Woodford County High School



Weekly Student Bulletin

Wednesday 6th December 2022

Welcome to Bulletin No 62

The aim of this bulletin is to give you important information and reminders from your Heads of Year or other members of staff.

It will include information about events taking place at and around school that you can take part in.

Also there will be wellbeing and support advice as well as reminders about how to access support if you should need it.

Are These Yours, speak to Reception?



Updated Total House Points Highams in the lead NEW – Candy Cane/Sweet Cones Service NEW – Hot Chocolate Cones NEW - COMPETITION Food and Nutrition

Department Charity Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Disco Coats in school FAQs

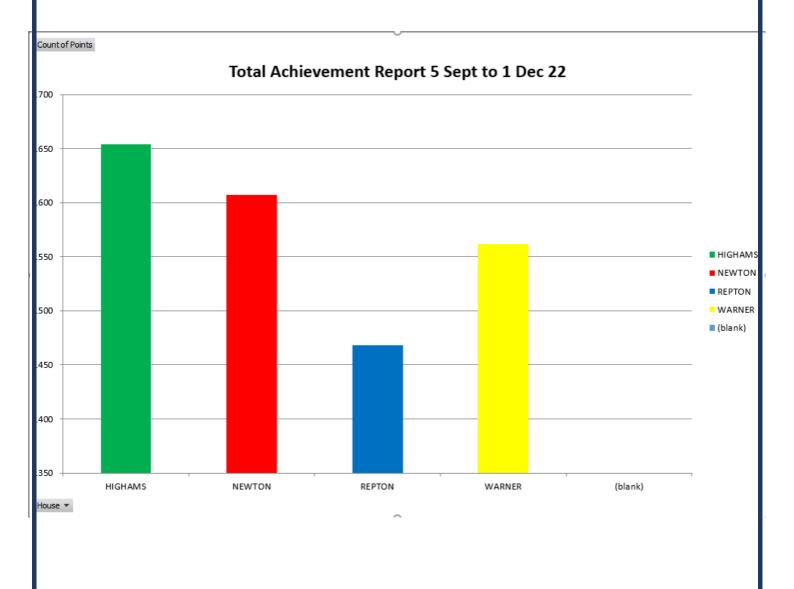
NEW – Lunch Menu

Share Kindness Online - 10 Ways Important Safeguarding Information Maths Club Gardening Club Music Extra-Curricular Timetable PE Extra Curricular Prisons Club Ms Horn's Webinars - Autumn 2022/23 **NEW** – Dungeon & Dragons Free Webinar Meet the Safeguarding and Pastoral Team Wellbeing: Christmas Wellbeing Tips Keeping Calm/Anger Management Techniques Self-Care Ideas 50 Ways to Take a Break 99 Coping Skills 5 Ways to Wellbeing How to access Support Mindfulness: The Body Scan and Beditation/Everyday Mindfulness: The Body Scan Beditation/Mindful Walking **One Minute Meditation** Mindful Eating Script Sleep Hygiene My Circle of Control Help Lines - mental health Bereavement help line Drug and Alcohol Help and Advice line LGBTQ+ Pride Youth Network meetings UPDATED Tootoot **OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS -NEW** – MiSAC biology Competition People's Pavilion Design Competition Centre for Personalised Medicine - Art Competition **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** Get Into Tech, Digital and IT

National Space Academy Redbridge Youth Hub



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2 nd	Newton
3 rd	<mark>Warner</mark>
4 th	Repton



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Candy Cane Gervice

This Christmas, buy a cute candy cane or Christmas sweet cone with your own personalised message, Mean Girls style. Whether it's for your friends, your family, or even yourself, join in this festive fun and buy a candy cane. All proceeds go towards Crisis Charity.



Candy canes are £1.50 Sweet Cones are £2.00 Sit back, relax, and watch it be delivered to your form room... Customise your candy cane through the MS form:

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BUY FOR YOURSELF



ONLY £1.50 FOR THE CHARITY CRISIS



MALTEASERS INCLUDED





PURCHASE VIA PARENTPAY DEADLINE TO BUY: 7 DECEMBER

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Make 6 cookies and design them inspired by the festive season!

