mrs Kitching



YEAR 7 SCHOOL FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Last week the year 7's had an exciting football week held by the year 9 sports leaders. Each year 7 form had to pick 7 players including at least 3 boys and 3 girls to represent their form at a chance of winning the football tournament.

Everyone who took part showed amazing determination and sportsmanship. The games had a lively environment and those who were on the sidelines waiting for their turn to play always cheered on their team. I also must mention the incredible efforts of the sports leaders as if it wasn't for them there would be no year 7 football week.

Behind the scenes they've spent weeks planning, organising, and running the event. Although all teams did a great job, the team that achieved 1st place is 7GF along with 7AP placing 2nd and 7BD placing 3rd. Well done to all involved!

Written by Megan Giles - Sports Leader



Last weeks answer:

What is a metal- A substance characterised by high electrical and thermal conductivity, and which is malleable, ductile, and exhibits high reflectivity of light.

This weeks conundrum question:

During the process of digestion what happens in the small intestine?



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS



There have been concerns regarding the number of parents who have been parking on Grasmere Drive. Complaints have been raised around parents blocking driveways of the local residents, and refusing to move when asked to.

Please be considerate of the residents in our community.

Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation



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HAPPY EASTER FROM SCIENCE

Happy Easter!

We've packed so much into this half term here in Science!

Year 7s have been learning about 'Inheritance and Reproduction' whilst continuing to develop their practical Chemistry skills in their 'Metal Reactions' topic. A group of year 7s also impressed our Nottingham university STEM visitor when they took part in the STEM superstore event last week!

The year 8s have been looking at digestion - They all loved the digestion demonstration in class and have completed a complex practical into enzyme reactions - well done!

Year 9s have been continuing their start to GCSE Science with required practicals in Physics and Biology and they have been working hard towards end of topic assessments - keep up the good work!

KS3 have also taken part in British Science Week in March with assemblies, a poster competition and a workshop all around the theme of 'Change and Adapt.' Poster competition winners will be announced after the holidays.



At KS4, the year 10s are working their way towards the end of paper 1 topics with mocks coming up in June. Revision sessions will be starting closer to the time so keep an eye out for details in the school newsletter. Mrs Dale thoroughly enjoyed leading the year 10 girls on a 'Women In Engineering' trip to Nottingham university which was inspiring to all who attended and highlighted many engineering careers available.

Last but not least, our hardworking and committed year 11s continue to prepare for GCSES. Their attitude in class and their dedication to attending revision session (both at lunch and afterschool) has been very impressive. We are really proud of the efforts you are putting into Science success. Keep it up! Not long to go now!

In the community, primary school outreach successfully continued at Mountfields Lodge primary school and visits are planned for Holywell and Beacon Academy next term. We look forward to having Outwoods Edge come to visit us here too. We love meeting the primary school students and helping to nurture their love for Science - Well done to all involved!

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone at the end of April.

The Science Department

SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE

UPDATED SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE AS OF MONDAY 28TH APRIL



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Athletics	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Field
Thursday	Netball	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court
Friday	Cricket	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Field



Sports Fixtures

SPORTS FIXTURES MAY 2025



<u>Cricket</u>		
U13 Girls Tuesday 6 th May	U15 Girls Tuesday 13 th May	
U12 Boys Thursday 8 th May	U14 Boys Thursday 15 th May	U15 Boys (T20) Thursday 22 nd May
<u>Athletics</u>		
U13 & U15 Wednesday 7 th May	U17 Wednesday 14 th May	
Keep an eye on the bulletin for information on how to sign up.		

YEAR 11 AUTUMN TERM INTERVENTION 2024/25

Intervention has started for Year 11s to support them in preparing for mock exams and their GCSEs. Well done to all Year 11s who have already been attending. Any questions, please speak to your teacher, or the Head of Faculty in the first instance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	ADT	Physics	Biology Geography/History /Sociology English (invite- starting after half term)	Chemistry	
After School	Maths (Invite)	French (speaking) ADT Food (Invite)	Spanish	I Media ADT English (invite - starting after half term)	Science (invite)

Health and Social Care - please speak to Mr Moore about completing coursework.

Invited Students - your teacher will inform you if you have been invited. You are expected to attend these. Attendance will be check and followed up. If you are unsure, speak to your teacher in the first instance.

WOODBROOK VALE CLUBS

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	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 10/11	12.30 – 1.10 pm	Art 1/2/workshp	September 2024	ongoing
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	October 2024	ongoing
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS3 & KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2024	ongoing
	Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 3	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 10/11	3 – 4 pm	Art1/2/workshop	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
Wednesday	Games & Chess Club	Mr Ayres	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 15	September 2024	ongoing
	Arts Award	Mrs Philippou	Year 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Art 1	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept staff	Year 10/11	3 – 4 pm	Art 1/2/workshop	September 2024	ongoing
Friday	Careers Club	Mrs McSwiney	Years 7 & 8	12:30 – 1:10pm	Room 3	September 2024	ongoing

MFL LANGUAGE LEARNING AND HOMEWORK



www.linguascope.com is a useful website for reinforcing vocabulary and students can work on it independently at home if they wish.

