

Woodford Weekly Bulletin..



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Key Dates and Reminders...



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

SUMMER 2026		
Term	Monday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Half-term	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026
Term	Monday 1 June 2026	Monday 20 July 2026
Non-Contact Day	Monday 20 July 2026	



26 March – Spring Concert
20 April – Year 8 Parents' Evening
30 April – School Finishes Early
14:50 for KS3
15:00 for KS4/KS5
1 May – Non-Uniform Day
4 May – Bank Holiday

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



Contact us...



To report an absence relating to KS3 and KS4, please email absence@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

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.

If you need to contact a member of staff regarding your child for any matter relating to Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4, other than absence, please email admin@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

For Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form), students are expected to call Miss Mamtora themselves on the day of the absence, before 8.30am on 020 8506 2927.



Summer 2026 Series Exam Timetable

The Summer 2026 Series Exam Timetable for both GCSEs and A Levels is now published on the school website. Please click the below link:

<https://www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk/page/?title=SUMMER+2026+EXAM+TIMETABLES&pid=593>

Final individual timetables after resolving any exam clashes and including room and seat information for students will be sent out near the end of March 2026.



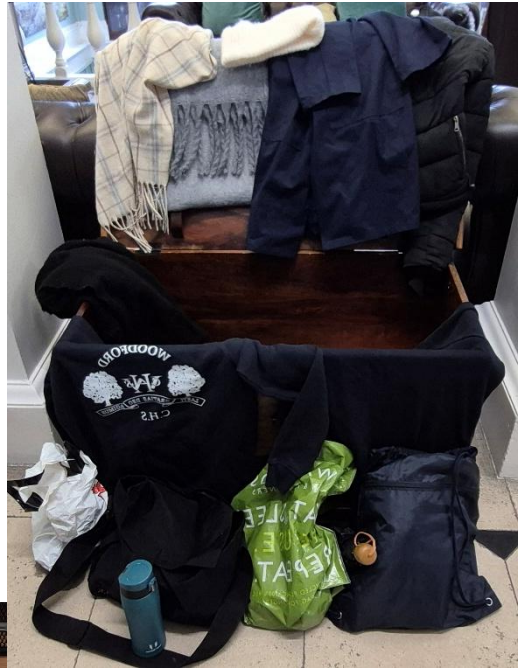
Lost Property...



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.

Small items are normally left at the main school reception.

PE kits are in the PE Office.



Medical Room During Ramadan

When a student visits the medical room, they will be asked about their symptoms to help determine the appropriate course of action.

Please reassure your child that there is no need to worry about visiting the medical room while fasting. They will be asked about symptoms as usual, but there will be no requirement to break the fast. We will also enquire if the student is fasting to ensure that advice is tailored accordingly. For instance, treatments that do not break the fast, such as a cold compress or heat pack for a headache, or resting briefly if feeling lightheaded, will be recommended first.

If a treatment that may break the fast is suggested, there will be an option to consult with parents beforehand, as many students prefer to do so.

We recognise, respect, and support the diverse religious practices of our students, and we are committed to accommodating individual needs in the event of illness.

Mrs Kaye and Mrs Mann, Medical Room



EID MUBARAK ✨

SWEET TREAT COMPETITION



**We want to see your sweet
treats this Ramadan
Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place**

Take a picture and email to
harkessl@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk
Deadline 20th March



National Careers Week at WCHS

What can I do?



Listen to the
High Performance
podcast



Update your CV



Research a career
you do not know



Design a
logo for careers
at WCHS



Attend the Virtual
Careers Fair



Speak to adults
about their careers



Update Unifrog
to improve your
profile score



Read about the
Ikigai philosophy



Watch a video
about the
Ikigai philosophy



1. Listen to the High Performance podcast. Some examples below!

Usain Bolt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hJCPetR2Wg>

Robin Sharma: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7vO9EPbVJE>

Jessica Ennis-Hill: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zM9SLnlpVc>

Brian Cox: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsCC_G5G9YE&list=PLi-bwh0cb-C0PeaFXPki3CM0H1nkd8TcU

Keir Starmer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOVclZ6cEEw>

Gareth Southgate <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVOTHTVDWu8>

2. Update your CV or complete the CV worksheet
3. Research a career you do not know anything about. You can use the following websites and reflect on the following questions:

www.unifrog.org

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

- what is their day-to-day like?
- what are the routes into this career?
- what skills are necessary for this career?

