



Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers

Continued vigilance re Covid-19 security following one positive WCHS case

You will be aware from news coverage and from the Prime Minister's address to the nation yesterday evening that Covid-19 infections are sharply on the rise again, albeit from a low base. The vast majority of cases now are reported to be the new Delta Variant and a concern given the much higher spread associated. Everyone in the school community has contributed to keeping WCHS Covid-19 secure and we have been fortunate thus far to be case free since school resumed on 8 March. We now have a positive case in Year 12 and seventeen students isolating. Precautionary on-site lateral flow testing of a Year 8 class last week returned a full set of negative results.

We continue to work to well-established Covid-19 safety routines in school. The Prime Minister's decision to delay lifting covid-19 restrictions until (in all probability) the end of term will be factored into events planned over that period to ensure that necessary strategies are in place. On site we continue to wear masks in corridors and communal spaces. They are optional in classrooms – many students still use them. In this lovely weather we are maximising use of outdoor space, particularly at breaks and lunchtimes. We are all prompted to wash our hands and to use available sanitisers and hygiene is supported by a rigorous cleaning regime. Families are asked to continue their efforts with twice weekly lateral flow testing to ensure any asymptomatic cases are picked up. (Details about the ready availability of test kits below.) Most important of all is the decision parents / carers need to take to keep students at home pending PCR test results when they – or when any family member - demonstrate symptoms (or receive a positive PCR test result). We appreciate there is some crossover with the symptoms of hay fever and routine colds but in the current Public Health crisis, safe is so very much better than sorry. We are able to support isolating students to work at home for the necessary ten days so getting behind with school work need not be a concern.

Availability of Home Test Kits

The school continues to receive supplies of Rapid Flow Test kits for distribution to Staff and Students. Your form Tutor will regularly ask Students if additional kits are required. Students should confirm if they need more test kits. These will be delivered to their form room for collection.

Rapid Flow Test Kits can also be ordered in a number of other ways:

Via the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

- By calling NHS 119 if you do not have access to a computer

You may be able to collect lateral flow test kits from a nearby Test centre or Pharmacy

There is, of course, much reassurance for families and for colleagues in the very successful roll-out of vaccinations with first doses now available to adults age 23 and over. It is, however, for this reason that infection is highest among young people – currently those in their early twenties and children of secondary school age. It remains important that we adhere to our Covid-19 safety measures to keep our young people healthy.

Thank you for all you have done to support our efforts at Woodford.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

YEAR 10 & 12 EXAMS

A reminder that next week is Exam week for Years 10 & 12.

Apologies for the late changes to the Year 10 timetable. These were necessitated for a number of technical reasons.

Year 10 should come to school at normal times. They will be in supervised study when not sitting an exam (unless it is break or lunchtime).

There will be no PM form time, so Year 10 students are likely to finish slightly earlier on most days.

Year 12 will be on study leave. They should only be in school when they have an examination.

Good luck to them all!

Climate Change Photography Competition.

We are a team of PhD students from Imperial College London. We are organising a **climate change themed photography competition** in collaboration with the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment. The competition is open to secondary school students (13+) from across the UK and aims to raise awareness of climate change through photography and personal stories.

Attached is our competition poster. More information about the competition (eligibility, judging criteria, submissions, etc.) can be found on our [website](#).

We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to your students (13+).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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ORDERING CANTEEN FOOD – MENU – WEEK 1

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.

The cut off point for ordering remains 9pm Sunday evening.

[WEEK 1 MENU - SUMMER 2021](#)





We have witnessed for ourselves and had numerous complaints from members of the public about dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate parking in the roads around the school.

The High Road is a very busy road and drivers not giving due attention to the Highway Code are very likely to cause accidents.

Please be sure not to block access to Haven House or to Lodge Villas off of the High Road.

Please note that there is a yellow line on the High Road.

Please be sure not to stop as soon as you turn into Charter Road (from the High Road) as this blocks traffic back into the main High Road.

Dear year 7's

There is currently research being done at UCL on the impact Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns have had on current year 7's particularly looking at the transition between year 6 and 7. Your input in this survey would be greatly valued.

The survey is optional and there is an option to have an online interview. You may also withdraw your responses should you wish to.

Please complete this survey with your parents at home. It should not take longer than 10 minutes and will provide critical information to the researchers at UCL on how the pandemic has affected your year group as a whole

The link below take you to the survey and this will also be on Satchel One:

<https://redcap.slms.ucl.ac.uk/surveys/?s=ADXTWYNJTN>

Thank you in advance

Miss Zakir

Join our Summer Camps for the opportunity to train with the team behind London Pulse one of the UK's leading netball teams! Each session our qualified coach is joined by members of the London Pulse team, who will provide a players insight into the sessions. You can join us for as many days as you like at locations across the region! Every day is unique. The camps are now split into age groups and younger ones focus on basic principles of the game whilst older ones develop skills to further their abilities.

Woodbridge School Come-and-play days

30th July - <https://londonpulsenetball.com/product/summer-come-play-a-day-tournament/>

27th August - <https://londonpulsenetball.com/product/summer-come-play-a-day-tournament-2/>

Churchfields Jnr School Summer Camps

<https://londonpulsenetball.com/product/summer-netball-camp-churchfields-jnr-school-2/>

Dates: 26th and 27th July (School Years 3-6)

28th and 29th July (Years School 7-10)

<https://londonpulsenetball.com/product/summer-netball-camp-churchfields-jnr-school-3/>

Dates: 23rd and 24th August (School Years 3-6)

25th and 26th August (School Years 7-10)

Camps – London Pulse Netball

London Pulse are a semi-professional sports club competing in the UK wide Sky Sports broadcast Vitality Netball Superleague.

Lisa Brown

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**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Woodford County High School

who spent

104 hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.**

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud
of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

£473.20

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Marvel'.

RUTH MARVEL CEO

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

Monday 28th June is a school day.

Bank holidays and Religious Festivals*

Monday 31 May 2021 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Eid-ul-Adha: Tuesday 20th July

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