For all students the username = woodbrook password = traveltheworld

Students will also be given an individual username and password for the language learning site www.languagenut.com, this password works for both French and Spanish.

For both sites there is an app which can be downloaded.

SPARX MATHS

Homework will be set on a Thursday, and due by Wednesday 8am.

Need somewhere in school to complete your homework? Come to room 13 on a Monday or Tuesday lunch and use the chromebooks there, or attend the usual homework club.

Parents / Carers – Sparx will tailor questions to the level of your child if they complete the homework independently, using the videos to help if needed.

For more information on Sparx, following this link

<https://sparxmaths.com/parents/>

We look forward to students earning lots of XP points by completing their homework on time and achieving 100%!

-Mr Bruce

HOMework CLUB

Looking for a quiet and supportive space to get your homework done? Come along to the Homework Club in the **school library every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.**

Open to students from all year groups, the Homework Club is the perfect place to focus on your assignments, study, or catch up on work. There's no obligation to stay for the entire hour—drop in for as long as you need!

Whether you're looking for a peaceful environment to concentrate or need some guidance with your tasks, the Homework Club is here to help. We look forward to seeing you there!



COMETS NETBALL CLUB

MONDAYS AT CHARNWOOD COLLEGE

U9s & U11s: 6–7pm
U12s & U13s: 7–8pm
U14s & U15s: 8–9pm

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

**COME AND JOIN
LOUGHBOROUGH'S NEWEST
JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB!**



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IYC Hub

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APRIL 14TH-27TH
11-16YR OLDS

★ **HAF Offer (For Pupil Premium Eligible Children)**

- ✓ 4 FREE sessions over the Easter holidays
- ✓ Includes a food voucher for the Snack Shack
- ✓ HAF codes go out this week – check with your school/council!

💰 **Non-Pupil Premium Offer**

- ✓ £10.50 per session (includes a food voucher)
- ✓ Open to all young people who want to join in the fun!

 **Daily Schedule:**

- 🕒 11 AM – 1 PM | Social Time (chill, games, snacks)
- 🌱 1 PM – 3 PM | Urban Innovators Garden Project
- 🎭 3 PM – 6/8 PM | Regular Hub Activities (crafts, mini gym, movie nights & more!)

🚀 **Spaces are limited! Visit our website for full details & booking info.**

www.inspireyouthcollective.co.uk

50, Market Street,
Ashby-De-La-Zouch
Opening Hours:
11-6 Mon, Tue, Wed
11-8 Thurs, Fri
11-3 - Community
Support Saturdays



TeenHealth Drop in's and Appointments:

Woodbrook Vale School work alongside Teen Health and welcomes Mindy, Young Peoples Wellbeing Officer, to Woodbrook Vale School.

Mindy will be available every Thursday to work with student's on the following:

- Confidence and Self Esteem
- Emotional regulation/self-care
- Mental Health & emotional wellbeing
- Body Image
- Friendships

Arranged drop in's: Period 1 and Period 2 every Thursday

If you would like an appointment with Mindy, please see Miss Briers in the inclusion room.

Drop in's:

Mindy will be available for a chat on Thursday mornings during break time. She will be located in the Head of Year Office between 10:25am-10:45am.

Referrals

Self Referral - Students can access the Teen Health service by completing the [Teen Health 11-19 Referral Form.](#)

Refer your child:

If you would like any further information about Teen Health or you would like to make a referral for your young person, please contact Miss Briers (Student Welfare and Behaviour Assistant) on lbriers@wbvs.co.uk

All referrals must have consent from the young person. Please click the link if you would like further information - <https://teenhealth.org.uk>

SUPPORT SERVICES

All numbers are available 24/7

SAMARITANS

A free, **completely confidential** number to call when you need to talk to someone.


 **116 123**

They also have an email service:

 **JO@SAMARITANS.ORG**


CENTRAL ACCESS POINT

Call for urgent mental health needs or when you are in crisis. This number can be also used by friends or family.

 **0808 800 3302**

SHOUT

A free and confidential **text messaging** support service.

 text **"SHOUT"**
to **85258**

CHILDLINE

 **0800 1111**

The ChildLine website is for young people OF ALL AGES! It has message boards and lots of resources on a range of different topics that can affect your mental health.



WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK

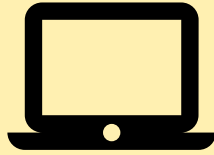
They also have a 1-2-1 counsellor chat feature where you can access support.



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HARMLESS

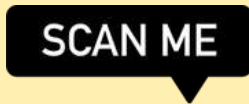
Harmless is a centre dedicated to self-harm and suicide support and prevention.



Their website is full of resources for anyone needing support as well as friends and family members.



WWW.HARMLESS.ORG.UK



They offer face-to-face sessions to anyone in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. They have a self-referral form on their website.

TELLMI

Tellmi is a safe, anonymous **app** where you can talk about absolutely anything.

From anxiety to autism, dating to depression, self-harm to self-esteem.



WWW.TELLMI.HELP

YOUNGMINDS

The YoungMinds website is full of advice and information for young people and family members to help look after mental health.



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WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK

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