

Woodford to mark the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27 May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Half term will bring with it the extended bank holiday and bunting in all colours as the nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years on the throne. She's the very first monarch to reach this milestone. (Queen Victoria, who attained her diamond jubilee after 60 years on the throne is her nearest rival.) This isn't the Queen's first jubilee, of course. In her seventy year reign, the country has already celebrated three such anniversaries. Many of us will have memories of the diamond, the gold – and even (I have to admit) the silver jubilee celebrations. After two years thin on collective festivities here in school, we want to join in the party ourselves before we break for the holiday.

We are inviting students to a Platinum Jubilee Street Party on the Back Terrace at lunchtime on Friday 27 May. There is a dress code for the event. See below.

Themed non-uniform day & associated competition

The Challenge: Dress to represent a specified decade of the Queen's reign:

- In fashion of the decade

To represent an event or an inspirational person of the decade

Prizes:

Years 7 - 10

- For the most striking / engaging costume in each Year Group
- For the best costume in each Form Group

For the form group in each year group making the greatest collective effort

Year 12

For the most striking / engaging costume in Year 12

Runners up prizes

Year Group	Decade
Y7	1950s
Y8	1960s
Y9	1970s
Y10	1980s
Y12	1990s

As usual for a non-uniform day, we invite parents who are able and willing to contribute £2 via Parent Pay. We hope, through this extra event, to bolster the School Birthday cheque we present to Haven House Children's Hospice next door, every September.

Our Street Party will be enlivened by outdoor art installations and live music. (My thanks to the two departments thus contributing.)

If students come furnished with a modest amount of cash on that day, they may well choose to partake in some extra Street Party treats.

We hope the day will be enjoyable for everyone and will furnish our students for decades to come with memories of this very special national milestone.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy, Headteacher

Live Online Admissions Information Event (for current Y5 pupils)

Thursday 12th May 2022 6.30pm

Y7 Entry September 2023

Our school – Her future

Parents of girls in Y5 who are interested in applying to Woodford County High School for entry to Y7 in September 2023 are warmly invited to attend our Live Admissions Information Event. This event will be online and accessible via the school website www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk at 6:30pm on Thursday 12th May. You do not need to register beforehand. The briefing is aimed primarily at parents but, of course, children may also view it alongside their parents. There will be a chance to ask questions. The entry test will be on Saturday 17th September 2022.

An on-site *Open Evening* event is planned for Mid-October 2022 after test results have been published and before the deadline for Secondary School Applications. The Parents / Carers of applicants who've met the pass mark in the test will be able to book to visit the school to support informed decision making about secondary school preferences. See our website, in October, for details. We look forward to meeting you then.

Please note that **all Y5 parents who wish to have the option** of naming Woodford County High School as a preferred Secondary School must **register for the 11+ test** via the Redbridge website. Registration is now open and closes on **30th June 2022**.



CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK

This Friday (13th May) Year 11 and 13 students start their study leave.

Parents of Year 11 will receive a letter containing more detail on this tomorrow (Wednesday).

Please watch out for the email.

We wish all our Year 11 and 13 students success.

We know that they are more than capable of achieving a fine set of results this summer and fully deserve to do so. Good luck!

Mr Jenkins

Non-exam year groups will sit their internal examinations after half-term. Further information on this will be released to the girls in the coming week or so, including tips on how and what to revise.

Please note that **after half-term**, Year 9 will be following the same pattern of the day as Year 10. Their school day will therefore finish at 3.25pm. Those who catch the 679 will be eligible to board the first bus.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

June/July 2022

Dear parents, we have a few spaces left in June's after school clubs, these are available on parentpay now.



- ❖ Musical theatre.
- ❖ Pop workshop.
- ❖ Sweet treats 2.
- ❖ Drama.
- ❖ Pop workshop.
- ❖ Dance.
- ❖ Beginner Jiu jitsu.
- ❖ Calligraphy
- ❖ Henna.

Thank you.

Ms Dawson





CAKE SALE!

MONDAY 23RD MAY

**BREAK TIME IN
THE DINING HALL**

50p - £1 PER CAKE

Cake donations to be taken to MAIN DINING HALL

before morning registration on

Monday 23rd May

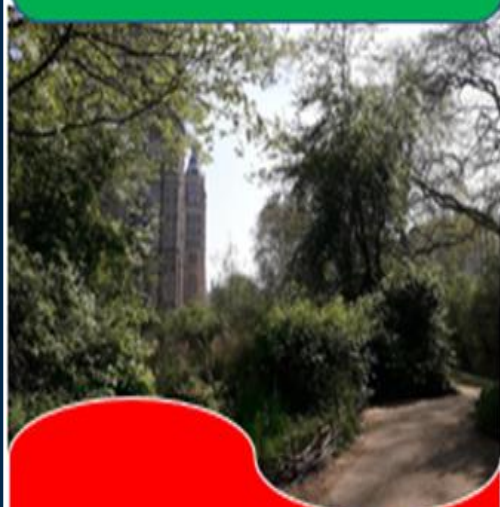
NO NUTS* IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHOOL POLICY

Thank you!



