



Woodbrook Vale
School



WOODBROOK VALE

2026/2027

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

Open Week

Tuesday 22nd September - Friday 25th September - please see website

Year 7 Tutor Evening

Thursday 24th September

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 1st October

Year 7 Disco

Thursday 8th October

**Year 11 Post 16
Information Evening -**

Thursday 15th October

Half Term

**Monday 19th October - Friday
23rd October**

Congratulations



We already have so much to celebrate, going above and beyond, showing great determination and resilience!

Congratulations!



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Non-Uniform Day

WINNER

Francesca Cole



Congratulations Francesca!

Francesca has decided that she would like her non uniform day for the whole school next Thursday 17th September. She consistently maintained high attendance last term and unveiled her prize in our end of term assembly!

Next week there will be **DOUBLE** point for attendance and also 'On the spot' prizes for high attendance on Friday!



YOU'VE GOT
TO HERE TO
BE IN IT,
AND IN IT
TO WIN IT!



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'OFF AND AWAY'



Beginning on Monday, June 29, 2026, education in England has changed under new government-imposed rules.

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 mandates that all state-funded schools create a completely phone-free environment during school hours. We wholeheartedly agree that the pressure of social media and constant connectivity is harmful to young people's focus and attention for learning.

Woodbrook Vale School operates an 'Off and Away' policy. This relies on students having a school bag in which to put their switched off phone. They can use it on their journey to and from school but not whilst on the school site.

Any student who has the phone in a pocket or on their person is breaking the school rule of 'Off and Away' and will have to hand the phone in for collection by the parent. Please have the necessary conversations in families to make sure our young people have understood the message.



Education - News, views, pictures, video

Most people in the UK stay in education until the age of 18, with nearly half of 17-30 year olds going on to Higher Education. The coalition government made the controversial decision bring student fees up to £9,000.

The Mirror



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CREATIVE FACULTY

Year 11

This week, our Year 11 Art students took part in an exciting printmaking workshop as part of their GCSE coursework. Throughout the day, students explored specialist printmaking techniques, developing a series of high-quality outcomes that demonstrate both creativity and technical skill.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for students to experiment with new processes and refine ideas for their coursework portfolios. We were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, resilience and dedication shown by every student, who embraced the challenge and produced a fantastic range of unique and thoughtful prints.

The work created during the workshop will make a valuable contribution to their GCSE coursework, and the progress made reflects the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the course. We look forward to seeing how these ideas continue to develop over the coming weeks!





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Bronze Arts Award

**Angelica, Ani, Jackson, Lilly, Zak, Arnav,
Jamie, Zyana, Bella, Alcina, Molly, Yona,
Perlie, Pippa, Lucy, James, Frances,
Elsie, Isla, Em-Jay, Emeris, Henry,
Sebastian, Harry, Halle, Ava-Olivia,
William, Aiden, George, Sophie, Molly,
Isla, Bobby, Willow, Isla, Izzy, Thea,
Jess, Megan, Holly, Harriet, Krishan,
Jess, Justin, Willow, Summer, Jodie,
Amelia, Tylon, Ashley, Esther, Hannah,
Mae, Martha, May, Daisy, Olivia, Maddie,
Lily-Grace, Lauren, Oskar, Reuben,
Fearne, Rhys, Charlotte, Reina, Krenar**

Congratulations to the following 76 Year 10 Students who passed their Bronze Arts Award with the work they completed during Year 9 Creative Art lessons. This is a staggering amount of students and shows really great commitment and determination character skills.

Students partook in Research and Analytical skills, developing their own art skill knowledge of various printmaking methods, wrote a review on an exhibition and taught a fellow peer an art skill.

Well done. Certificates are on their way and will be handed out ASAP. A challenge for the current Year 9's is for more than 76 to achieve it by June!



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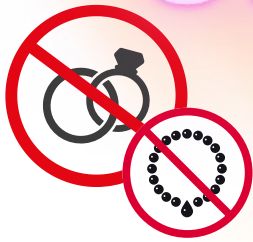
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JEWELLERY



SPOTLIGHT

From Monday 7th September Heads of Year will be ensuring students are inline with the schools uniform policy, please see below:

One pair of stud earrings is permissible. Apart from this, for safety and security reasons, jewellery, including bracelets, necklaces, rings and nose, face, body or oral jewellery should not be worn in school. If such jewellery is worn students will be expected to remove it. It may be confiscated and students and/or parents/carers will be informed when it can be collected.

