



The Department of Education has ranked **Woodford County High School** as one of the top Performing Schools in Redbridge...

Please see the link below, to an online article in the Ilford Recorder, regarding Woodford County High being one of Redbridge's best performing secondary school for this

Summer's GCSEs.

This article contains a quote from our Headteacher Gemma Van Praagh.

To read the full article, please click the link below:

<https://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/news/25634852.redbridge-best-performing-secondary-schools-gcse-2025-react/>

## HOUSE DRAMA FESTIVAL 2025

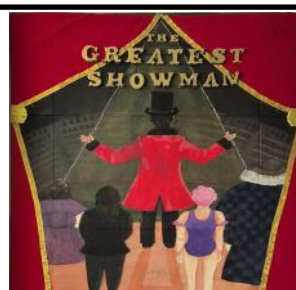
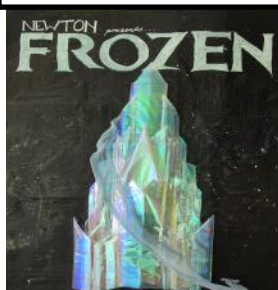
The House Drama Festival 2025 last week, was of an exceptional standard.

Each production started as the vision of the Y13 House Captains and Vice House Captains who work with other students to plan all aspects of a 25 minute production, including dialogue, music, stage direction, choreography, prop making, publicity, costumes and lighting. Since the start of September, there have been auditions and numerous rehearsals. The final productions are a testament to all the talent, creativity, organisation and hard work of so many students. The level of collaboration is inspiring. All who took part should be congratulated. The performances were all so engaging for both student and staff and it is always a pleasure to have parents as our audience.

Our judges fed back to all involved in the productions last Friday and made awards.

We really enjoyed Newton's, "Frozen", Repton's "Mamma Mia", Warner's "The Greatest Showman" and Higham's "Moana" Many awards and certificates were presented. The judges commented on how difficult their decisions were to make.

Particular congratulations to Repton who won the award for best overall Production.



### School Christmas Lunch 2025

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Forms 7 (A-C) 8 (A-C) 9 (A-C) 10 (A-C) 11 (A-C) Staff & 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Forms 7 (D-F) 8 (D-F) 9 (D-F) 10 (D-F) 11 (D-F) Staff & 6<sup>th</sup> Form

The cost of the Christmas meal with a cracker will be **£3.25**, and will be served by ticket only. Tickets must be purchased and paid in advance at the tills at Breakfast and Lunch sessions from Monday 24th November till Monday 8th December.

There will be a meat and vegetarian option consisting of

**Roast Halal/Non Halal Turkey OR Vegan Sage & onion cranberry Wellington with a selection of**

**Roast Potatoes, and seasonal vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy.**

**&**

**Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce OR Festive white chocolate confetti cookie**

Tickets will be on sale up until Monday 9th December as numbers need to be known in advance for catering purposes

On the days /times you are not having a Christmas dinner, PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

There will be the usual snacks / sandwiches at breakfast and morning break.

**Please ensure that you purchase your tickets in advance**

# Merry Christmas

## MATHEMATICS PUZZLE

The following students took part in a fun puzzle posted by the Mathematics department and I applaud their dedication and effort to enjoy the learning being delivered at Woodford.

The puzzle was...

Binomial fun!

In the expansion of  $(a + bx)^5$  the coefficient of  $x^4$  is 8 times the coefficient of  $x^2$ .

Given that  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero **positive** integers, what is the smallest possible value of  $a + b$ ?

This required their recent learning to be applied along with some creative thinking. This puzzle requires the skill of solving quadratic equations. If anyone would still like to try it and try to get to the answer, which is 5.

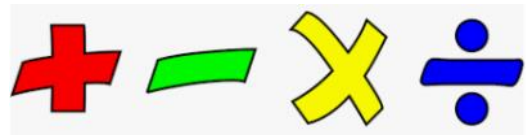
A shout out for the following on their excellent effort and achievement:

Aizah (12MHE)

Marzana (12MNA)

Well done!!!!

From all the Maths department.



# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

The PFA and Eco-Committee have teamed up to launch our Pre-Loved Uniform campaign.

Shop at school events or order directly via the PFA email.

- Full garment list and prices available.
- For more information or to order contact the PFA on:  
**PFASecretary@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk**
- 100% of the proceed will go towards funding school eco projects.