All proceeds will go to Parents and Friends Association

**Well done to everyone for
participating in
Environmental focus week!**



Interform competition winners:

7F, 8F, 9C!

Raffle prizes go to:

**Thameera 7F, Aminah 8B, Hannah 9C,
Nisa Year 12**

**Teachers vs. sixth form winners:
Teachers!**



**£150 raised
for the
MARINE
CONSERVATION
SOCIETY**



Year 11 & 13 RETURN Your Library Books

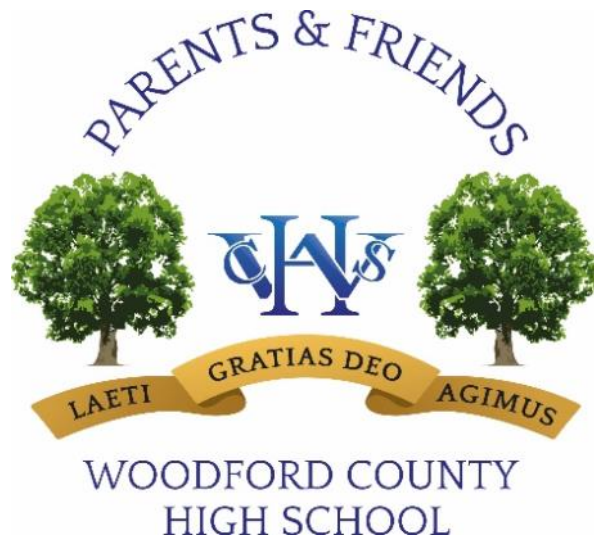


A polite reminder for students in Years 11 & 13 to return all Library books borrowed before departing on study leave. If you are unsure of the status of your Library account see me in the Library to discuss.

Many thanks,

Danielle Horn

Librarian, Currently reading Vanity Fair



The 'PFA' exists to provide closer links between home and school and to bring parents, staff and friends together socially in support of a common cause.

It has been an integral part of the Woodford Community for many years and has raised many thousands of pounds to finance enrichment opportunities and resources that the school budget cannot meet.

All parents of Woodford students are automatically members and are invited to join the Committee, to pitch in and help with the organisation of events, or simply to turn up and enjoy them. Meetings are friendly and informal, and new faces – and the ideas and skills that come with them – are always welcome.

The PFA is seeking to swell its ranks and re-invigorate its activity after the inevitable interruption of the pandemic and associated lockdowns. New members are actively sought – if the PFA is to flourish and its work is to be sustainable, it is vital that additional parents step forward each year.

If you are interested in joining the committee or would be happy to help out at future events, (now that these can take place again!) then please do get in touch, email secretaryp@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk,

[Minutes from the PFA meeting held on the 23rd March are below and also available via the school's website.](#)

We will be delighted to hear from you.

Mrs Farina Sharif Chair



AGM 2022 WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MINUTES

23rd March 2022

Present: Farina Sharif (Chair), Aneela Ahmed (Vice Chair) Naureen Barlas (secretary) Laetitia Dumbura (Treasurer), Jo Pomeroy (Headteacher), Colin Jenkins (Deputy Head), Caroline Roberts, Twinkle Jose, Iffat Hayat, Fathimah Rofe, Rehana Sheikh

1. Apologies for absence received: Shilpi Jain
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising- the minutes were agreed as correct

3. Chair's Report- Farina Sharif

Opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees.

FS explained that the PFA is a registered charity and needs to adhere to Charity Commission guidelines re: governance and how it manages its affairs.

2020/21:

