

## ADDITION TO SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following consultation with students and parents, it has been decided to add Navy Blue Tights as an option along with White Tights to be worn with the Regulation Kilted Skirt.

This is primarily due to Navy Blue Tights being more readily available in range of prices and sizes than White Tights. As usual, we expect students to be tidy for school and to be in full school uniform for those in years 7-11.

Please remember, if are choosing to wear trousers rather than a kilt, these should be Navy Blue and of polyester, cotton mix or similar fabric and should be straight leg, mid-rise, full length. They must be plain, no belts, no pronounced external pockets, no embroidery and no visible logos.

Outdoor coats should be plain navy blue or black fabric (not denim / leather).



## REMINDER: EARLY CLOSURE

School will finish early on Friday 19th December 2025

KS3 are dismissed at 1pm

KS4 are dismissed at 1.10pm

There is no Homework Club



The Spring Term starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8.20am.

It will be Week B.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please note that in line with the school policy on attendance, any absences 5 days before or after a school holiday, will require medical supporting evidence in order to be authorised. If this requirement is not met, the absence will be marked as unauthorised and parents will be notified.

**Miss Allen**  
**Attendance & Admissions Officer**



## LOST PROPERTY

If your child has misplaced something, could you please ask them to check the big wooden box, which is situated near Reception in the main school building, as soon as possible.

There are also a lot of PE items in the PE department and in the ground floor open learning area of the CC building. Small items are normally left at the main school reception desk.

Please ensure that your child collects their lost belongings by **Wednesday 17th December 2025**, otherwise items will be discarded/given to Charity as we do not have the storage capacity to keep hold of items, on a permanent basis. **Thank you for your co-operation.**





# Parents

## Can you offer a Y11 student work experience during the summer?

Help our young people gain real-world skills by creating opportunities in your workplace or community.

The placement should be for two weeks (from 29<sup>th</sup> June), however we can be flexible. If you are able to accommodate one of our students, please fill in the form below or contact Ms Summers [summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)

**[Work Experience Placement Offers - Fill out form](#)**



# 6 Finding Work Experience Tips!

## 1 Questions to ask yourself

If you're not sure what type of work experience you want to do, start by asking yourself a few simple questions:

- What are my interests?
- What types of career paths appeal to me?
- What are my strengths? My weaknesses?
- What hobbies do I have and do any of them relate to careers?



## 4 Plan ahead

Once you've got the dates confirmed, make sure you start looking for placements in plenty of time. Some work experience placements are quite competitive, so getting your application in early will give you an edge over less organised candidates. Researching placement options might also show you some exciting options you didn't know you had.



## 2 Use your network

You can ask friends and family if they know of any employers you could approach, or even if you could do work experience at their workplace.

Look out on Woodford's bulletins for a variety of different opportunities too!

## 5 Don't put too much pressure on yourself

Work experience is a learning activity first and foremost. Committing to a work experience placement doesn't mean you're committing to a career in that industry.

So if you're not sure what you want to do yet, don't panic. Work experience is never wasted as long as you go into it with an open mind and plenty of enthusiasm,

## 3 Apply directly with an employer

If you'd like to work for a particular employer, you can apply directly. First, do a Google search for the name of the company and "work experience". If they have an existing scheme in place, this will direct you to the appropriate webpage. Many large companies have well-defined work experience schemes with a specific application process.

Don't forget that you're not limited to traditional businesses, either. Many charities and public sector organisations also offer work experience placements.



## 6 Follow up on your applications

Work experience placements are competitive. Therefore, it's a good idea to apply for several placements. This will ensure you end up with something that will be beneficial to you.

Also, do not hesitate to contact the employer if you have not heard from them. They might just need a reminder to say yes!

# P.E.—Extra-curricular timetable—Term 1



	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> <u>7.50-8.20am</u>				GCSE Badminton HBA	
<u>Lunchtime</u> <u>1.40-2.10pm</u>	Badminton VJA WEEK A = Y7 & 8 WEEK B = Y9,10 &11		GCSE Club (Y11) STA & VJA & KWI & HBA & KRI	Dance STA  Trampolining KWI  Y8-11 <small>(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)</small>  XC KRI  Football—  6th Formers	Netball for <b><u>ALL</u></b> 6th Formers
<u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.30-4.30pm</u>		Netball Squad Training Y7 & 8 VJA & HBA	<b><u>*FIXTURES*</u></b> Netball Y 10 & 11 6 <sup>th</sup> formers	Netball Squad Training Y9 & 10 STA & KWI	

## Trainers



Do you have any old /outgrown trainers that can be donated to our PE department's lost property?

If so, please can you send them in with your child next week and they can leave them in the PE block foyer.

