



22 February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Living with Covid Strategy

Schools, work places and homes will all be in the process of digesting the detail of the *Living with Covid Strategy* announced by the government last night.

I'm writing to you now to outline how we intend to transition to the new arrangements at Woodford, following advice from the local authority today and prioritising our continuing duty to keep students and staff safe and to prioritise above all else the continuation of education. In our navigation of the last two years we have benefited hugely from the diligence of staff, the common sense of students, and the support of parents. Thank you.

It remains the case that students and staff testing positive for Covid should not attend school. Continuing to observe a (minimum) 5-day absence in these circumstances (even after the legal duty to isolate is removed from 24 February) will lessen the chance of transmission in the WCHS community. It continues to be the government recommendation that those infected with Covid-19 stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. I

This guidance should continue to be observed by all Woodford students and all Woodford staff.

With Immediate Effect:

- **Face Masks in school**

As you are aware, on local guidance we continued the use of face masks in classrooms into February. From tomorrow, girls will be advised this is no longer necessary. (They remain, of course, free on an individual basis to continue their use in lessons if they wish.) The government is still advising that face masks should be worn in crowded spaces so we will continue to recommend that staff and students wear them in corridors around the school. They remain a requirement on public transport in London.

"The public are encouraged to continue to follow public health advice, as with all infectious diseases such as the flu, to minimise the chance of catching COVID and help protect family and friends. This includes by letting fresh air in when meeting indoors, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet, and washing your hands."

- **Twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff and students (without symptoms) in secondary schools**

This requirement has been removed.

From 1 April

- Free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England will no longer be provided
- Guidance on the ongoing steps that people with Covid-19 should take to minimise contact with other people will be updated to align with the changes to testing.

If you want to review the *Living with Covid Strategy* for yourself you will find it via the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056202/COVID-19_Response_-_Living_with_COVID-19_1_.pdf

My thanks in advance for your ongoing support of our efforts to minimise the spread of Covid-19 at Woodford.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

THE
SUMMER PRODUCTION 2022
will be
**‘THE SOUND
of
MUSIC’**

SHOW DATES:
THU – FRI July 14th & 15th

FIRST DRESS REHEARSAL:
SUNDAY 10th JULY 2.00 – 6.00pm

AUDITIONS FOR ALL YEAR-GROUPS
WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 21 FEB

Everyone who would like to take part in the show must come along to **one of the first auditions** that will be held during lunchtimes on Feb 21, 22 & 25 and after school on Feb 21 & 22

FIRST AUDITIONS 2022 for **‘THE SOUND of MUSIC’**

THE MAJORITY OF CHARACTERS AND THE SUPPORTING CHORUS WILL SING
THE FIRST AUDITIONS WILL BE FOR SINGING
EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN AND PRACTISE THE AUDITION SONGS

Everyone who would like to take part in the show must come along to one of the first auditions that will be held during lunchtimes on Feb 21, 22 & 25 and after school on Feb 21 & 22

NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHOW IS NEEDED

Mon 21 Feb 1.30pm – KS4/5 students	1.50pm – KS3 students
Mon 21 Feb 3.45pm – 4.30pm	All year-groups
Tue 22 Feb 1.30pm – KS4/5 students	1.50pm – KS3 students
Tue 22 Feb 3.45pm – 4.30pm	All year-groups
Fri 25 Feb 1.30pm – KS4/5 students	1.50pm – KS3 students

THE AUDITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL YEARS & WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROOM H1

**SOME STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED BACK FOR A SECOND SINGING AUDITION OR A READING AUDITION
BEFORE THE FINAL CASTING IS DECIDED**

‘THE SOUND of MUSIC’ is an award-winning show

If you are unfamiliar with the story please see the synopsis below.

Set against the snow-covered Austrian mountains in the 1930's, a young woman named Maria is failing miserably in her attempts to become a nun. She is sent out from the convent to fill a temporary post as governess in the home of Navy Captain Georg Von Trapp, a widower with seven difficult and mischievous children. It is a life-changing experience for both Maria and the whole of the Von Trapp family and, as Nazi Germany tightens its grip on free Austria, there is only one way to escape.

