



Woodford County High School

Sixth Form

# Extra-curricular Activities



Extra-curricular activities play a vital part of life at Woodford. There are a wide range of weekly clubs and activities for students to get involved in, as well as many opportunities for Sixth Form students to run activities for each other, and for students lower down the school.

Additionally, Year 12 students at Woodford are expected to take part in enrichment activities and voluntary service placements alongside their subject studies, with the aim of learning new skills and preparing for life beyond A Levels.



## Music

Sixth Form students are encouraged to take part in the rich variety of musical ensembles at Woodford—whether or not you are studying A Level Music.

Ensembles include:

**Orchestra**

**Senior Choir**

**Big Band**

**Brass Band**

**Recorder Consort**

There are regular concerts within and outside the school, including solo recital evenings, ensemble concerts and the biennial Redbridge Choral Festival at the Royal Albert Hall.

The school's annual **Summer Production** also usually involves a large number of sixth form students—both on stage and in the orchestra, and backstage too. Recent productions have included *The Sound of Music*, *The Music Man* and *Annie*.



## Sport

Year 12 students are offered the following activities throughout the year as part of their Wednesday afternoon enrichment programme: badminton, netball, invasion games, fitness, dance, volleyball and rounders.

Additionally, Year 12 PE mentors are able to assist with the teaching of extra-curricular and Key Stage 3 PE, while Year 13 Games Captains help to organise and run inter-form competitions, lead extra-curricular clubs and assist in lower school lessons.



## House Drama

Sixth Form students take a leading role in organising the productions for our annual House Drama competition. Students act as directors, musical directors, costumiers, prop and scenery managers as well as taking part as actors, singers and orchestra members in these abridged versions of popular musical theatre shows.



## Peer mentoring wellbeing group

The Peer Mentoring wellbeing group is a volunteer group of sixth form students who run a weekly drop-in and 1:1 supervised support service for younger peers who ask for help. Group members are trained in peer mentoring, and child protection, and their role is to ensure that students at Woodford know that they can be assured of a friendly, but confidential listening ear when they encounter difficulties at school.



## Subject-related activities

The majority of subjects offered at A Level at Woodford include a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for those students who study them. Just a few examples include...



**The STEM Magazine**—Sixth Form science students write and edit articles for the termly STEM Magazine, which has articles on a range of STEM subjects.

**Life-Drawing Classes**—A Level Art students are invited to attend these after school, enabling them to improve their technical skills as well as broaden their portfolio work.

**The Economics Enterprise Challenge**—A Level Economics students engage in an enterprise project to raise money for our school's charity—Haven House Children's Hospice.

**The Annual Classics Play**—produced by A Level students and performed in the school's Greek Theatre, past productions have included Book 9 of the *Odyssey* and *Antigone* by Sophocles.

**The Summer Arts Showcase**—a showcase of art, music and design work from across the school, which is curated by Year 12 Art and Music students.

**Conferences, Seminars, Webinars and Performances**—most subjects give students the opportunity to attend a wide variety of external events to widen their subject knowledge and explore new ideas with professionals and academics in the subject disciplines.

**Trips abroad**—many subjects offer international travel opportunities, such as studying Icelandic geology with Geography, Classics trips to Rome and Pompeii and Music tours around Europe.

## Student-led activities

Sixth form students at Woodford traditionally run a number of different activities for students lower down the school. In recent years, these have included...



**Science Club**

**Debate Club**

**House Drama**

**Psychology Society**

**Afro-Caribbean Society**

**Maths for Fun Club**

**Medic Society**

**Sports Activities**

If you have a particular interest that you would like to share with younger students, you are encouraged to set up your own club or activity!

## House activities

Every student at Woodford is assigned a house on their arrival, and a variety of house events take place throughout the year, notably including the House Drama Festival in the Autumn term, where each house puts on an abridged production of a musical or play, the 5p Race, where students race to lay down as many 5ps as possible in aid of Leukaemia Research, and House Charity Weeks, where each house organises a range of events to raise money for their chosen charity. Sixth Form students have the option of applying to be on the House Committee in year 12, and to be a house captain in Year 13.



## Year 12 Enrichment Activities

As a Year 12 student at Woodford, you will be required to take part in enrichment activities for at least one afternoon per week in order to supplement your academic studies. This year, these include:



**Cookery**

**Art and Ceramics**

**Yoga**

**British Sign Language**

**Young Reporter Scheme**

**Netball and Badminton**

**Philosophy & Ethics**

**Financial Awareness**

**Film Club**

## ...and voluntary service

In addition to these, each year 12 student is expected to undertake 20 hours of voluntary service either within school or in the local community. Past voluntary service placements have included work in primary schools, care homes and charity shops as well as in-school placements such as mentoring younger students in English and Maths, or assisting with lower school PE and Music activities.

## Super-curricular opportunities

In addition to all of the extra-curricular provision at Woodford, there is a huge range of super-curricular opportunity also on offer—activities which stretch students beyond the confines of their A Level syllabi, and support them towards enhancing their academic CVs for university and job applications.

Super-curricular opportunities within school include...

- The library webinar series—on a wide range of different subjects
- Science CREST award programme
- UKMT Maths Challenge

We also regularly advertise external opportunities for students to attend masterclasses, webinars, lectures and other university-led super-curricular events, as well as offering work experience programmes and employer-led activities to students.

***Whatever it is that you enjoy, there's an opportunity at Woodford for you!***