**Thank you.**



# Music Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Brass Ensemble</b> (Jubilee room 1) 13:45 - 14:15 Mr Thomas	<b>Junior Choir</b> (SF1) 13:30 - 14:10 Ms Evans	<b>Jazz Band</b> (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO and MC	<b>Ukulele Club</b> (Jubilee room 2) 13:40 - 14:15 Student led	<b>Orchestra</b> (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 IBO and MC
	<b>Guitar Club</b> (SF1) 13:40 - 14:15 MC	<b>Kalimba Club</b> (Jubilee room 2) 13:40 - 14:15 Student led		<b>Junior Band</b> (SF1) 13:30 - 14:15 MC and IBO	
		<b>Senior Choir</b> (Main Hall) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO		<b>String orchestra</b> (SF2) 13:40 - 14:15 CBO	

If you are having instrument lessons this term and/or are doing GCSE music, you must attend at least one staff-led music club.

**There are still some piano slots available with Redbridge Music Service for 15 minutes 1 to 1 tuition. Please contact Redbridge Music Service directly on 020 8708 2828.**



WOODFORD ROBOTICS

# ROBOTICS

## Latest Update from Woodford Robotics

Our robotics programme has had an exceptional start this term. The level of innovation, teamwork and resilience shown by the students has been outstanding.

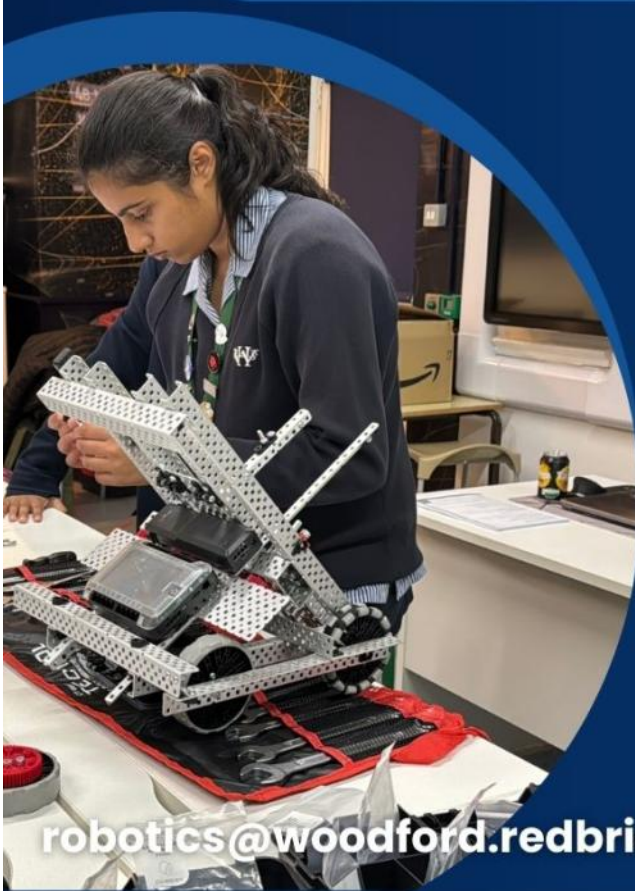


### Breakthrough Research and Innovations

They are already deep into the design and build stages of their robots, learning to solve real engineering and computational problems and developing computational thinking skills that go far beyond the classroom.

### Innovative Mindset

The atmosphere in the Innovation Lab has been energetic and purposeful. It has been inspiring to see how quickly they have grown in confidence, creativity and technical ability.



## Getting Ready for Internal Trials

We'll keep you updated on their milestones and achievements, and we look forward to celebrating their progress with you throughout the year.

### Scan the Code

You will require your daughter's school login to view the page



[robotics@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:robotics@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)