Blended Learning

(February 2022 update)

As you know, the school offers blended learning for those students who are forced to self-isolate because of Covid but who are not unwell. This is done through Microsoft Teams and SatchelOne.

Students who are accessing blended learning are expected to log on to their class Teams area at the start of each lesson, and to join the meeting link that will be set up by the teacher, within the first 5 minutes of each lesson. Should the meeting link not be ready at this point, students should wait for it to be set up (it will sometimes take longer than 5 minutes for teachers to start the meeting).

If no meeting link is set up, students should check SatchelOne for resources to work on independently for the lesson.

Please note that absences from blended learning will not be followed up by teaching or administrative staff as there are not sufficient resources to do this – students missing blended learning session would be expected to follow up on missed work when they return to school. If, on the other hand, the absence is due to technical problems, please contact the school via the relevant Key Stage Administrator, and we will try to rectify the problem.

We are grateful for your support in ensuring your daughter attends blended learning lessons in the event that she has to isolate due to Covid-19.



Coronavirus information hub

Find out the latest information, support and service updates

There are still a few places available for after school activities, starting next week.

- ❖ *Dance*
- ❖ *Jam drama*
- ❖ *Street food*
- ❖ *Tastes from around the world*
- ❖ *Advanced cooking*
- ❖ *Pop workshop.*

Please book by Friday , to secure your daughters place.



After school clubs will resume next week.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Dawson





WORLD BOOK DAY

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 3RD

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DAY®

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

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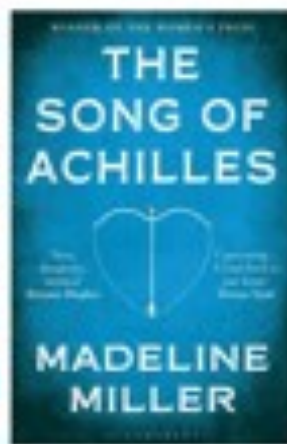
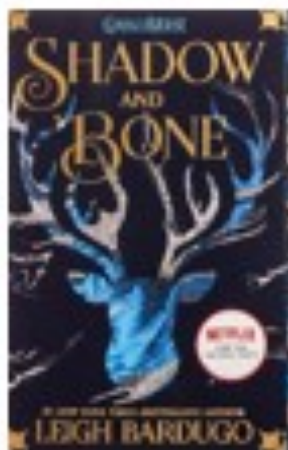
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- FACE PAINT
- MAKEUP
- ✨ GLAM ✨

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FREE PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

Technology – 1st March, 6-7 pm

Stress & Wellbeing – 22nd March, 6-7 pm

Elevate is an external organisation that has been working with us to help Year 10 students become more effective learners. We realise that these are challenging times and it is important for students to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively for their success over the next few months.

Please note, these webinars are suitable for parents of students across all Key Stages.

Free Sign up: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

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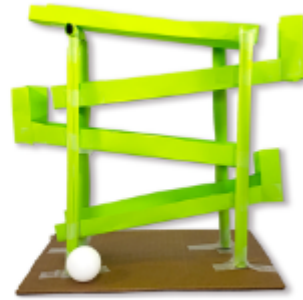
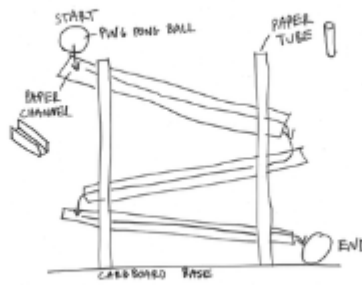
Elevate partners with over 3000 schools worldwide to understand their challenges, techniques, and processes for maximising student success.



Research Driven

Elevate Education's study skills are based off research and best practice knowledge from working with schools globally for 19 years.

Take the 2022 Fluor® Engineering Challenge



Build a paper ball run!

