



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

Half Term

Monday 22nd May - Friday 29th May

U14 Cricket County Cup

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

**DofE Bronze Award
Qualifying Expedition**

Friday 5th June 2026

**Year 11 Prom Ticket
Payment Deadline**

**Wednesday 10th June 2026
NOON**

**DofE Silver Award
Training Day**

Monday 22nd June 2026

Congratulations



Congratulations all!
A fantastic achievement.

Our students went above
and beyond
demonstrating the core
values of our school.



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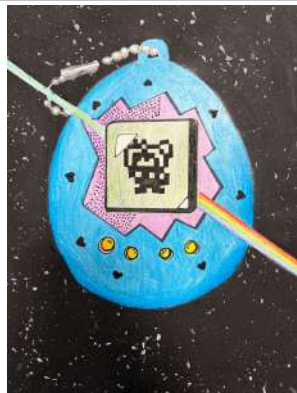
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CREATIVE Faculty

Year 10

Year 10 Fine Art students have been producing an exciting range of work based on the theme of "Collections." Students are exploring their own individual ideas, selecting personal themes and experimenting with a variety of materials and techniques inspired by the work of different artists. From carefully observed drawings to expressive mixed media pieces, students are developing their ability to refine ideas and create meaningful, personal outcomes. It has been fantastic to see the creativity and independence shown, with students confidently working in the style of their chosen artists while beginning to establish their own artistic voice. Well done Year 10!



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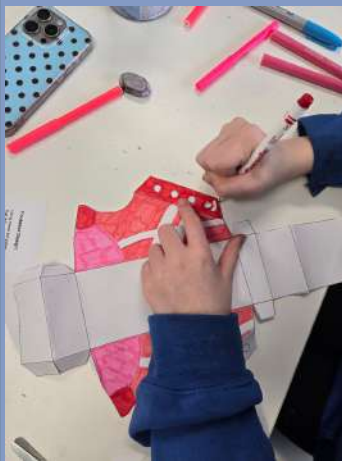


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Year 10



Recently the Y10 GCSE Fine Art cohort have taken a trip to De Montfort University Design faculty. The students experienced taster practical seminar workshops for Fine Art or Illustration and Footwear. Did you know De Montfort University is the only University to provide a Footwear Degree? Their students are currently completing project work alongside New Balance and previously for other prestige companies such as Nike and Jimmy Choo.

It was a highly creative morning pushing all students out of their comfort zone whilst making them aware of the variety of courses and avenues that are available through the University post-18 route of higher education. In the afternoon we had a tour of the campus and visited a 'show flat' to see student accommodation. A great day had by all.



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Bronze D of E

Over the last weekend the year 9's were busy training for their Bronze Qualifying expedition. They spent their Saturday getting to grips with all the skills necessary to complete this, including mapwork, basic first aid, cooking and how to put up tents.

On Monday students were then given the opportunity to put some of these skills to good use on their practice walks. All students worked hard and look ready for the qualifier after half term.





Jodie has earned her second Sports Leader of the Month recognition as a result of her dedication to the role. She has been present at clubs each week, supporting Woodbrook Vale's sports clubs and also at Outwoods Edge. Jodie has also shown great dedication to the events we've been involved with, attending almost every primary event we've hosted! She arrives promptly to clubs, events and meetings, asks questions and uses her initiative. Recently, Jodie volunteered to referee a year 7 Football match, and did so with great professionalism - she was clear with her decisions, and confident with the whistle. Well done Jodie!

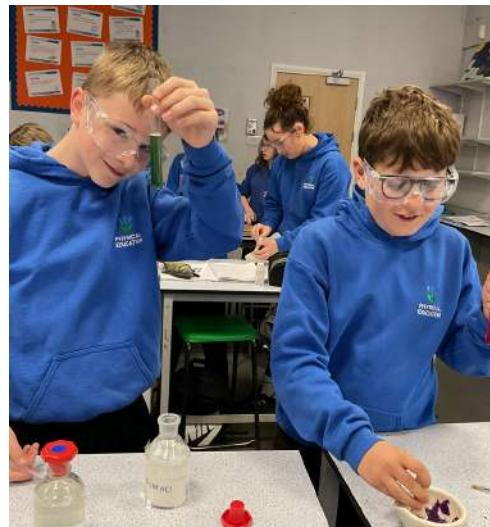




HELLO FROM SCIENCE

In this penultimate half term before Summer holidays, we have been enjoying teaching lots of fun, hands on topics to our KS3 classes whilst supporting KS4 students with exams and mock preparation.