1. Send your entries to <u>GrantP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk</u>

by Mon<u>day 9th January 2023.</u>

- 2. Make sure you write the subject of the email as "December 2022 FN competition entry (then your full name and form)"
- 3. Include a photograph of your dish <u>and</u> a picture of you with it.
- 4. Include a short written piece on your dish explaining your inspiration (not exceeding 100 words).
 - CERTIFICATE AND PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!
 - CERTIFICATE FOR ALL ENTRANTS!

Advanced Notice – WCHS will be taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. This is on Thursday 8th December. Plan / save up / create / make / customise your jumper!





Woodford and Ilford County

Christmas Disco 2022

Tuesday 6th December

Years 7 & 8

6-8pm in the School Hall at

Woodford County High School

Ticketed Event

£8.50 per student

Pay via ParentPay by 25th November 2022 (letter with further information to follow via email)

COATS IN SCHOOL FAQS

There still appears to be some confusion around the issue of coats in school. Hopefully this FAQs sheet will help to answer your questions.

Rules

- Students are allowed to wear coats into school, but must place them in lockers at the start of the day.
- If they wish to wear them at break and lunchtime they are allowed to do so, but must collect them from their lockers at the start and end of both of those periods of time.
- Girls in Key Stage 3 are also allowed to take coats with them to period 5 if their form room is being used for a KS4 or A Level lesson at that time.
- This does not apply to Sixth Form because they have no lockers. Sixth Form students are expected to take off coats during lessons, however.

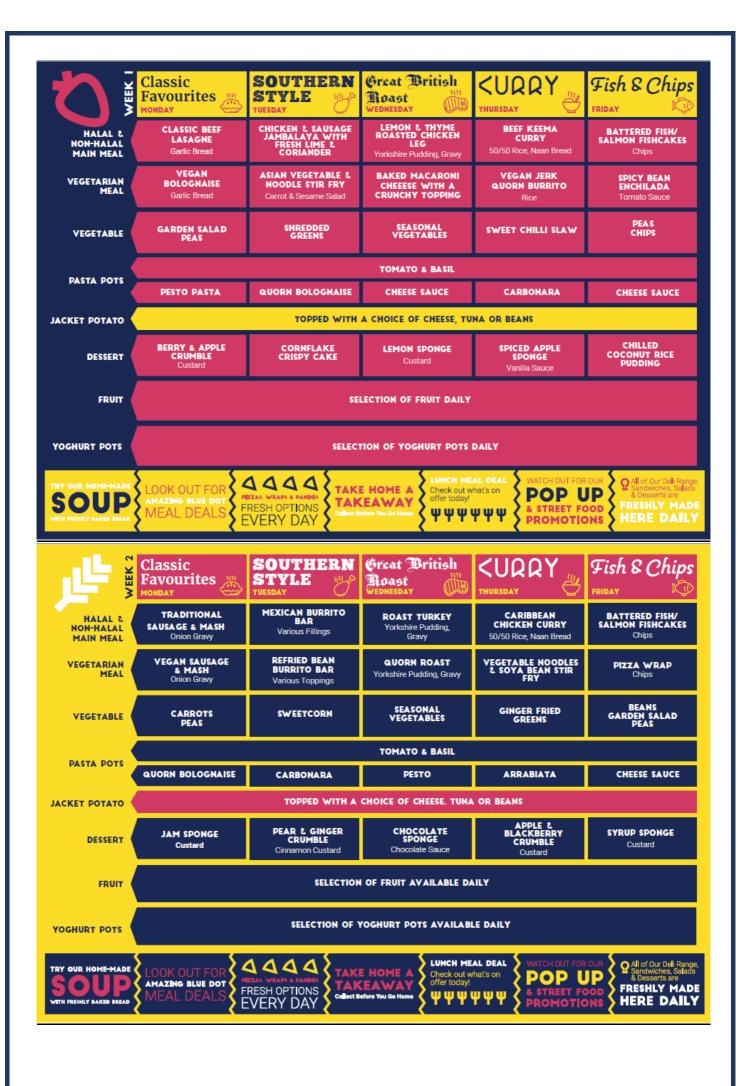
Rationale

- Carrying or wearing coats around the school site is both cumbersome and unnecessary.
- Coats in classrooms sets the wrong tone.
- They can be very obstructive, particularly in small rooms, and hinder the orderly conduct of lessons.
- Items that are not allowed (eg mobile phones) are more easily concealed within them than in normal school uniform.