Funds raised pre covid were average 11-13k

- £31500 balance at the moment
- £15k for the centenary sculpture paid 2020
- PFA arranged many events pre covid /activities that also involve the girls and enhance their experience at WCHS including Cake sales, Ice lolly sales, sleep over, Movie night and Disco night. As well as other things like Boot sales and events for new parents.
- The last event was the international evening in March 2020 we raised £675 with the help of all the parents donations and helpers
- Other Important fundraisers were Boot Sale, Winston Bear key earners for PFA but again boot sale lead is not able to continue
- Jubilee fund is main activity since lockdown but again numbers have dropped
- Supreme effort and commitment from 6-8 PFA volunteers + excellent team effort involving Jo/Colin and teaching/ support staff and caretakers BUT sadly this has veered off due to key parents leaving and no new joiners to PFA since 2019 intake despite forms going out very little uptake
- Selling of souvenirs from centenary has generated some revenue but sales are low and need the year 7 event to take place but again only if we get the helpers
- Cake sales are back
- Previous years heavy investment into school - £25k in the Innovation Lab; redecoration of the main hall, Food Tech equipment, instruments for Music department; sports equipment; Greek amphitheatre and the statues for centenary
- 19/20- main focus from school is Art & tech, School minibus (Emissions Zone factor from 2021), Picnic tables and benches and Screen and projector in the sport hall but awaiting requests from school re funding
- Fear is now that without new parents PFA will not be sustainable and the current committee members have all said they cannot continue but happy to assist new parents – FS stressed PFA need parents, or we will not be able to run any of the previous events even a simple refreshments stand for music evening had no volunteers or for busking Thursday

4. Treasurer's Report - Laetitia Dumbura

YE 2021 – summary of all fundraising and breakdown as per handouts from Treasurer (see attachments). This was discussed in meeting with some questions and discussions as to events that could take place in the next year.

- Jubilee fund has had some issues due to banking issues, so we have lost some funding. LD will ensure that school sends out Jubilee fund details to new Y7 parents clarifying this and the school's own fundraising initiative. Also, will complete Jubilee draw at end of meeting.
- Funding for now is stable as we have some money from previous years, but input has been slow for last 2 years due to lack of events.
- Theatre tickets sales will need a new lead LD has details but for now we do not have anyone taking the lead. This was a great fundraising initiative led by Marion and gave not only a good source of income, but families got discounted theatre tickets. PFA to find out if someone will lead on this.

5. Head teacher report (Jo Pomeroy)

- JP was pleased to see the PFA reconvening.
- It was stressed how important the PFA is and the contributions that parents make.
- COVID has had a severe impact on children's mental health and the school has a welfare corridor has been set-up with a nurse for those that needed it.
- PFA area on the school website needs to be updated and made current
- There are uniform guidelines coming in for schools to possibly provide a 2nd hand service
- Possible Funding Ideas are: Art & Technology block Improvements, Musical Equipment update and keeping Innovation Lab current
- June Movie night to be scheduled in so we can start bringing back some events for the students to enjoy
- Busking & Ice lolly sales- need to find assistance from parents to support this initiative by providing support.
- 30th June - New Year 7 parents event will take place face to face – this should be good way for PFA to get new parents involved. PFA will be seeking parents to assist as this is a good fundraiser night for selling souvenirs, bears and getting parents involved.

6. Election of Officers

- New appointments – Caroline Roberts to take on Secretary role, Naureen Barlas to step down. Nominated by NB, seconded AA.
- Fathimah Rofe, Rehana Sheikh and Twinkle Jose were all nominated as committee members and welcomed by PFA

7. AOB

- Chairs vote of Thanks - Special thanks
- Nadia Dar as she was one of the most effective parent helpers- not a committee member but there for everyone and so many events she set up and shared her knowledge – most of the current committee were her recruits.
- Posthumously for Marion Allen who was a true inspiration for PFA for her many events including theatre tickets and the Boot Sales. PFA to consider something to mark the contribution. Sadly, the passing away of Marion has really impacted PFA as theatre tickets were a key earner as was the Boot sales and she had continued to support school despite her own daughters having left the school a long time ago – the PFA would like to do a special thanks to her to be duly noted.
- Meeting dates to be agreed by committee and posted on PFA page of school website as this has been under utilised and PFA and school will work to make better use of this.

Meeting ended and all thanked for attendance.

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	Senior Choir KHA <i>(SF1)</i> 13:25- 14:05 Theory and GCSE/A-level support IBO <i>(SF2)</i>	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.

Music Ensembles start from this week.

PE Extra-curricular (Summer)