(How can you make the ball's path take as long as possible?)

The Fluor Engineering Challenge is a global competition run by the ScienceBuddies.org.

Build the slowest ball run using the allowed materials and enter it to be in with a chance of winning \$1000 for Woodford.

To find out more visit <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/fluor-challenge-2022> for details of competition and

https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project-ideas/CE_p030/civil-engineering/paper-ball-run-challenge for the rules.

If you enter please send a picture of your entry to Mrs Peters!



Year 7 Technology Survey - 2022

Dear parents, guardians,

Would you kindly complete this technology survey for us. The information collected in this survey will be used to assist us with future planning.

FORM PHOTOGRAPHS FOR YEARS 7-9 AND 11

Girls will be photographed with their form in school this Friday.



They must ensure they come to school wearing correct uniform, including long-sleeved shirts.

LOST PROPERTY



The lost property box is full again. If you have misplaced an item, please have a look in the box by the main school office.

Thank you.

REMINDER

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



MUSIC CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir <i>(SF1)</i> 13:50- 14:35	Junior Band IBO <i>(SF1)</i> 13:50- 14:40	Jazz Band KHN <i>(SF1)</i> 13:25-14:15 String orchestra IBO <i>(SF2)</i> 13:30-14:20	Senior Choir KHA <i>(SF1)</i> 13:25- 14:05 Theory and GCSE/A-level support IBO <i>(SF2)</i> 13:30-14:20	Orchestra IBO <i>(SF1)</i> 13:30-14:20
After school	GCSE/A-level support IBO <i>(SF2)</i> 15:45-16:30 Brass Ensemble <i>(SF2)</i> 15:45-16:15	Chamber groups IBO <i>(SF1)</i> 15:45-16:30			

These music sessions will be on weekly, girls should bring their own instrument and no registration is required for the sessions.

PE Extra-curricular (Spring)

February 2022



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				Year 9 Badminton <i>HBA Sports Hall</i> 7:50-8:20	All Year Groups Morning Mile <i>JBR – Field</i> 7:50-8:15 Year 11 Badminton <i>VJA Sports Hall</i> 7:50-8:20
Lunch time (Times vary)	Year 10 Badminton <i>HBA Sports Hall</i> 13:35-14:00 Year 9 & 10 Football <i>JBR Field</i> 13:45 – 14:30	Running Club <i>Rachael Lam (Y12)</i> <i>Field</i> 13:40 – 14:10 Year 11 Volleyball <i>VJA Sports Hall</i> 13:30 – 14:00	Year 7 & 8 Football <i>TLE Playground</i> 13:30-14:00 Boxercise Invitation Only <i>HBA Dance Studio</i> 13:40-14:10 Year 10 GCSE PE Theory <i>KRI - SH3</i> 1.30-2pm Year 7 Cricket <i>VJA Sports Hall</i> 13:30-14:00	Year 9 Netball <i>HBA Netball Courts</i> 13:40-14:20 Year 8 Badminton <i>JBR Sports Hall</i> 13:35 – 14:05	Year 7 & 8 Athletics <i>KRI Sports hall</i> 13:30-14:10
After school	Year 7 Netball <i>VJA Sports Hall</i> 15:40 – 16:40			Year 8 Netball <i>JBR Sports Hall</i> 15:40 – 16:50	Y10 Prisons <i>JGR Sports Hall</i> 3:45 – 4:15

LONDON YOUTH GAMES



2022

Would you like to represent Redbridge at the
London Youth Games 2022?

Netball

School Years 9 & Under (born after 1/9/07)

To register—<https://airtable.com/shr71a6oaWcVGxVVn>

Trials

Thursday 19th May, 7-9pm @
West Hatch High School, High Rd,
Chigwell IG7 5BT



You must live or go to school in the London Borough of Redbridge.

active.redbridge@visionrcl.org.uk

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Mothers' online Safeguarding course

- Learn about issues that affect young people and children such as online safety, extremism, hate crime, loneliness, self esteem, social media, cyberbullying and more!
- Feel equipped and confident to challenge online harms
- Workshops are interactive and delivered by experts in the field and take a nuanced perspective on the lives of young people and children today
- Meet other mothers who are also interested in understanding these important issues
- Every Tuesday and Thursday online in March
- Certificates awarded for completion

MOTHERS FOR CHANGE

FREE COURSE!