4. Enter a careers competition: design a logo for careers at WCHS.
5. Attend the Virtual Careers Fair <https://ncw26.co.uk/>
6. Speak to adults about their careers. You can use the questions above or your own
7. Update Unifrog to improve your profile by favouriting subjects, watching videos, updating your skills locker, researching careers... etc. or reflect on skills using the worksheet
8. Read about the Ikigai philosophy:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nelldebevoise/2023/10/06/the-power-of-purpose-how-ikigai-can-help-us-live-longer/>

<https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/Ikigai/MDksDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover>

9. Watch a video on the Ikigai philosophy:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOZtBlrMvek&ab_channel=VihanChelliah



Scholastic Book Club Online Order Link

Our new Scholastic Book Club for Parents is up and running!

Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-91S933G2> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

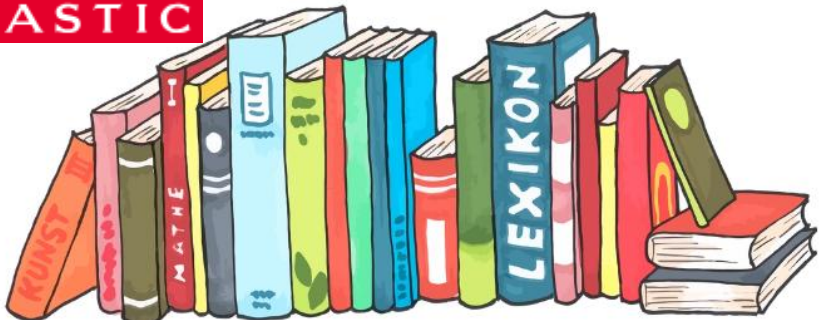
Please place your order online by March 22nd, 2026.

Books will be delivered to school within 3-5 working days of the order link closing free of charge.

World Book Day £1 tokens can be used when placing orders.

Students can pick up their books from the school library .

 SCHOLASTIC



Dear Parents,

Can you offer a Year 11 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 29th June), however 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

[Work Experience Placement Offers – Please 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!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

APRIL 2026

Dear Parents,

We have a few spaces left in February's after school clubs, these are now on parentpay for you.

Thank you



Spaces available in:

Self-defence= 8

The Italian job cooking Monday =4

Friday cakes & bakes =3

Wednesday cakes & bakes=2

Wednesday Fencing=6





WOODFORD ROBOTICS

ROBOTICS

Super-charges STEM Curriculum

Our robotics workshop was a tremendous success, organised with the sole purpose of getting our girls competition ready.



WORKSHOP

After months of vigorous preparation, the hard work truly came to fruition, and our expert guest from VEX Robotics left genuinely impressed. Watch this space for dates on our upcoming internal championship.



Getting Ready for Internal Championship

Scan the code to see how our teams are performing – their dedication and innovation speak clearly through their robots.

Scan the Code



robotics@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

 Woodford County
High School for Girls



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!

- 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 our school!



Barracudas Easter Camp

We will be hosting Barracudas Easter Camp Monday 31st March – Friday 10th April (Excluding Easter Weekend). If you are considering using this facility then you may be entitled to a discount – please see the flyer below.

BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL **2026!** EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT

GET AN EXTRA £25 OFF A WEEK/£5 OFF A DAY

USE CODE HSPC26

*Not to be used in conjunction with other codes.

- ⦿ 4 to 14 year olds!
- ⦿ 80+ Activities!
- ⦿ Choice each session!
- ⦿ Specialist Courses!
- ⦿ Flexible bookings!

 barracudas.co.uk
 01480 467 567

Happy
Easter

HIGHLY RATED
School Holiday
Camps!!!



 OFSTED REGISTERED



 Trustpilot
★★★★★



Useful Links

[FREE weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16](#)



[Popular Apps and Games Guide for Parents](#)

[How You Can Support Your Child During Exams](#)

17th March 2026 @6:00pm



[The Educational Psychology Service](#)

[Call to Action— Educational Psychology Video](#)

#breakthestigma



[Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School](#)

