Woodford Weekly Bulletin

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Key Dates and Reminders…

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**	



25 June – Year 11 Prom
1 July – Summer Showcase
13 July – Values Day (Previously Co-Curricular Day)
15 July – Sports Day
17 July – Last Day of the Summer Term

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

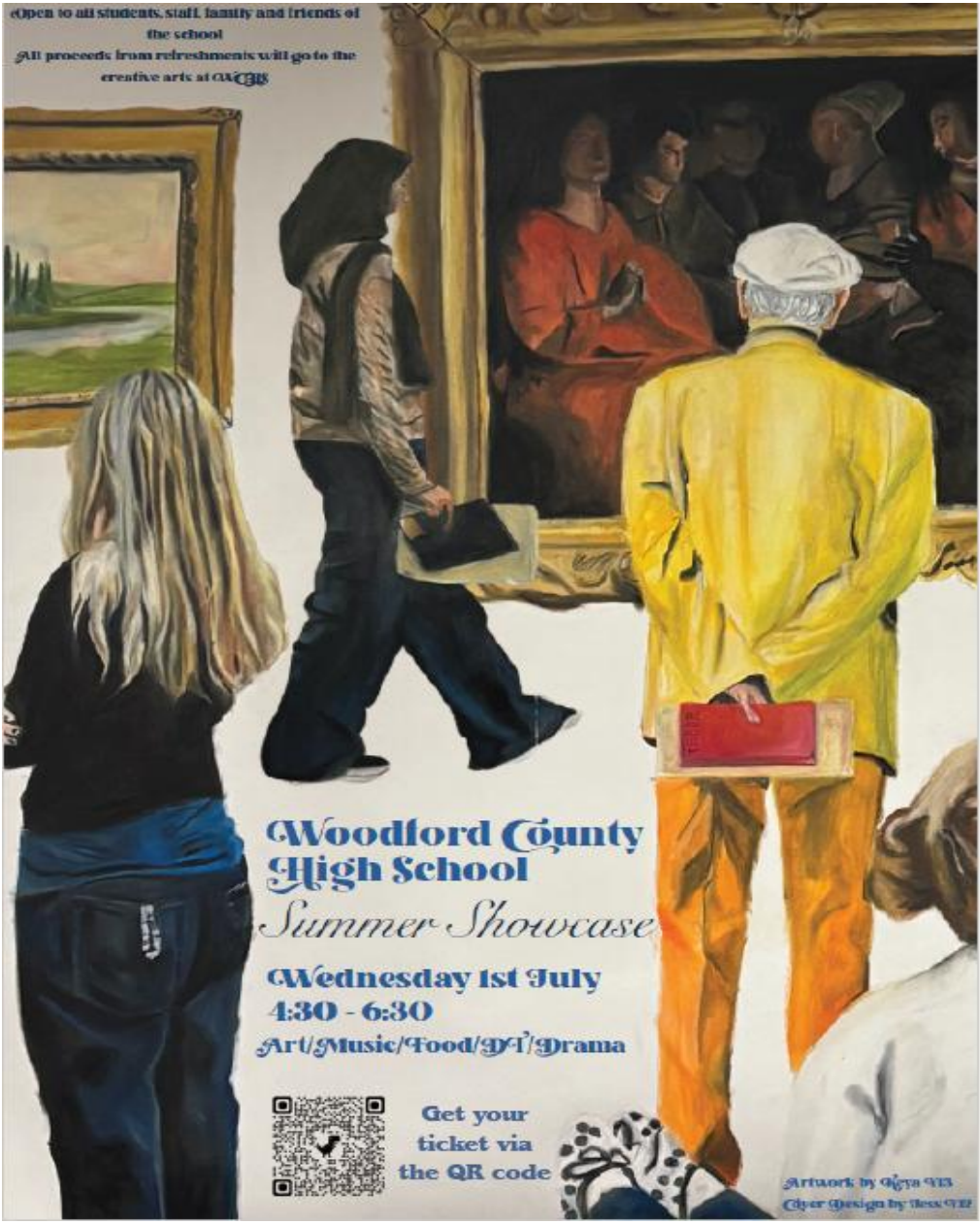
Any absences 5 days before or after a school holiday will require medical supporting evidence in order to be authorised. If this requirement is not met, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