In year 7, classes have been immersed in practical work through the Acids and Alkalis topic! Lots of colourful practical work has been very skilfully completed, especially around the use of indicators. In Mrs Dale's class, students have been exploring electromagnets, learning how they work and what makes them so useful. By building their own electromagnets and experimenting with different coil numbers, they gained a practical understanding of this concept and developed problem-solving skills and a curiosity for its real-world applications, from everyday devices to advanced technologies.



In year 8 classes, students have been learning about the Earth and Light. A big shoutout to Atharah who independently researched and produced some wonderful work on the Artemis project and rockets - well done! The highlight for Science was the STEM trip to De Montfort University last week where 40 year 8 students took part in STEM workshops about engineering and STEM subjects whilst learning about career opportunities available. We really value the careers work here at Woodbrook and love to see our students benefiting from those experiences.





HELLO FROM SCIENCE

Year 9s have been working on bonding this term. Students have explored the different ways atoms come together to form compounds. They've learned about ionic bonds, where electrons are transferred between atoms, and covalent bonds, where electrons are shared. Triple Biologists have had lots of fun modelling enzyme action and with practical opportunities whilst studying the digestion required practicals; they've done a fantastic job!

In the middle of June, year 10s will sit their Science mocks so many classes have been finishing topics and revising for those.

Revision sessions for mock exams are running on Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday lunchtime, please encourage

your child to attend- everyone is welcome!

However, 10S6 have managed to sneak in

some fun chemistry by making rainbow pH scales using serial dilution. Mrs Dale was

massively impressed with their skills and the best group's picture is attached 😊

Also, multiple Biology classes have been enjoying the sunshine and sampling our

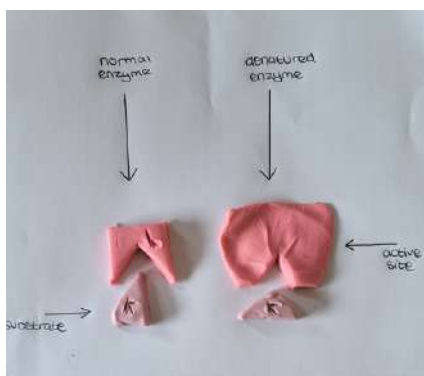
school field for daisies!



Last but by no means least, our wonderful year 11s are in the trenches of exam season. Paper 1 exams have gone well so far and students have been showing great commitment and resilience. After school revision sessions are now done for the academic year but staff are still here to help. They have shown such amazing attitudes; we are incredibly proud of them all. Keep up the hard work!

In other news, Woodbrook has returned to Beacon Academy this term to assist their year 6's with heart dissections as well as delivering 'Wow Science' workshops for year 5s at various feeder primaries - Mrs Dale has had a great time! Further visits from Outwoods and visits to Beacon and Mountfields will be happening next half term. We are also looking forward to welcoming our soon to be new year 7s for induction days before Summer and have a fun, practical activity planned!

Well done to all Woodbrook Scientists this half term and we hope you have a restful holiday.





Year 11 Interventions

Interventions have been organised by invite only for Year 11 students during half term.

Parents please refer to your email as you will have received a letter if your child has been invited.

Congratulations!



Kelsey loves her football and although she wasn't having the best of experiences at Derby and made the very mature decision to walk away, things have been very different for Kelsey at her Barrow team! She has grown and matured so much this past year in terms of her football. So she has captained her team Barrow Town U18s girls to become League winners and last night they became County Cup champions, a tense game that ended 2 all Kelsey scoring 1, and assisting the other, it went straight to penalties, Kelsey went 1st and scored, paving the way for the rest of her team mates.





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Kiran Marita Basketball Coaching

Since 2023 Kiran Marita's Basketball Coaching Sessions (Zenti Turtles) have been delivered at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy in Leicester. This has been a successful community program engaging those who enjoy basketball, yoga and wellbeing.

However, our program has grown and we are branching out to Loughborough. Please see below details on sessions for May and June 2026.



When?



In May and June we will be hosting sessions for boys under 14 (School years 8 and 9) and under 16 (School years 10 and 11) looking to prepare for next season.



