



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

**Year 11 Prom Ticket
Payment Deadline**

**Wednesday 10th June 2026
NOON**

**DofE Silver Award
Training Day**

Monday 22nd June 2026

**Year 10 Rewards Trip
Alton Towers**

Thursday 25th 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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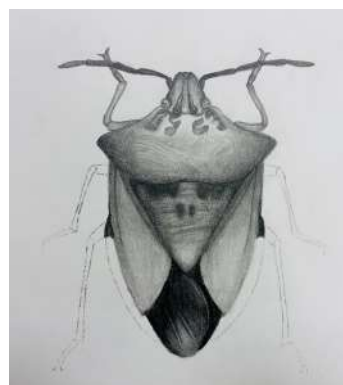
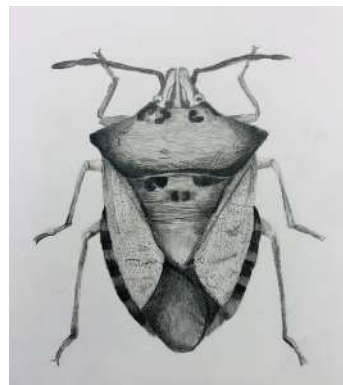


CREATIVE Faculty

Year 10 Art & Design students have made an excellent start to their GCSE course and are already producing impressive pencil drawings as part of their introductory skills programme. These detailed observational studies are helping students develop essential drawing techniques, including proportion, tone, shading and mark-making.

During the first part of the course, students will explore a wide range of both 2D and 3D processes, giving them the opportunity to experiment with different materials, techniques and creative approaches. This broad foundation will help students discover their strengths and interests before choosing to specialise in Fine Art, 3D Design or Textiles.

We look forward to seeing their skills continue to develop and are excited to share more of their creative journey in future newsletters. Well done Year 10!





Lawn Bowls Taster



The session was hugely successful, the boys learnt a lot and really enjoyed their time. A huge thank you to Brush Bowls Club for having us - we hope to visit again soon! If any students are interested in having a go at Lawn Bowls, speak to Mr Smith or Miss Phillips!

On Thursday 21st May, four students took up a brilliant opportunity to attend a Lawn Bowls taster session at the nearby Brush Bowls Club. The boys were given an introduction to the sport, learning different techniques and the rules, before enjoying a pairs game to put their new skills to the test. The aim of the session was to begin to develop a relationship between Woodbrook Vale and Brush Bowls Club, as they aim to set up a junior section within the club and we look to expand our relationships with local sports clubs.



County Athletics

Congratulations, and best of luck to our students who are competing at the County Athletics Championships on Thursday 11th June!

Iduwara	100m
Olivia	200m
Isabelle	Shot
Kaiya	800m
Lola	800m
Daniel	800m
Isla	1200m
Jaden	Long Jump
Jodie	1500m
Florence	1500m
Morgan	Javelin

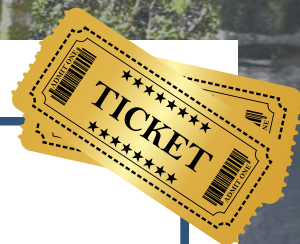




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Prom Ticket Payment



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

CONUNDRUM of the WEEK

Last Weeks Answer

In which type of rock are you most likely to find fossils -
Sedimentary.

What are the units of specific heat capacity?



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CAREERS

GIRLS INTO ENGINEERING WITH BRUSH TRANSFORMERS

This week Woodbrook Vale was very fortunate to have a visit from Jonathan Lee and Nikitha Prakash from Loughborough based company, Brush Transformers, who are currently celebrating 150 of innovation in the UK's energy industry. Jonathan introduced the girls to the company and the pioneering technologies being developed to provide smarter energy solutions, that will meet the demands of industry and society. Jonathan also outlined the many opportunities available at Brush via apprenticeships in areas including Health and Safety, Quality and maintenance, Finance, HR, Legal, IT and Project Management.

Nikitha talked about her career journey into engineering and what inspired her to enter the industry after attending Nottingham University. Traditionally engineering has been heavily male dominated, more recently the industry is pro-actively encouraging females to enter the profession and who can offer the diverse expertise needed to meet the UK's current skills shortage. However there is still only around 17% of the workforce comprised of women.

Our Year 10 girls will be following up with a visit to Loughborough College engineering department on 24th June to discover more about careers in engineering and STEM for women.

More info

International Women in engineering Day.

INTERNATION

About

About INWED International Women in Engineering Day, brought to you by Women's Engineering Society (WES) will celebrate its 13th year in 2026 and we'll once again be...

International Women in Engineering Day / Apr 20, 2021





CAREERS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

29th - 3rd July - Year 10 Work Experience

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

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





**KS3 ROUNDERS CLUB
MONDAYS 3-4PM
FROM 8TH JUNE**

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
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	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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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



COME AND GIVE IT A TRY TASTER SESSIONS

GIRLS RUGBY

AT LOUGHBOROUGH RFC



OPEN TO AGES 5-15 YEARS (RECEPTION TO YEAR 10)

SUN 7TH JUNE. & SAT 4TH JULY

10AM-12PM

10-11am FUN non contact games

Followed by some craft activities and FREE food!

LRFC is proud to be a welcoming and friendly club. All welcome, from complete beginners to experienced players!



LOUGHBOROUGH RFC, DERBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 5FJ

PLEASE EMAIL FEMALERUGBYLRFC@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER OR MESSAGE 07921283344



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BLOOMING TOGETHER SINCE 1966

We're inviting our community to help us create a stunning flower display to celebrate JSC's 60th anniversary.

MAKE AND DONATE A BLUE FLOWER. ANY SIZE, ANY STYLE, ANY MATERIAL YOU HAVE AT HOME. KMIT IT, CROCHET IT, STITCH IT.

USE FABRIC SCRAPS, DENIM, WOOL, RIBBON, FELT - WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT.

YOUR FLOWERS WILL COME TOGETHER AS PART OF A SPECIAL SUMMER INSTALLATION AT JOHN STORER HOUSE, ON DISPLAY FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

HOW TO TAKE PART:

MAKE ONE FLOWER (OR MANY!) IN ANY BLUE MATERIAL

DROP IT IN TO RECEPTION AT JOHN STORER HOUSE

DEADLINE: END OF JULY 2020

FREE TO TAKE PART - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

John Storer Charnwood



ARE YOU A KINDNESS HERO?

TO CELEBRATE OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY WE'RE INVITING YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE JOHN STORER CHARNWOOD 60 ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

PICK UP OR DOWNLOAD YOUR CHALLENGE PACK — PACKED WITH 60 IDEAS OF KIND THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR VERY OWN ACTS OF KINDNESS TRACKER

COMPLETE ACTIVITIES AND ADD THEM TO YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS TRACKER — BIG OR SMALL, EVERY SINGLE ONE COUNTS

AFTER YOU HAVE FILLED OUT YOUR TRACKER RETURN IT TO THE RECEPTION HELPERS AT JOHN STORER HOUSE IN LOUGHBOROUGH — AND EARN YOUR OFFICIAL JSC KINDNESS HERO CERTIFICATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.JOHNSTORERCHARNWOOD.ORG.UK OR COME IN TO SEE US AT JOHN STORER HOUSE, LOUGHBOROUGH



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Mental Health Support
Teams in Schools



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)



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A PARENTS GUIDE TO



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.