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 Showcase



UCAS FORTNIGHT

22 June - 3 July 2026

Schedule

Wednesday 24th June	Period 5	Studying at the London Interdisciplinary School - **Block** *Charlie Hearl, LIS*
		Naked Mole Rats and Pain - Studying Biomedicine - **Lab 5** *Prof. Ewan St John Smith, University of Cambridge*
Thursday 25th June	Lunchtime 1.30pm	Finding an Apprenticeship - practical workshop - **CC3** *Zabrina Joseph, Education Development Trust*
		Oxbridge Preparation Programme - session 1 (2-5pm) - **Online**
	Period 5	Applying to study in the USA - seminar - **Conference Room** *Stuart Gordon and colleagues, Harvard Club of the UK*
Monday 29th June	Lunchtime 1.30pm	Studying Physics and Engineering at university - **Lab 4** *Ms Gabrielle Ng, current university student*
	Period 4	Personal Statement workshop (PD lesson)
Tuesday 30th June	Lunchtime 1.30pm	CV workshop with Morgan Stanley - drop in - **Block**
	Period 5	Careers in Banking and Finance - **Conference Room** *Aurelie Waltzing and colleagues, Morgan Stanley*
Wednesday 1st July	Lunchtime 1.30pm	Healthcare Journeys - practical workshop - **CC1** *Dr Jose Guello, University of Manchester*
	Period 5	Careers in Aviation - **Block** *Yusuf Saeed, Pilot*
Thursday 2nd July	Period 5	University vs. Degree Apprenticeships (compulsory) - **Conf. Room** *Chloe Webb, University of Hertfordshire*
		Oxbridge Preparation Programme - session 2 (2-5pm)
Friday 3rd July	Morning	Law in Action - Royal Courts of Justice Visit
	Lunchtime 1.30pm	Studying Social Sciences at university - alumni talk - **CC1** *WCHS alumni*

Sign up for sessions:

(Use emailed link if you are in a no phone area)

Also during UCAS fortnight...

Supported UCAS Application workshops
UCAS-focused tutorials
Parent/carer UCAS webinar
Daily Q&A emails



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Well done to the Year 10 DofE cohort who made it through their first practice expedition last weekend.

The students demonstrated independence, resilience and team work, and behaved in a way that did themselves and the school proud. Well done!

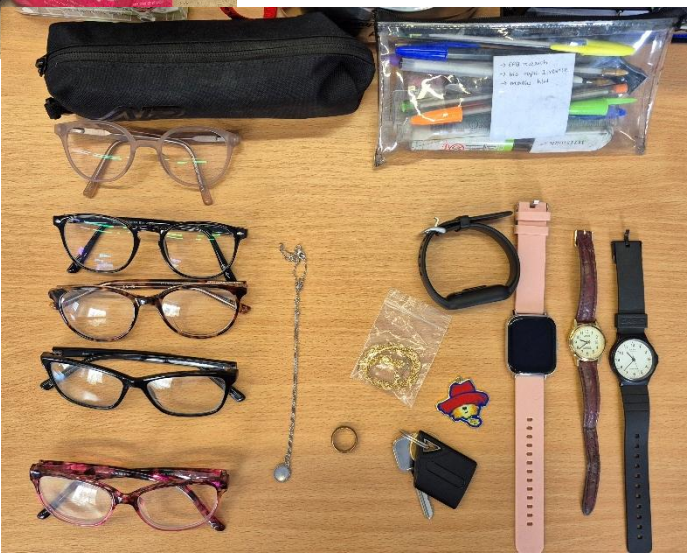


Lost Property...

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.





