



A positive start to the term

It's lovely to be welcoming students back into school in such bright sunshine. I'm also very pleased to report that we start the summer term with no reported cases of Covid-19. The support we have had from parents both for our Covid security measures and for lateral flow testing will have been a significant factor. Thank you. Clearly there is no room for complacency as we start this 12 week term. Our Covid safety measures continue, including the wearing of face coverings in classrooms and communal spaces and the use of twice weekly home testing. The improving weather supports us in our endeavours. Recreational time being spent outdoors rather than indoors greatly reduces the transmission of the virus. The WCHS risk assessment remains available to you on our website.

We are optimistic about the term ahead of us and the opportunities it will afford. To support continuing on-site education please reinforce Covid safety requirements with your daughter, be vigilant for Covid-19 symptoms and be meticulous in following isolation requirements when required. Thus our shared priorities for the health, welfare and education of the young people in our charge can be met.

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

The Big Ask – a national survey of the views and aspirations of young people

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, is advertising the largest ever survey of Children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are. We will alert students to "The Big Ask" and encourage them to participate. It is now live at <http://thebigask.uk/>

Year 10 Parents Evening – Date Change

Dear parents, guardians,

Please note a date change for the Year 10 Parents Evening to **Wednesday 19th May**. The event will take place virtually between 16:00 and 20:00. Further details regarding the booking of appointment slots will be sent out closer the time via Groupcall.

Kind regards

The Islamic Month of Ramadan

As you are probably aware, the Islamic month of Ramadan started during our Spring break. First fasts were on Tuesday 13 April, following the sighting of the new moon.

Eid al-Fitr (and the end of Ramadan) is anticipated to fall on either Wednesday 12 or Thursday 13 May 2021.

The fasts (dawn to sunset) are long and challenging again this year, particularly now we are back to school. Fasts will be around 16 hours long without food or drink. This, we understand, will mean getting up very early to get a quick bite to eat for some of our girls, so sleep patterns may be affected. Assessments are running this week for GCSE students and girls and their families will be thinking carefully about their approach. We are aware that, as well as the “non-eating” side of things, family commitments and prayer is increased during this period. Of course, some members of staff will be fasting too.

It was originally anticipated that Eid would fall on Thursday 13 or Friday 14 May and the GCSE assessment timetable was constructed with that in mind. We shall now have to adjust things slightly to take this into account. Mr Khan, our Examinations Officer, will be sending out an amended assessment timetable very soon.

Colleagues have been alerted to the general challenges our Muslim students (and their families) may be facing during this period and will be attentive to their welfare. If parents are aware of any specific issues regarding their daughter’s fast, they are asked to let us know.

Students are reminded that each year group currently has a classroom space set aside for lunchtime prayer.

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ORDERING CANTEEN FOOD – MENU – WEEK 2

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRE - ORDERING OF SCHOOL

A reminder the process:

- ❑ Meals must be pre-ordered the week before using the link provided.
- ❑ There is an electronic menu that students will need to complete by a specified time each week.
- ❑ Students must complete their choices for the whole week or for their chosen days. They will be asked to enter their name and form and their daily selection.
- ❑ If a student chooses not to take a canteen lunch on any of the five days (for example, they choose to buy food from the canteen Monday to Thursday but not Friday), then they must bring a packed lunch from home on the Friday. The canteen will only prepare meals based on the pre order forms submitted.
- ❑ No payments will be accepted in the canteen. Harrisons will charge student accounts daily based on their preorder form. It is important that you have sufficient funds on your ParentPay account for these charges to be made.
- ❑ Should a student be absent on the day a meal has been ordered, you can cancel the meal by emailing enquiries@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk by 8am on the day of absence and you will not be charged for any food that day.

If a student is to be absent for more than 1 day, please provide this information in your email and all food choices will be cancelled and no charge made.

Food can be ordered by selecting the link below – this will open up the form, selecting the dishes you would like for each day of the week .

You should enter your First name, Surname, Form and your menu choices for each day you require a canteen lunch.

You should then click on the Submit button at the end of the form. Please take care with your selection and ensure that you have ticked all the relevant options before you submit the form.

[Week 2 Menu - Summer 2021](#)





WCHS MasterChef Junior Competition

The Food and Nutrition department calls Year 7, 8 and 9 students for a monthly baking and cooking competition.

Every month, the winner from each year will be awarded with a certificate and a prize!

This year, the World Party Day was celebrated on 3rd April 2021

The theme for April is to prepare a savoury **party food** to celebrate the

WORLD PARTY DAY

Email the picture of your dish, a picture of yourself with the dish and the recipe at foodentries@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

In the email title include your full name, Year group and Form class

Submission deadline is 30/04/21, Friday



Rules of the competition

1. Enter as individual
 1. Write a recipe on a Word document
 2. Prepare the dish with Adult supervision.
 3. Take a picture of the final dish and a picture of yourself with the dish.
4. Send the two pictures and the recipe sheet to foodentries@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk
5. In the subject of your email include Year group, Form class and your full name

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020 - 2021

SUMMER 2021		
Term	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May
Half-term	Monday 31 May	Friday 4 June
Term	Monday 7 June	Wednesday 21 July
Non-Contact Day	Monday 28 June 2021	

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Bank holidays and Religious Festivals*

Monday 3 May 2021 (May Day)

Monday 31 May 2021 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Pesach: Sunday 28 March to Sunday 4 April 2021

Eid-ul-fitr: Thursday 13th May

Eid-ul-Adha: Tuesday 20th July

*Please note that the dates of religious festivals are subject to variation