Other Points That Have Been Raised

- 1. Girls do not have a dry, warm place to sit to eat their lunch. All girls do, in fact, have access to the canteen at break (on their allotted days) and lunchtime to eat their food, including lunch brought from home. We encourage them to eat outdoors when the weather is fine and in the warmer months. If that is the case, and the canteen is full, we may insist they do so, but this does not apply in winter or in wet weather.
- 2. They do not have time to collect their coat and then go to the canteen at break for food. Breaks are indeed short, but they should not need to collect their coat because they can stay in the canteen to eat their food at this time.
- 3. **Girls feel cold in certain parts of the school without coats**. I am not sure why this would be the case because the school is well-heated and the weather to date has been very mild. At times of heightened Covid we may need to ventilate rooms, even when it is cold outside. At these time, girls are normally allowed to wear coats. This is also the case when there are problems with heating because of temporary radiator malfunctions etc.
- 4. They cannot always collect coats from their lockers. Girls are allowed access to form rooms at the start and end of break and lunchtime. Key Stage 3 students may not have access at the end of the day if a KS4 or A Level lesson is taking place in their form room. On those days they are allowed to carry their coat with them to period 5.
- 5. **They do not have time to collect coats at break**. It takes no more than a few minutes to get from any part of the school to another. If they are not going to the canteen (where they do not need a coat) they have ample time to collect it and return it without being late to their next lesson.

- 6. **Girls have to eat outside without their coats on.** This is incorrect. See Point 2 above. Indeed we encourage them to stay in the canteen and eat the food they have purchased at break-time.
- 7. It is unreasonable that they do not have access to their coats throughout the day. There is no reason for them to need their coats apart from when they are outside for prolonged periods. See Rationale.
- 8. They need them for protection when moving from one lesson to another. There is no reason why they need to wear them around the corridors when transiting from one lesson to another because the buildings are heated. Even when transiting between buildings, the time they are outside is very limited and does not pose a risk to health or cause major discomfort. We do make exceptions in heavy rain and when it is very cold.
- 9. They are not allowed to wear coats in PE when it is outdoors. This is standard practice in all schools as far as I am aware. They will be participating in physical activity in these circumstances, so a coat would be both a hindrance to that activity and unnecessary because engagement in the activity will keep them warm for the majority of the lesson. Furthermore, there is sufficient flexibility in the uniform code for girls to be allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms, long-sleeved tops, vests etc when taking part in PE lessons outdoors.
- 10. No exceptions are made for health conditions. This is incorrect. If a student has a known health condition which requires them to stay inside, then an exception will be made. They will require a note from the school nurse, however, because it is impossible for all staff to keep abreast of every student's health condition. If this applies to your daughter, please ensure she follows it up with her form tutor.



	Classic Favourites	SOUTHERN STYLE	Great British Ngast Wednesday	CUQQY THURSDAY	Fish & Chips friday
HALAL & NON-HALAL MAIN MEAL	CLASSIC BEEF BOLOGNAISE 50/50 Pasta	HOUSE RUBBED JERK CHICKEN	SALT & PEPPER CHICKEN Roast Potatoes, Gravy	THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY White Rice	BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	ROASTED PEPPER & QUORN MOUSSAKA	MIXED BEAN ENCHILADA	CAULIFLOWER CHEESE & GREENS PASTA BAKE	VEGETABLE BALTI White Rice	BEAN BURGER Chips
VEGETABLE	SWEETCORN GARDEN SALAD	RICE N PEAS. SWEET CHILLI SLAW	SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD	LIME & CORIANDER SLAW	BEANS GARDEN SALAD PEAS
			TOMATO & BASIL		
PASTA POTS	QUORN BOLOGNAISE	CARBONARA	PESTO	ARRABIATA	CHEESE SAUCE
ЈАСКЕТ РОТАТО		TOPPED WITH A	CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA	OR BEANS	
DESSERT	APPLE & BERRY PIE loe Cream Chocolate Sauce Chocolate Sauce				
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUP WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD	SOUP				

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10 Ways You Can 50

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place - but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post line about something they're proud have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day. Hi.

RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site - share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it. +

OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

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SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION 0

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

BE UNDERSTANDING

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Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand 99 their situation.

SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

) THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. it's better to post positively or not post at all.

D LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture 99 but could mean a lot to them.



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Dear All

Below is a link to safeguarding information from the NSPCC. It also contains very helpful information to make you aware of the dangers that young people may face. Please take a look it is very informative.

It includes some information about bullying and cyberbullying; child sexual exploitation; criminal exploitation and gangs;

online abuse, child trafficking; sexual abuse; domestic abuse, emotional abuse, female genital mutilation, neglect, non-recent abuse and physical abuse.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-ofabuse/

If anything you read rings true to you, please come and speak to either Mrs Greenfield, Mrs Holman, Mrs Marku, Mrs Kaye or Mrs Menon.

Be safe

Mrs Greenfield



Maths Club is a drop in session open to all Year 7 and Year 8 students run by Ms Gribble and older students. Students will normally receive one-to-one support and can ask for maths challenges or specific maths topics they would like help with.

The sessions start at 1:40pm and finish by 2:20pm in CC9.



Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Autumn 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir	Junior Band	Jazz Band	Senior Choir	Orchestra
	(SF1)	IBO	KHN	KHA	IBO
	13:30- 14:10	(SF1)	(SF1)	(SF1)	(SF1)
		13:30- 14:10	13:40-14:15	13:40- 14:15	13:40-14:15
	Brass	Musical	String		Guitar and
	Ensemble	Theatre club	orchestra	Theory and	Ukulele
	MTH	(Conference	IBO	GCSE/A-level	Ensemble
	(SF2)	room)	(Conference	support	(SF2)
	13:45-2:15	13:40-14:15	Room)	IBO	13:40-14:15
			13:40-14:15	(SF2)	
	Kalimba Club			13:40-14:15	
	(Jubilee		Carnatic		
	Rooms)		Ensemble		
	13:45-14:20		Jubilee Room		
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			13:40-2:15		
After school		Chamber			
		groups			
		IBO			
		(SF1/2)			
		15:45-16:30			

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Clubs will be starting from next week (12th September).

Weds Fri Mon Tues Thurs All Years – All Years – Before Badminton Volleyball School Sports Hall Sports Hall 7.50-8.20am KST All Years -All years Badminton Lunchtime Sports Hall VIA Basketball football 1.30-2pm Sports Hall Sports All years Fitness **VIA** Hall/Field Dance Studio/Field STA STA All years Dance Dance studio All Years - Athletics STA Sports Hall/Field KRI A.S.C self Netball Boxing Trampolining – All Afterschool defence Training/Fixture External Years 3.45-4.45pm Sports hall KRU Coach (courts) Year 10 & 11 TA A.S.C DANCE All years -(Sign up DANCE STUDIO Games required) KRU (dodgeball / KRU RI kickball etc.) A.S.C JIU JITSU Courts KST Sporthall

Year7 netball trials on Wednesday next week which is the 14th September

WCHS - ECTT - Term 1

Term 1 sports - Rugby, Netball, Football, Volleyball, Trampolining, Badminton,

Basketball, Dan	ce, Fitness, G	CSE Theory, Cros	ss Country		
STA: 4	VJA: 4	KRU: 3	KRI:2	KST:2	SD:





Please follow the PE Department on Instagram @wchsukpe for all the latest updates



Prisons Club

Fridays after school 3.45—4.10pm in the Sports Hall Run by Lilla in Year 11 and supervised by Miss Gribble Years 9,10 & 11 welcome

Come and join us for



Autumn 2022 Webinars

See Mrs Horn, in the Library for further details.