Mock Interview Day

Become a volunteer for the WCHS Mock Interview Day

Tuesday 14th July 9:00-13:00

Main Hall

Calling for parent volunteers!

Students in Year 12 will have the opportunity to practice their interview skills and applying for jobs, through a 20–25-minute mock interview. The students would have applied to one of the sixteen job adverts, with CVs and cover letters and the volunteer will interview the student according to the job advert and description.

According to a survey, there is a high interest (and therefore we need many volunteers) in the following sectors :

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Psychology
- Science & Research
- Law
- Business & Finance
- Engineering
- Arts & Media
- Politics & Social Care
- Tech

It would be fantastic to have you on board if you work or have experience in the above sectors or others. If you are interested or would like to know further information, please email in at summersh@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Work Experience

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EXPERIENCE MORE.

Make the Most of Work Experience – The Morrisby Way.



STEP 1 – GET CURIOUS.
During your work experience, make sure to discover more about different career paths, daily responsibilities, and transferable skills.

STEP 2 – ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.
Ask your employer or colleagues about their first job after leaving school, who they wanted to be, and how they got to where they are now!

STEP 3 – DON'T STOP LEARNING!
Once you get chatting, you'll be surprised by how much you learn! Make sure to speak to a wide variety of people in your workplace to get new ideas for the future.

National Careers Week
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CHOOSE BETTER.

Find Work Experience – The Morrisby Way.



STEP 1 – START YOUR RESEARCH.
You can approach any company or charity (large or small), as well as family and friends!

STEP 2 – INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
You can contact people in person, by email, or by phone. Make sure to tell them what you're looking for, when you're available, how they can contact you, and send your CV – if you have one!

STEP 3 – KEEP AT IT!
It's normal to contact more than one employer to find the right fit, and not hearing back doesn't mean you've done anything wrong!

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THINK BIGGER.

Show the Value of Work Experience – The Morrisby Way.



STEP 1 – REFLECT ON WHAT YOU DID.
Think about the tasks you were given and the problems you helped solve.

STEP 2 – IDENTIFY THE SKILLS YOU USED.
For example, if you have helped customers or fixed a small issue, you have used communication and problem-solving skills.

STEP 3 – SHOW YOUR VALUE.
You don't need big responsibilities to gain real skills. You can use your experience on your CV, in interviews, or in applications for higher education!

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SEND Updates

End of Year SEND Review Meetings

Over the coming weeks, parents and carers of pupils on our SEND register will be invited to book a 15-minute online End of Year Review meeting with the SEND team. This meeting will provide an opportunity to reflect on the past term and discuss plans and support for the next academic year.

Please keep an eye on your emails over the next couple of weeks for details on how to book your appointment.

End of Year SEND Review Dates:

- **Year 7:** Wednesday 24th June 2026
- **Years 8 & 9:** Thursday 25th June 2026
- **Year 10:** Wednesday 8th July 2026
- **Year 12:** Thursday 9th July 2026

SENDATs Training

This term, SENDATS has a final training session this available for parents next (Monday 22nd June 2026) is a very popular training title - 'Understanding Puberty from a SEND lens'. This virtual event will be useful for any parents of children with additional needs who have questions or concerns about how they might support their child through what can be a challenging period in their lives. To book this event, please see the poster attached. There may be a small fee to attend this event.

SEND Updates

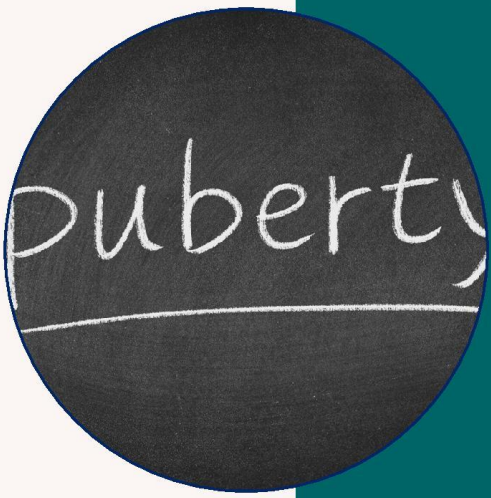
SEND Advisory & Training Service
REIS
PKA - SEaTSS

SENDATS
Virtual Training

Understanding Puberty from a SEND lens.