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High School for Girls

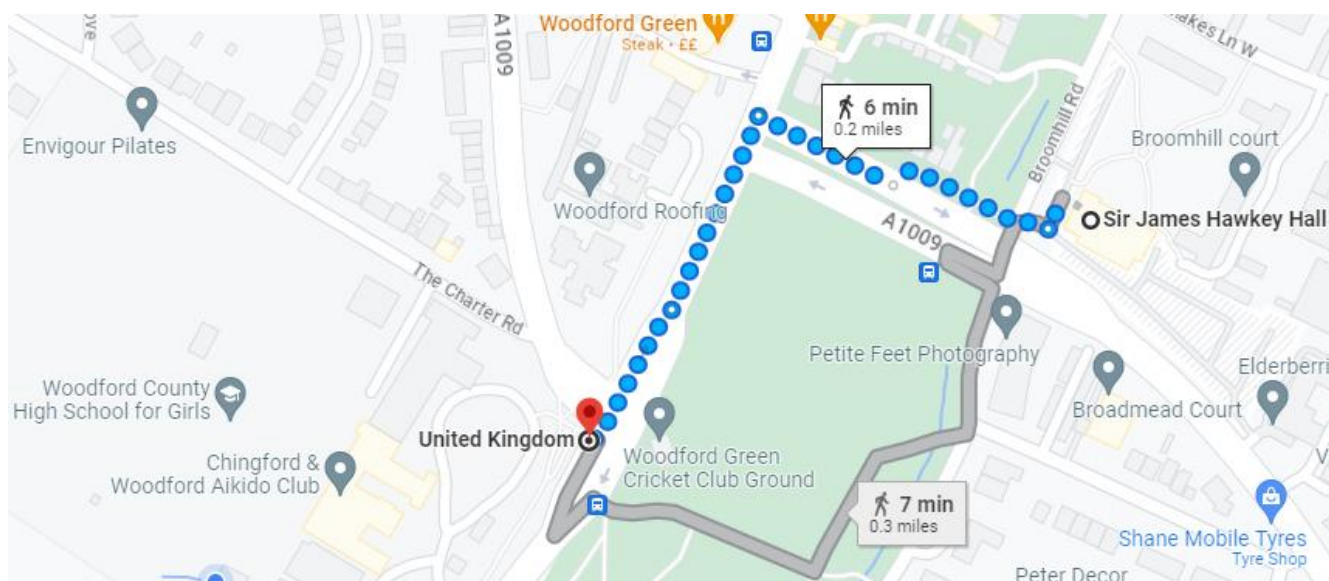


## PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We frequently receive complaints from residents around the school, regarding parents from this school, parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road.

If you do drive your child to school, please park at the Sir James Hawkey Hall car park (IG8 0BG - see map below). It is a short distance from the school with ample parking available. If you are unable to do so, then please show consideration to our neighbours. Students can easily be dropped a short distance from the school and walk the remainder of the journey.

Could we also request that when collecting or dropping off your child, you do not sit with your car engine idling. We appreciate your co-operation.





**\*\*\* DONATIONS \*\*\***

**\*\*\* NEEDED \*\*\***



The Medical Room is seeking donations of new white socks / tights in various sizes to keep as spare items for students who may need to change, due to reasons such as accidents, wet feet or falling over.

Please send your donations to Mrs Kaye or Mrs Mann in the Medical Room, where they will be stored for future use.

Thank you in advance.

## School Facilities Available for Lettings!

Looking for the perfect space for your next event, class, or rehearsal?

We are pleased to offer **availability in our Dance Studio and Conference Hall** for external hire!

### Facilities Available:

- **Dance Studio** – Ideal for dance classes, fitness sessions, and rehearsals.
- **Conference Hall** – A spacious venue perfect for meetings, training sessions and community events.

**Available Hours:** 17:30 – 22:00

For more information on availability and pricing, or to make a booking, please contact <https://schoolhire.co.uk>.

Don't miss this opportunity to secure a fantastic space at your school!



Conference Room



Dance Studio

# Free Trial



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**Would you like to talk to someone?**

**Do you need some support with creating a daily routine for your child?**

**Are you concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing?**

**Are you struggling to motivate your children at home or manage sibling relationships?**

**The Educational Psychology Service (EPS) are here to support you.**

We have a **dedicated telephone helpline for parents/carers** where you will receive advice and guidance from a professional

Educational Psychologist.

The EPS helpline is available for all parents and carers - your child does not need to be known to the EPS, does not need to have a special educational need or additional support within school.

We welcome calls from all parents and carers.



### **EPS Helpline**

**Telephone: 07741 331 009**

**Opening hours: Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm**

**Webpage: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/educational-psychology-service/>**

**FIND: [Educational Psychology Service](#)**

**@Redbridge\_aep Twitter account.**



## **Call to Action—Educational Psychology**

Please click on the link to access the “Call To Action” video from the Redbridge Educational Wellbeing Team (REWT) and the Redbridge Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who work with students and staff here at Woodford. This video is specifically for parents and carers and is part of their “break the stigma” campaign.

[Click here to access video](#)

<b>AUTUMN 2025</b>		
Term	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

<b>SPRING 2026</b>		
Term	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
<b>Half-term</b>	<b>Monday 16 February 2026</b>	<b>Friday 20 February 2026</b>
Term	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Non-Contact Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 March 2026</b>	

### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER



- 15 December—Year 13 (2023-2025) Prizegiving
- 19 December—Last day of term, school closes early
- 5 January—Spring Term Starts
- 22 January—Year 12 Parents Evening
- 28 January—Year 9 Parents Evening
- 5 February—Music Recital Evening
- 9 February—Year 7 Parents Evening

### EMAILING THE SCHOOL

To report an absence relating to KS3 and KS4, please email

[absence@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:absence@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk).

If you need to contact a member of staff regarding your child for any matter relating to KS3 or KS4, other than absence, please email [admin@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk).

**For KS5 (Sixth Form), students are expected to call Miss Mamtora themselves on the day of the absence, before 8.30am, on 020 8506 2927.**

Thank you.



### REMINDER

Please remind your daughter to bring in her lanyard, locker key and fob to school every day.