November & December 2022

30th November @ 4.00pm

1st December @ 9.00am 1st December @ 11.00am 1st December @ 4.15pm 5th December @ 4.15pm 7th December @ 4.15pm 7th December @ 12.45pm 7th December @ 3.35pm 7th December @ 5.00pm Pharmacy: Do YOU Have What It Takes To Be An Expert In Medicines? Economics: Labour Market Insights History: The Origins of British Rule in India MFL: Immigration in Italy Drama/Theatre: Set Design Law & Justice Tutorial Politics: Major UP Parties – Divided or United? Maths/Science: Future Challenges – Saving the World HE: Preparing for Medic & Healthcare Interviews Criminology: Miscarriages of Justice

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January 2023

10th January @ 4.30pm
 18th January @ 2.00pm
 23rd January @ 12.45pm
 24th January @ 4.15pm
 25th January @ 4.15pm
 26th January @ 10.10am
 31st January @ 1.00pm
 2nd February @ 2.30pm
 7th February @ 3.35pm

HE: Applying to Uni – A Step by Step Guide Biology: Tackling Cancer Engineering/AI: Machine Learning Geography: Coastal Management Chemistry: Organic EPQ: Skills & Insights Psychology: Role & Impact of the Father History: Detecting Bias in Sources Chemistry: What Can We Use Nanotechnology For?

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February 2023

2nd February @ 2.30pm
 7th February @ 3.35pm

History: Detecting Bias in Sources Chemistry: What Can We Use Nanotechnology For?

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

See Mrs Horn, in the Library for further details.

FREE WEBINAR – 7 DECEMBER

Dungeon & Dragons: Mental Health Benefits for Pupils



Guest Speaker Lucas Maxwell



https://sls-uk.org/webinar-lucas-maxwell/ •

Meet your Safeguarding and Pastoral Team

Ms Pomeroy	Mrs	Mrs Holman	Mr Saxton	Mrs Kaye
Headteacher &	Greenfield	Student	SEND	Health &
Deputy	Assistant	Guidance Officer	Coordinator	Welfare Officer
Designated	Headteacher &	& Deputy		
Safeguarding	Designated	Designated		
Lead	Safeguarding	Safeguarding		
	Lead, SMHL	Lead		
	Head of KS3			
			CTempet	
Mrs Menon	Mrs Marku	Ms Bird	Ms Hasler	Dr Ashraf
SEND Officer	Student	Health & Welfare	Head of Sixth	Head of KS4
	Guidance	Assistant	Form	
	Assistant			

KEY STAGE 3				
Mrs Hawks	Mr Mills	Ms Keith		
Head of Year 7	Head of Year 8	Head of Year 9		

KEY STAGE	4	KEY STA	GE 5
Ms Hossein	Ms Grant/Ms Rehman	Ms Valente	Mrs Easton
Head of Year 10	Head of Year 11	Head of Year 12	Head of Year 13





Christmas is not easy or happy for everyone:

Childline tips could help:

CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be an exciting time when people get together to celebrate. But it can also be a difficult time. If you're feeling lonely, worried or stressed, we've got tips and advice that can help you.

GETTING SUPPORT

Christmas can be a difficult time for many different reasons – from family arguments to feeling lonely.

It can be hard to escape the holiday season sometimes, particularly when you don't enjoy Christmas and everyone's talking about it. But telling someone what your Christmas has been like can help you to feel less alone.

We're here for you throughout Christmas and <u>New Year</u>, including on Christmas day. Whether you want to <u>speak to a counsellor</u> or talk to other young people on the <u>message</u> boards, you can always be honest with Childline about what things are like.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Family problems

Missing someone who's died or can't be there

Feeling lonely or isolated

Spending Christmas in care or with a foster family

Eating problems



Family relationships

We know that families aren't always the easiest to be around. Whatever's going on with your family, you can talk to us.