Scan or Click Here

Monday 22nd June
7.30 pm



@SpecialEducationTraining

After School Clubs

LAMDA September 2026–2027 Intake

We are pleased to announce that bookings for our LAMDA September 2026–2027 intake will be opening very soon.

We will be scheduling both current students continuing their lessons and welcoming new students to join our programme. Please see the session allocation below:

- **Monday & Tuesday (with Gary):** Reserved for new Year 7 students
- **Wednesday & Thursday (with Gary):** Current students preparing for their next grading
- **Thursday (with Cheryl):** New intake for Year 8+ students
- **Friday (with Cheryl):** New Year 7 intake

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to confirm your place as early as possible once booking opens.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Ms Dawson will be working with Gary as to which grades will be available on each day.





MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2026

Lunchtime	**Guitar Club** (SF1) 13:30- 14:10 **Brass Ensemble** (Jubilee room) 13:45-14:15 **Tempest Band** (SF2) 13:40-14:15	**Senior Choir** (SF1) 13:30- 14:10 **Junior Choir** (SF2) 13:30- 14:10	**Jazz Band** (SF1) 13:40-14:15	**Junior Band** (SF2) 13:30- 14:10 **String orchestra** (SF2) 13:40-14:15	**Orchestra** (SF1) 13:40-14:15



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Before School 7.50-8.20am					
Lunchtime 1.40-2.10pm		**Athletics for all**	GCSE Club (yr11) STA & VJA & KWI & HBA & KRI **Rounders for all**	SIXTH FORM BADMINTON -NITURA, SANKAVI & ELLIE CRICKET FOR KS3 -ZAINA KANWAR (YR12)	**Volleyball for all** **Sixth formers -** *Aminah and Saashi*
Afterschool 3.30-4.15pm					