Monday's



11th and 18th May, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th June | 19:30 - 21:00

Sports Centre at Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ



Thursday's



14th, 21st and 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th June | 19:30 - 21:00

Sports Centre at Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ



Register



Simply scan the below QR code or use the link below to book your child's place. One session £8, month rates £6 per session, discounted rates for both months.



About me.



I'm Kiran Wiltshire a Basketball England level 3 Coach and Referee, with extensive experience coaching across the East Midlands.

Previous clubs include:

- Nottingham Hoops
- Leicester Warriors
- Leicester Riders
- University of Leicester

Accolades:

- Referee of the Year 2023 (East Midlands)
- Referee of the Year 2023 (National)
- Referee of the Year 2024 (East Midlands)
- Finalist UK Coaching Awards 2024 for Community Coach of the Year - Children and Young People

"I'm passionate about helping boys and girls thrive in youth basketball! Due to high demand, I'm excited to expand my development sessions beyond Leicester and bring them to Loughborough, helping young players get ready for the upcoming season."



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Prom Ticket Payment



DEADLINE

Due to Beaumanor Hall needing to finalise numbers for their catering department we will need to bring the deadline for purchasing tickets forward to **10th June 2026**.

You can purchase the tickets via your ParentPay account.

***PLEASE NOTE ONCE THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED TICKETS CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE YOUR CHILDS TICKET IN TIME TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT*.**

If you are having any problems with purchasing please contact the school so we can help.

SCIENCE

Last Weeks Answer

When performing electrolysis of an ionic substance to which electrode do the metal ions travel -
To the negatively charged cathode.

In which type of rock are you most likely to find fossils (perhaps enjoy looking for some over half term)?



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CAREERS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1st June - Year 9 girls into engineering workshop with Brush Transformers

Wednesday 24th June - Year 9 girls visit to Loughborough College engineering department

Wednesday 17th June - Year 8 visit to Voluntary Action Leicestershire

Please ensure all forms etc have been filled in and sent back to school.

SCIENCE REVISION

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10s!
SCIENCE MOCK REVISION STARTS FROM AFTER HALF TERM!**

AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS (addressing tricky topics and misconceptions)

Monday 1st June: **BIOLOGY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 8th June: **CHEMISTRY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 15th June: **PHYSICS** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS →
Every week until the end of mocks**

	COMB	TRIPLE
TUES LUNCH	Chem Lab 2	Chem Room 23
WED LUNCH	Bio Lab 1	Bio Lab 3
THU LUNCH	Phys Lab 2	Phys Lab 3





Woodbrook Vale Clubs

Woodbrook Vale Clubs – Autumn Term 2025-26

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 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	October 2025	ongoing
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12.25 – 1:10 pm	Room 1	September 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan '26
	Drama – Theatre Tech Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years – flexible session limited no.s	3 – 4 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Wednesday	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	KS4 Documentary Club	Miss Vaughan	Years 10 & 11	12.30 - 1.10 pm	Room 5	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
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	School Production Rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	3 – 4.30pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan 2026
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Friday	Drama Production Choreography	Mrs Hopkinson	Choreography Team	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan '26
	School Production	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	3 – 4 p m	Drama Studio	May 2025	ongoing

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Homework Club

A safe, supportive environment

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





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Free



Chinese Kungfu

Summer Club
for Children



Saturdays 6/13/20/27 June, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Age group: 6 - 14 | Max. 30 students

Panda/Teddy & Certificate
await you!

Location: RM 1.13,
Vijay Patel Building,
DMU, LE2 7BJ

Scan the QR code
& register now!



First come, first served!

LEICESTER WARRIORS
BOYS BASKETBALL TRIALS

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

EVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE. LE5 6LP
U14S - 9AM - 10.30AM. SCHOOL YRS 7 & 8

GATEWAY COLLEGE. LE5 1GA
U16S - 11.45AM - 1.45PM. SCHOOL YRS 9 & 10
U18S - 1.45PM - 3.45PM. SCHOOL YRS 11 & 12

PRICE - £5

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

<p>What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance</p>	<p>Risk factors for Emotionally Based School Avoidance</p>	<p>Tips for Emotionally Based School Avoidance</p>
<p>Thriving with ADHD in school</p>	<p>ADHD and sleep</p>	<p>Reframing ADHD</p>
<p>Girls and ADHD</p>	<p>ADHD - order out of chaos</p>	<p>Growing older and changing ADHD symptoms</p>
<p>The importance of sleep</p>	<p>Tips to support sleep optimisation</p>	