	IT'S OKAY N	ot to ce	LEBRATE	-
Not everyone celebrates Christ It's always okay to not celebrat		like the time of year an	d others might not because of	their religion of beliefs.
It might seem like everyone cel gifts. But even if you or your far have some time to relax, enjoy	mily doesn't celebrate Christm	nas, you can still enjoy ti		
If you feel left out or different b realise you feel this way. If you young people on our <u>message</u>	can't talk to them, you can alv			
childline				Call 0800 1111
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Strategies that can help with anxiety:

Keeping Calm/Anxiety or Panic Attacks

Calming or Grounding techniques are a good way to reduce our heart rate/blood pressure when feeling worried or anxious. It helps us refocus our attention and overcome those unpleasant feelings so we can feel better and do more.

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Take notice of your senses by thinking of:

5 things you can see 4 things you can hear 3 things you can feel/touch 2 things you can smell 1 thing you can taste

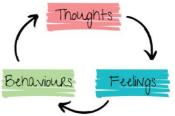
Facts

Think about and name facts about what is going on right now. For example, think: My age is... My name is... I am wearing... The weather is... I am in...

Room Search

Think of a category and search the room for it. For example, look for: Everything that is a ... colour Everything that is a ... shape Things that feel of... Things made of...

By **thinking** about things to help us calm down we can then **do** the things we want/need to do and **feel** better and happier.



Video to try a grounding technique! <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5a88mUAzNLk&t=6s</u>

Anger Management Techniques

Relaxation

Not all anger is misplaced, and often it's a healthy, natural response to difficulties.

Simple relaxation tools, such as deep breathing and relaxing imagery, can help calm down angry feelings.

Some simple steps you can try:

- Breathe deeply, from your diaphragm; breathing from your chest won't relax you. Picture your breath coming up from your "gut."
- Slowly repeat a calm word or phrase such as "relax," "take it easy." Repeat it to yourself while breathing deeply.
- Use imagery; visualize a relaxing experience, from either your memory or your imagination.
- Nonstrenuous, slow yoga-like exercises can relax your muscles and make you feel much calmer.

Practice these techniques daily. Learn to use them automatically when you're in a tense situation.

Restructure your thoughts

When you're angry, your thinking can get very exaggerated and overly dramatic. Try replacing these thoughts with more rational ones. For instance, instead of telling yourself, "oh, it's awful, it's terrible, everything's ruined," tell yourself, "it's frustrating, and it's understandable that I'm upset about it, but it's not the end of the world and getting angry is not going to fix it anyhow" and may make me feel worse. Logic defeats anger, because anger, even when it's justified, can quickly become irrational. So use cold hard logic on yourself. Remind yourself that the world is "not out to get you," you're just experiencing some of the rough spots of daily life.

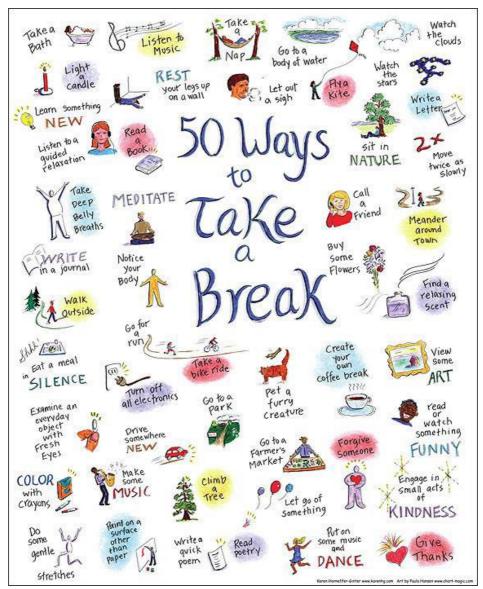
Problem Solving

Sometimes, our anger and frustration are caused by very real and inescapable problems in our lives. Not all anger is misplaced, and often it's a healthy, natural response to these difficulties. Make a plan, and check your progress along the way. Resolve to give it your best, but also not to punish yourself if an answer doesn't come right away.