Hay Fever Medication & Warmer Weather Reminder

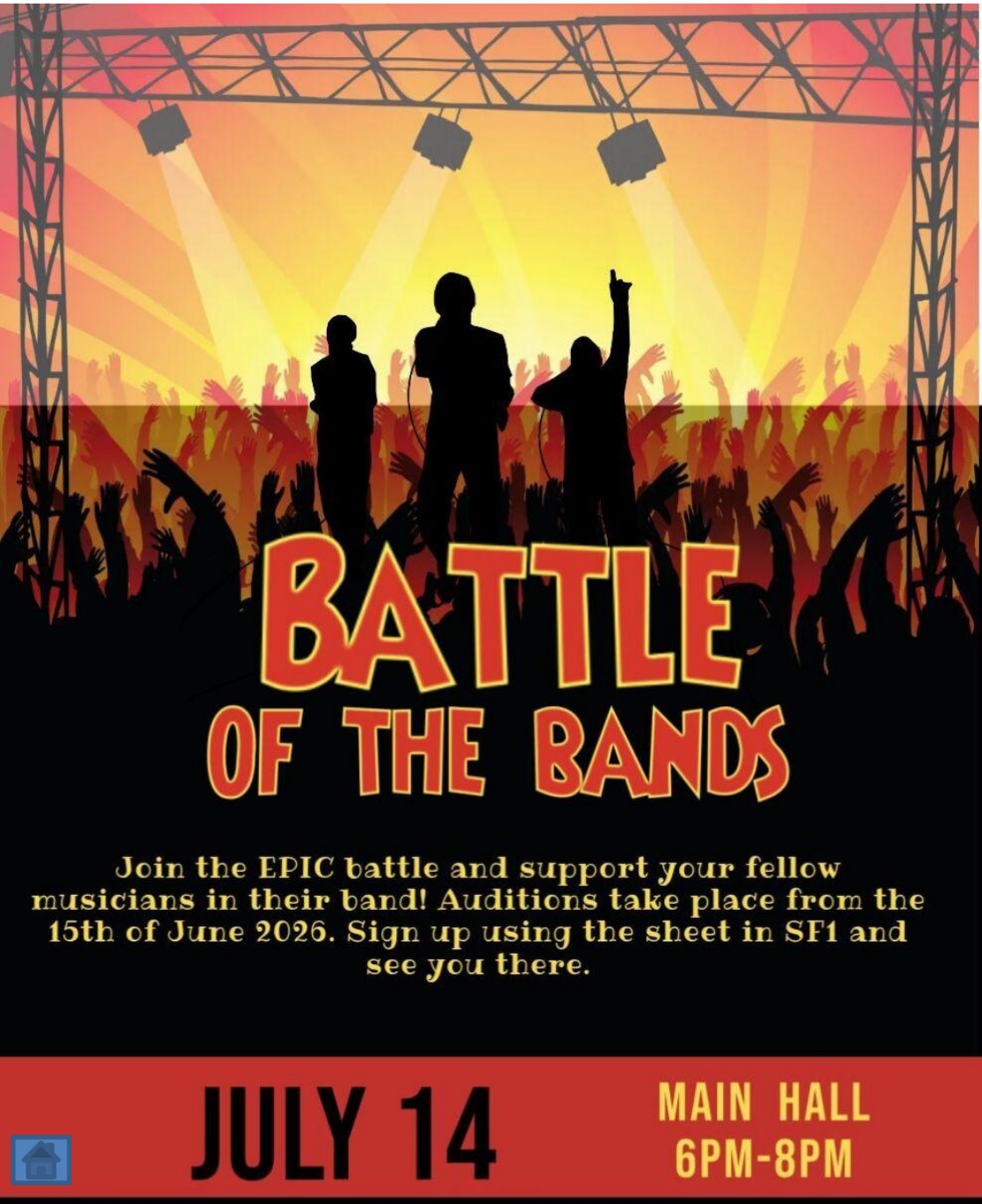
As we move further into the spring and summer months, we are seeing an increase in hay fever symptoms among students. To help ensure your daughter is comfortable and able to learn without disruption, please make sure she takes any required hay fever medication **at home in the morning before coming to school**. This greatly helps to manage symptoms throughout the school day.

With the warmer weather approaching, we also ask that every student brings a **refillable water bottle** to school each day. Staying hydrated is essential for wellbeing and concentration, especially during hotter periods.

Thank you
Mrs Kaye & Mrs Mann
Medical Room



Battle of the Bands



Cyber Security Awareness

We have recently published two new cyber security awareness videos to support both students and families in staying safe online.

These short videos cover important topics such as fraud awareness, scam awareness, recognising potential threats, and practical steps to protect personal information in today's digital world. They have been created as fun, music based videos, which we hope will get key messages across in a new and engaging way.

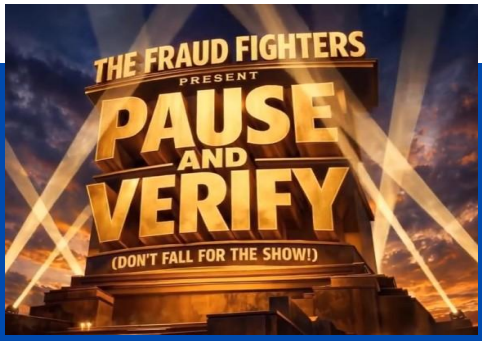
You can access the videos via our official channels:

- **YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa7iNAR4EgvsbaPa1EgAKJw
- **Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/wchs_uk/?hl=en

We will continue to add a new cyber security video every two weeks, so please keep an eye on our channels for regular updates.

We encourage you to watch these together with your child and use them as a starting point for conversations about safe and responsible use of technology at home.

Thank you for your continued support.





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!

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[The Educational Psychology Service]

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[Little Kickers Free Trial at Woodford County High School]