Parents/Carers, help support your child make the right choice.



Go 4 Schools

Free school meals information



Leicestershire
County Council

4 SCHOOLS

As part of our commitment to inform parents/carers about students' progress whilst at Woodbrook Vale, we have Go 4 Schools an on-line internet based package that allows you to access your child's timetable as well as, attendance, homework and behaviour data.

Parents follow this link: <https://www.go4schools.com/parents/>

This information is also available through the Go 4 Schools Mobile App which can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play.

If you require help to set up your account please contact Julia Perry on 01509 557560 ext 1044 or jperry@wbvs.co.uk



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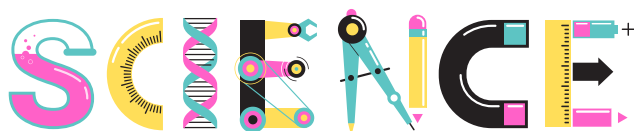
INTERVENTIONS

Year 11 Intervention Programme – Autumn 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Science	History Science	Science		
Afterschool	Maths	MFL / Creative Science		English / iMedia	Geography

Teachers will inform you if you have been invited to interventions

Tuesdays: History / MFL / Creative will take priority



YR 11 AFTERSCHOOL REV		Triple Room	Combined Room
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER	Phys	25	25
TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER	Phys	25	Lab 1
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER	Phys		25
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	Phys	25	25
TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER	Bio	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER	Chem	Lab 1	Lab 3
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER	Phys	25	25

YR 11 Science Lunchtime Revision STARTS 12.25 prompt

	TRIPLE	COMBINE D
MONDAY	PHYSICS ROOM 25	
TUESDAY	CHEMIST RY LAB 1	CHEMIST RY ROOM
WEDNES DAY	BIOLOGY LAB 3	BIOLOGY ROOM 24





Upcoming Sports Fixtures



Girls Netball

Year 11

Thursday 10th September

Year 10

Thursday 17th September

Year 9

Thursday 24th September

Year 8

Tuesday 15th September

Year 7

Tuesday 22nd September

Boys Football

Year 11

Thursday 10th September & Thursday 1st October

Year 10

Thursday 17th September & Thursday 8th October

Year 9

Thursday 24th September & Thursday 15th October

Year 8

Tuesday 15th September (Contingency: Tuesday 29th September)

Year 7

Tuesday 22nd September (Contingency: Tuesday 13th October)

Sign up in the sports hall!



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Badminton	KS3 Girls	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
	Volleyball	All years	3-4pm	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Badminton	KS3 Boys	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
	Netball	All years	3-4pm	Ball court
	Football	Year 10 Boys	3-4pm	Field
Thursday	Badminton	Year 10	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton	Year 11	12:25-1pm	Sports Hall

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Training:

Monday 21st September 3-4pm





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Take a look...

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

Linguascope is a great website for revising content covered in class by playing the games.

There is an addition "construction of sentences" section which is more challenging. Why not challenge yourself to learn one of the other languages over the summer? the linguascope password had been changed

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password = cultural20

We are pleased to share that Woodbrook Vale has been selected for the Teaco Fruit and Veg schools grant program starting from the 3rd August to Nov 2026, you can support our project by blue token in selected Tesco's Stores.

Our project is creating a sensory garden designed with students; supporting wellbeing, inclusion, multi-sensory learning and responsibility.

Please remember us when leaving the local Tesco stores.

THANK
YOU

everyone who has helped with the Blue tokens for our sensory garden,
Keep up the great work, we have till Nov 30th 2026 for the final count !

SCIENCE

CONUNDRUM of the WEEK

What is an
Ampere?

Last weeks answer-

What does this hazard symbol mean- Compressed gas.

Cylinders must be stored upright and secured with chains or straps to prevent tipping, and be kept away from direct heat sources. It doesn't meet it's hazardous to play cricket.



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CAREERS

QUORN FOOTBALL CLUB TRIAL DAY

20th October

Quorn FC, Farley Way Stadium.

The trial provides an opportunity within the grassroots football pathway for students interested in developing football to showcase ability, experience the coaching environment, and be assessed by coaching staff.