Better Communication

Angry people tend to jump to—and act on—conclusions, and some of those conclusions can be very inaccurate. The first thing to do if you're in a heated discussion is slow down and think through your responses. Don't say the first thing that comes into your head, but slow down and think carefully about what you want to say. At the same time, listen carefully to what the other person is saying and take your time before answering. Try not to let your anger during a discussion spin out of control. Keeping your cool can keep the situation from becoming a disastrous one.





() () Coping Skills

- Exercise (running, walking, etc.).
- 2. Put on fake tattoos.
- Write (poetry, stories, journal).
- Scribble/doodle on paper.
- Be with other people.
- 6. Watch a favorite TV show.
- Post on web boards, and answer others' posts.
- 8. Go see a movie.
- 9. Do a wordsearch or crossword .
- 10. Do schoolwork.
- II. Play a musical instrument.
- Paint your nails, do your make-up or hair.
- 13. Sing.
- 14. Study the sky.
- 15. Punch a punching bag.
- Cover yourself with Band-Aids where you want to cut.
- 17. Let yourself cry.
- Take a nap (only if you are tired).
- 19. Take a hot shower or relaxing bath.
- 20. Play with a pet.
- 21. Go shopping.
- 22. Clean something.
- 23. Knit or sew.
- 24. Read a good book.
- 25. Listen to music.
- Try some aromatherapy (candle, lotion, room spray).
- 27. Meditate.
- 28. Go somewhere very public.
- 29. Bake cookies.
- 30. Alphabetize your CDs/DVDs/books.
- 31. Paint or draw.
- 32. Rip paper into itty-bitty pieces
- 33. Shoot hoops, kick a ball.
- 34. Write a letter or send an email.
- Plan your dream room (colors/ furniture).

- 36. Hug a pillow or stuffed animal.
- Hyperfocus on something like a rock, hand, etc.
- 38. Dance.
- Make hot chocolate, milkshake or smoothie.
- Play with modeling clay or Play-Dough.
- 41. Build a pillow fort.
- 42. Go for a nice, long drive.
- Complete something you've been putting off.
- 44. Draw on yourself with a marker.
- 45. Take up a new hobby.
- 46. Look up recipes, cook a meal.
- Look at pretty things, like flowers or art.
- 48. Create or build something.
- 49. Pray.
- 50. Make a list of blessings in your life.
- 51. Read the Bible.
- 52. Go to a friend's house.
- 53. Jump on a trampoline.
- 54. Watch an old, happy movie.
- 55. Contact a hotline/ your therapist.
- 56. Talk to someone close to you.
- 57. Ride a bicycle.
- 58. Feed the ducks, birds, or squirrels.
- 59. Color with Crayons.
- 60. Memorize a poem, play, or song.
- 61. Stretch.
- Search for ridiculous things on the internet.
- "Shop" on-line (without buying anything).
- 64. Color-coordinate your wardrobe.
- 65. Watch fish.
- Make a CD/playlist of your favorite songs.
- Play the "I5 minute game." (Avoid something for I5 minutes, when time is up start again.)
- Plan your wedding/prom/other event.
- 69. Plant some seeds.
- Hunt for your perfect home or car on-line.

- Try to make as many words out of your full name as possible.
- 72. Sort through your photographs.
- 73. Play with a balloon.
- 74. Give yourself a facial.
- 75. Find yourself some toys and play.
- 76. Start collecting something.
- 77. Play video/computer games.
- 78. Clean up trash at your local park.
- Perform a random act of kindness for someone.
- 80. Text or call an old friend.
- Write yourself an "I love you because..." letter.
- 82. Look up new words and use them.
- 83. Rearrange furniture.
- Write a letter to someone that you may never send.
- 85. Smile at least five people.
- 86. Play with little kids.
- Bo for a walk (with or without a friend).
- 88. Put a puzzle together.
- 89. Clean your room / closet.
- Try to do handstands, cartwheels, or backbends.
- 91. Yoga.
- 92. Teach your pet a new trick.
- 93. Learn a new language.
- Move EVERYTHING in your room to a new spot.
- Get together with friends and play Frisbee, soccer or basketball.
- 96. Hug a friend or family member.
- Search on-line for new songs/ artists.
- Make a list of goals for the week/ month/year/5 years.