To watch the videos, scan these QR codes

Upcoming Events 2026

SCAN ME

MARCH 28	Safe Steps- Road Safety Project St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED
APRIL 11	Diet/Food and Menopause St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED Holland Barrett WELLBEING OF WOMEN 2022 grant winner
APRIL 25	Safe Steps- Road Safety Project St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED
MAY 09	Cancer Neurodiversity Group St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
MAY 23	Safe Steps- Road Safety Project St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

If you would like more information or would like to join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with our sessions:

www.neurodiversitysupport.org / admin@neurodiversitysupport.org

Mobile: 07957 377 770/ 07934 591 061/ 07398 997 187

To donate: Neurodiversity Support CIC

Sort code: 08-92-99 / Account: 67336186



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FAMILY FUNDAY

24TH MAY 11-4PM

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STALLS

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Mental Health Support
Teams in Schools

NHS

Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Looking for NHS advice on mental health for children?



Find information, advice and support on mental health and emotional wellbeing on the Health for Kids website.



To be referred for mental health support, speak to your child's teacher or mental health lead.

Find more support at:
[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/
bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren)

**Health
for Kids!**



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A PARENTS GUIDE TO

SPARX MATHS



WHAT IS SPARX MATHS?

Sparx Maths Homework is an online learning platform that creates personalised maths homework for students aged 11-16.

We believe that practice makes perfect, so each week, your child's teacher selects the topics that have been taught in class and we build a personalised set of questions to match your child's current level of understanding.

Our aim is for all children to strive for 100% completion of their homework.

By consistently using Sparx Maths, your child can build a solid foundation in maths and achieve their full potential.

WHY IS MY CHILD ENCOURAGED TO DO WRITTEN WORK AS WELL AS ONLINE?

We believe that written work is essential in supporting your child's understanding of maths and to help them create positive habits.

Sparx provides bookwork checks to encourage your child to do written work when they're answering questions in Sparx Maths. These checks remind students to write down the question and their working, which is helpful if they get stuck as teachers can see where they are going wrong. We advise your child to do this work either in the back of their exercise book or at your discretion, a notebook dedicated for their maths work.

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LOGIN TO SPARX MATHS?

- Search for 'Sparx Maths student login' in google search engine
- Click on Student Login
- Type Woodbrook Vale School into the select your school box
- Then click on Woodbrook Vale School and press continue
- Now select Log in to Sparx using Google
- The student's username and password are the same as they use to login into the computers in school

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS REPEATEDLY GETTING AN ANSWER WRONG AND CAN'T COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK?

Sometimes when your child is completing their homework they might keep getting an answer wrong which prevents their homework from being complete. To help with this, we encourage your child to watch the helpful support video for that question and if they are still stuck, then they can use the new question swap feature which will give them an easier question to attempt. They can use this feature three times in each homework. If your child needs further help after this then we would encourage them to ask their teacher for support before the homework deadline.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR SPARX MATHS HOMEWORK?

We believe your child can answer all of the questions correctly in their homework, but we know there may be times when they struggle, so how can you support your child with their homework?

Our top three tips for you and your child when using Sparx Maths...

- Encourage them to tackle it on their own
- Nudge them to use the support videos
- Suggest that they start early to give plenty of time for help if they need it.

WHAT IS XP?

- Sparx XP or 'Experience Points' is an effort based points system that we as a school will use to support and inform a reward scheme.
- Pupils can go to the Independent Learning tab and find topics and activities at any time. This will also be so valuable to aid any revision for examinations and assessments too.
- Students earn XP when they complete a task or win a reward game.
- Tasks from different homework types earn different numbers of points, for example students can earn more XP if they complete XP Boost and Target homework tasks compared with Compulsory ones.
- Students go up a Sparx level for every 10,000 XP they collect.
- They can be encouraged to increase their number of XP by completing all of their XP Boost and Target homework.
- Certificates are awarded for levels attained.
- There will be prizes awarded termly for the pupils with most XP points and most improved XP points.

IN CONCLUSION

Teachers select topics that have been taught in class. Sparx Maths builds a personalised set of questions. Students complete their homework online. Teachers monitor homework so they can motivate and support students. Parents can monitor homework using Go4Schools and receive an email from Sparx before homework is due. Teachers receive powerful insights each week with the pupils attainment.

If you require any more information then please go to <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/> or contact your child's maths teacher.