**Uniform drive:** Throughout November donate any **good condition** and clean uniform (including blazers, PE kit, lab coats and food tech aprons) to the hamper outside student support.

- No coats, socks/tights or damaged items.
- Missing a size label, add a note with the size/age, so we can match perfectly to their next owner.

Shopping pre-loved uniform not only saves money but helps reduce clothing waste.

Thank you,  
PFA & the Eco-Committee.

# MEDICINE & DENTISTRY MMI EVENT

## AT WCHS

### FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

### 8.45AM–1.15PM

**BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 8AM**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY**



**MMI STYLE  
INTERVIEW WORKSHOP,  
GUEST SPEAKERS  
& Q&A PANELS**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE MEDICAL & DENTAL FIELDS**

**CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK OR SCAN THE  
QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR AVAILABILITY**



**<https://forms.gle/vm6ZCHjUjFr7DWet8>**

# 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> 7.50-8.20am				GCSE Badminton HBA	
<u>Lunchtime</u> 1.40-2.10pm	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> 3.30-4.30pm		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.



# 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.**

## LOST PROPERTY

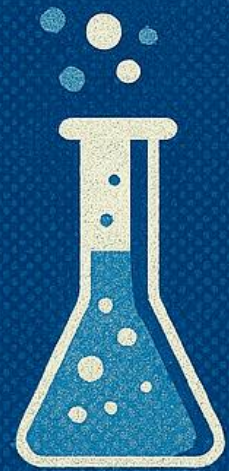
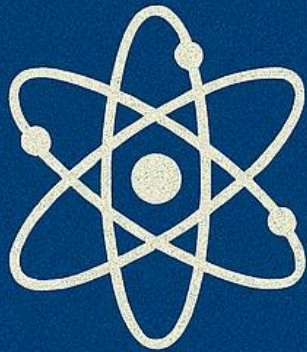
If your child has misplaced something, could you please ask them to check the big wooden box, which is situated near Reception in the main school building.

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

Thank you.



# CAREER TALKS FOR WOMEN IN STEM MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER





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.

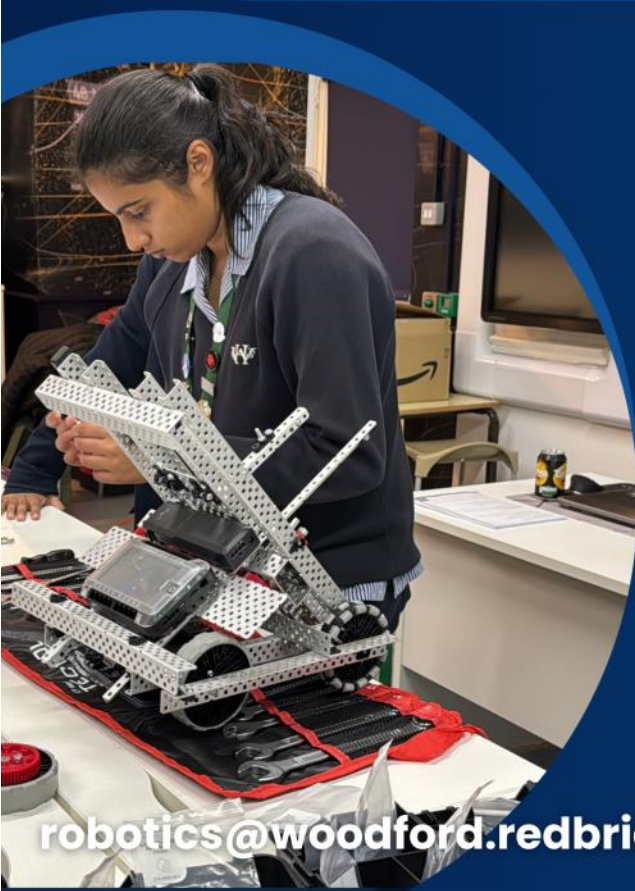


### Breakthrough Research and Innovations

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)



Woodford County  
High School for Girls

# Jump into Unifrog's Talent pool

Let universities and employers find you with  
the right courses and apprenticeships!



## Why join Talent pool?

- ✓ Fill in your profile once, then **let the opportunities find you**
- ✓ Receive **tailored support** from universities and employers who are keen to see an application from you, to give you the best chance of success
- ✓ **Discover university courses and apprenticeships** you may not have heard about



Create your  
Talent pool  
profile



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# CUT YOUR CARBON



Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.