LIMITED PLACES

4 week starting
Tuesday March
1st 10:00-12:00



EMAIL



Maeve@groundswell.world



London Borough of
Redbridge



METROPOLITAN POLICE RECRUITMENT EVENT

A '4 Day' recruitment event is being held to showcase the different pathways available to becoming a police officer or Detective. At the event you'll be able to ask questions about the role itself and the recruitment process



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Venue:

**The Mercury Shopping Centre
Romford, RM1 3EE**

Date:

Thurs 3rd Mar - Sun 6th Mar

Time:

10am – 5:00pm (Each Day)

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**Turn Over
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The Metropolitan Police Service is dedicated to keeping London safe. We are looking for people from all backgrounds, with diverse skills and experiences to join; so that we can better represent the communities we serve.

As a police officer, you'll be making a difference to peoples lives, supporting local communities, tackling serious crime and safeguarding those most vulnerable. With two entry pathways to join as a PC, you'll earn a competitive starting salary, whilst also working towards gaining a professional qualification.

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Fully-funded, three-year programme for non-degree holders, leading to a BSc (Hons) degree in Professional Policing Practice on successful completion.

Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP)

Fully-funded, two-year programme for degree holders, leading to a Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice upon successful completion.

Detective Degree Holder Entry Programme

Joining the Met as a new Detective Constable is just the beginning of your journey. With the Detective Degree Holder Entry Programme, a fully-funded two-year programme for degree holders, you'll gain a Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice upon successful completion.

If you're interested, please **register your details** with the East Area Outreach Team by:

Clicking on the QR code
(using your phone camera)
scroll down to where it says
'Contact Outreach Team' and
click on the link



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New Year, New Challenge



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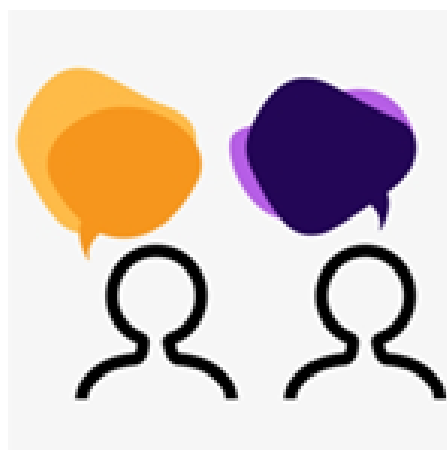


Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

Would you like to talk to someone about difficulties that you or your child are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic? 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 are here to support you.

The Redbridge Educational Psychology Service have a **dedicated telephone helpline for parents/carers** where you will receive advice and guidance from a professional 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: 077 41 3 31 009

Opening hours:

Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Webpage: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/educational-psychology-service/>



FIND: [Educational Psychology Service](#)

@Redbridge_aep Twitter account.

Dates for the Diary

SPRING 2022		
Term	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
School Closure In Lieu of 3 June 2022	Friday 11 February 2022	
Half-term	Monday 14 February 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Non-Contact Day	Tuesday 8 March 2022	
SUMMER 2022		
Term	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Half-term	Monday 30 May 2022	Friday 3 June 2022
Term	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022
Non-Contact Day	Wednesday 29 June 2022	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

From 21 February—Y11 Review Fortnight begins
 25 February—Year 7, 8, 9 & 11 Form photos
 25 February—Summer Production Audition
 Week of 28 February—House Charity Week (Warner)
 3 March—World Book Day—Non-Uniform Day
 Week of 7 March—National Careers Week
 8 March—INSET Day
 10 March—HPV 2nd Dose—Year 8
 17 March—Year 8 Parents Evening
 24 March—Spring Concert