Trial Day Details:

Date: Tuesday 20th October 2026

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm

Throughout the session, players/learners will take part in a variety of technical, tactical and small-sided games, designed to assess key areas including technical ability, game understanding, decision-making, physical attributes, attitude, and overall potential.

Quorn FC are particularly interested in hearing from learners who want to developing their game and looking to take the next step within their football journey.

Places for the trial day are limited, and therefore early registration is recommended.

If you have the right skills, potential and ambition, register your interest via <https://hoet.activehosted.com/f/79>



HOET Email Marketing

We already have basic information about you, so this form is to capture some extra details to complete your application.

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NHS Guidance

Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance says it's fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, as long as they don't have a temperature – we will keep an eye on them.

See [NHS guidance sheet 'Is my child too ill for school'](#)

Is my child too ill for school?



UK Government



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

DfE comms video - [Illness absence and staying healthy](#)

There are also two YouTube video's on attendance expectations, one for Key stage 3, one for key stage 4 - Could we perhaps use these but make our own to post on social media?

[Starting secondary school and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Starting Key Stage 4 and supporting your child's attendance](#)

[Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in secondary school](#)





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Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



SUNDAY 13th September 2026
11am – 1pm*

Loughborough Students' Union
Loughborough University LE11 3TT

£1 per adult (children free)

Cash and Card accepted

Top quality nearly new items of babywear, children's toys and clothes up to age 16

Clothes - 0-16 / Toys - All shapes and sizes / Bikes and scooters

High chairs / Cots / Maternity wear

All things needed for newborns (bibs, bottles, baths, towels, weaning equipment)

Pushchairs / Swimwear / Shoes / Books

Sales can get quite busy — please use slings and baby carriers rather than
buggies where possible as you may struggle to navigate the aisles.

Facebook: [fb.com/NCTLoughborough](https://www.facebook.com/NCTLoughborough)

*(Early entry for NCT members of 10.30am)



NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust.
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370673.
Registered office: Brunel House, 11 The Promenade, Clifton Down, Bristol BS8 3NG.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 1011395 and Scotland: SC041592.

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Mental Health Support
Teams **in Schools**



Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Looking for NHS advice on mental health for teenagers?

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



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

Find more support at:

[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/
bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth)

HEALTH for TEENS



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How Parents Can Access This Support:

Families do not need a school referral to access these specific early intervention programmes.

Parents can self-refer directly by visiting the NHS LLR Self-Referral Portal which can be accessed from our website [The Early Intervention Service \(EIS\)](#) | [The Relationships Centre - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland](#)

Early Intervention Service

Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support for children and young people, and their parents/carers, living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



Flourish

Our Flourish groupwork programme is for children and young people aged 8-17. It aims to equip young people with a better understanding of mental and emotional health, coping strategies and emotional resilience through a range of creative and engaging interventions.

The programme runs for 6-8 weeks, groups are separated by age range and tailored to better fit the needs of each age group.

Prosper

Our Prosper programme is a 3-hour Zoom session for parents/ carers of children experiencing anxiety. Our Prosper deliverers support parents to understand anxiety and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Children and Young People's Counselling

A safe space for children and young people aged 8-18 to talk about challenges they're facing one to one with a trained counsellor, and learn better ways of coping.

ADHD support

We offer support to young people and their families where there is diagnosed or suspected ADHD. Our practitioners work with young people to support them in understanding ADHD and how this can impact them in their daily lives, and explore better ways of regulating their emotions. We also offer workshops for parents/ carers, supporting them to understand ADHD and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Heads Up

The service is made up of two organisations: The Relationships Centre and Heads Up, and offers a range of support interventions for children, young people and parents/carers. You can find information on the services offered at Heads Up here:

www.headsupleicester.org.uk

To access this, you will need to be assessed and referred by your GP or you can complete a self-referral to see whether The Relationships Centre is the best fit for you:
www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/



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Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow

Thursday 24th September

17.00 - 19.30

County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8HD

**Come along with your child/young person to
have a go at activities and find out about
Local SEND services and support
in your area.**

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

**Please book your FREE tickets via:
leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows**

**Scan here
to book tickets**



To find out more about the SEND
Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit:

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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?

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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.



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

linguascope website - the password has changed to **international20**, the username is still woodbrook



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