These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.

To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school Eco-Committee.





Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



Have a 'device-free' day.




Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

Completed by: .....

# November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is calling on young people across the UK to tackle carbon emissions, one simple action at a time. Complete these 6 challenges at home with family and friends to raise awareness and spark change. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts!

 **Stick this checklist on your fridge – and start cutting carbon today!**

-  **Make three evening meals plant-based across the month**  
Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
-  **Make any three journeys 'active' across the month**  
Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
-  **Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week**  
Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
-  **Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month**  
Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
-  **Have a device-free day**  
Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
-  **Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week**  
Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!



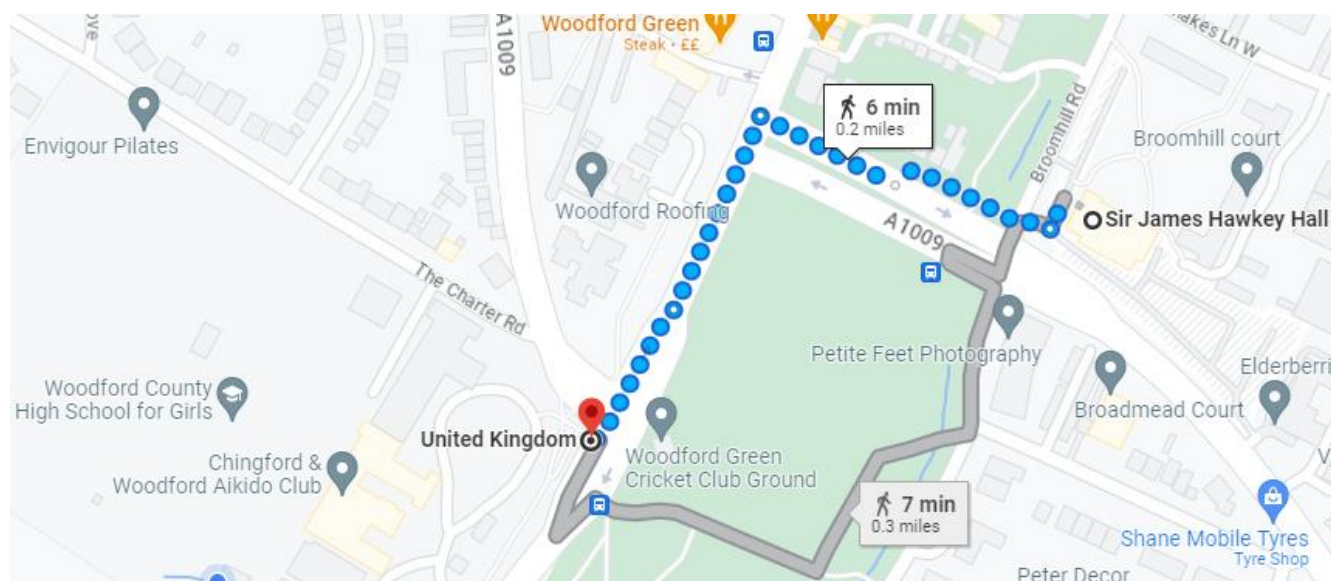


## PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL

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

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02083068775 / 07732796034



# SENDATS Virtual Training

## Spotlight on: Dyslexia and supporting your child at home.

Monday 1st December  
7.30pm



We are delighted to let you know about an upcoming virtual training session hosted by **SENDATS**.

This training session is designed to equip parents with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to support their child's learning journey with dyslexia. It will provide practical strategies, emotional support guidance, and insights into how dyslexia affects learning and daily life.

- Understand what dyslexia is and how it manifests in children.
- Learn effective home-based strategies to support reading, writing, and organization.
- Explore assistive technologies and tools that can aid learning.
- Gain tips for communicating with schools and advocating for their child's needs.

Connect with other parents and share experiences in a supportive environment.

We warmly encourage you to share this opportunity with parents and carers who may find the training valuable.

### **Booking details:**

Places can be reserved directly via Eventbrite using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1663141112839?aff=odtdtcreator>



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Join our next class at...

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Date:

Location:

[nuffieldhealth.com/movetogether](https://nuffieldhealth.com/movetogether)



**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



27 November—GCSE Prizegiving 2024-25  
 28 November—6th Form Charity Gala  
 2 December—Year 13 Parents' Evening  
 8 December—Year 11 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.