April - July 2022



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					All Years Morning Mile <i>JBR – Field</i> 7:50-8:15 KS4 Badminton <i>VJA – Sports Hall</i> 7:50-8:20 <i>*Until 13th May</i>
Lunch time (Times vary)	KS3 Netball shooting <i>Katelynn (Y12) – Top netball courts</i> 1:30 – 14:00 Year 9 Badminton <i>KRU – Sports Hall</i> 13.30 – 14.10 <i>*Until 16th May</i>	Running Club <i>Rachael (Y12) Field/sports hall</i> 14:00 – 14:20 Year 11 Volleyball <i>VJA – Sports Hall</i> 13:30 – 14:00 <i>*Until 13th May</i>	Year 10 GCSE PE Theory <i>KRI - SH3</i> 1.30-2pm Year 7 & 8 Cricket <i>VJA – Sports Hall</i> 13:30-14:00	All Year Groups Basketball <i>Safura (Y12) – Sports hall</i> 13:15 – 14:15 <i>*Until 19th May</i> Y7/Y10 Dance <i>Anjola (Y12) – Dance studio</i> (Y10) 13:10 – 14:40 (Y7) 13:45 – 14:15	All Years Athletics <i>KRI – Field</i> 13:30-14:10 Y8 Volleyball <i>JBR – Field</i> 13:30 – 14:15
After school	Y7 Rounders <i>VJA – Field</i> 15:45 – 16:45	Trampolining <i>KRU – Sports hall</i> 3:45 – 4:45 <i>*Until 17th May</i>	All Years Football <i>TLE – Field</i> 15:45 – 16:45 Year 7 & 8 Badminton <i>Mia (Y12) – Sports hall</i> 15:45 – 16:30 <i>*Until 18th May</i>	Year 8 & 9 Rounders <i>JBR/KRU – Field</i> 15:45 – 16:45	Year 8, 9 & 10 Prisons <i>JGR – Sports Hall</i> 15:45 – 16:15 <i>*Until 20th May</i>

All years welcome



CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 2:00 – 2:20

Location: Go to the Sports building to meet me and get changed.


I will register you.

If it is sunny, we go to the field; if it is wet, we stay indoors.


Queries: talk to Rachael Lam (Year 12)




Many of you that completed the online safety survey asked for information on the safe online SMART Rules.




BE SMART ONLINE






SAFE


Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.






MEET


Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk






ACCEPTING


Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.






RELIABLE


You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.






TELL


Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk





BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



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SMART Rules

S = SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your name, email, phone number, home address, school name to people who you don't know or trust online.

M = MEETING

Meeting someone you have only just been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's or carer's permission and even then, only when they can be present.

A = ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain nasty messages or viruses.

R = RELIABLE

Someone online might be lying about who they are, and information you find on the internet might not be correct.

T = TELL

Tell you parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable while using the internet

Take the Childnet Quiz with your daughter and find out how SMART you both are online!

[Smart Rules Quiz - \(only takes a couple of minutes\)](#)

Ilford Photographic Ltd

Are you aged between 16–21?

Are you interested in storytelling and film photography?

Are you from Redbridge?

Are you free 1–5 August, 10am–4pm?

...we would love to hear from you!

The National Portrait Gallery and Redbridge Museum have teamed up to tell the stories of people associated with the world-famous photographic company, Ilford Photographic Ltd.

Part of *People Powered*, a project to discover the people who have made a significant impact as part of some of the UK's important industries.

What you get

- Mentorship from influential photographer Eddie Otchere, best known for his portraits of Biggie Smalls, So Solid Crew, Est'elle, Andre 3000 and more.
- Practical experience in shooting and processing film photography.
- Training in collecting oral histories.
- A social space.
- Voucher to acknowledge your time.
- Enhance your CV.
- Lunch will be provided.

What you'll do

- Take your own photos.
- Process your own film.
- Meet and interview key people.
- Create new artwork for a display.
- Use archives to research new stories.
- Be part of an exhibition at Redbridge Museum and NPG online.

Who you are

- Aged 16–21.
- Connected to Redbridge.
- Open-minded and enthusiastic.
- Ready to try something new and challenge yourself.
- Enjoy meeting new people and being part of a team.
- Committed to the programme.
- Don't need prior qualifications.

How to apply

Email a short piece about you, why you are interested in the project and how you meet the 'who you are' section.

Deadline: 20 May, 9am

Redbridge Museum:
redbridge.museum@visionrcl.org.uk

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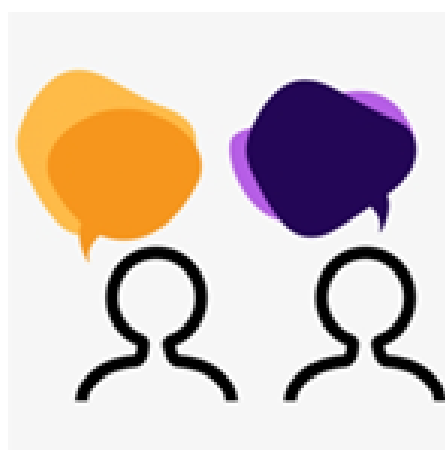


Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

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

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

12 May—Year 5 Open Evening (Virtual)

13 May—Years 11 & 13 go on Study Leave

23 May—PFA Cake Sale

27 May—Non-Uniform Day to Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

Week of 6 June—Internal Exams Week

15 June—Year 12 Chemistry Practical Day

20 June—UCAS fortnight begins

28 June—Year 12 Induction Day

29 June—INSET Day

1 July—Year 13 Leavers' Day

6 July—Summer Showcase

14 & 15 July—Summer Production Show



REMINDER

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