www.yourlifeyourvoice.org

National Hotline

99. Face paint.

BOYS



If you are finding things challenging, as we all do from time to time, do remember to check that you are including the 5 ways to well-being in your daily life, in whatever way you can. Remember the 5 ways to well-being are:

Connect (Talk and Listen, feel connected, be there) **Be Active** (Do what you can: Enjoy what you do: Move your mood)

Take Notice (Remember the simple things that give you joy) **Keep Learning** (Embrace new experience, see opportunities, surprise yourself)

Give (Your time, your words, your presence)

It is often helpful to talk through concerns or worries with family or a friend so do both reach out to others and be there for your friends and family should they need to talk to you. Sometimes talking through a worry can really help.

Sometimes it may be helpful for you or a friend to access support to access help outside of or in addition to family and/or friends. You can contact the school in several ways to do this and there are various people who can offer help and support.

CONFIDENTIALITY

If you speak to a member of school staff about a private matter this will usually remain confidential between you and that member of staff. If the member of staff thinks that it is a good idea to involve someone else such as another member of staff, an external agency or your parents they would talk to you about this and get your consent. However, all members of staff have a duty to pass on information to only the school Safeguarding Team if they had concerns about your own safety or that or another member of the school community. The Safeguarding Team is limited to Mrs Greenfield and Mrs Holman.

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

Tootoot – this is a way of contacting the school anonymously. You can access Tootoot from the School Website and you would have been sent a login to your school email at the start of the year. You can use Tootoot to get help with problems that you are having at school or to report something you are worried about. There is a small selection of staff who will receive your message when it is sent and will endeavour to answer as soon as they can.

Form tutor – the first place you should go if you have any problems is to your form tutor. They will offer advice if they can and /or will direct you to the relevant person in the school who can help. Currently you may be able to speak to your tutor at the end of a Teams Meeting or by emailing into the relevant KS Administrator asking your Form Tutor to contact you (you would not need to give any details). You could also get a message to them through Tootoot but would need to give your name so that they would know who to contact.

Head of Year – form tutors usually work closely with Head of Year. You can also go directly to your Head of Year if you would prefer to do this.

Continued below/

Student Guidance Team – Mrs Holman and Mrs Marku are available to speak to you if you have a problem, whether related to school or more personal and will guide you as to the best way to deal with the problem. They may offer to see you again themselves or advise you to see a school counsellor.

School Counsellor – Feeling overwhelmed? Scared because your parents are splitting up? Feel like you don't fit in? Sometimes it's just not possible to sort through tough times alone. Problems can build up and you may lose sleep, find you can't concentrate on school work/homework, or even become depressed. When you need to talk to someone, your school counsellor can be a great person to help you through your bad times. They will listen and help. They'll take your problem seriously and work with you to find a good solution. School counsellors are trained to help with most issues. Please speak to your Form Tutor or other member of staff or enquire via Tootoot. Speaking to a counsellor is informal, just like a chat.

Counselling is very informal, like having a chat and the Counsellors may ask questions or give advice. The sessions are about you and is your time to speak about what is worrying you.

Students if you are experiencing low mood or anxiety and would like support for this in the form of eight on-line sessions with an Education Mental Health Practitioner, you can contact Mrs Holman for more information and sign-up.

Mrs Holman is based in the Student Guidance Office, formerly SG4.

MINDFULNESS PAGES

The Body Scan



Mindfully scanning through the body, starts with breathing into the toes and feet, working all the way up the legs into the abdomen, through the belly and upper torso, moving to the hands and arms, the shoulders and neck, then into the face and back of the head, and finally ends at the crown. Lying down meditation focuses attention systematically on the whole body. Widening the scope of awareness to include every part of our physical being, this practice reminds us that we are more than simply residents of our own head.

It can be especially recuperative if we allow ourselves to rest in the awareness of being completely relaxed and supported for 10-20 minutes each day. A body scan carried out when we are fully awake can revitalise our sense of being alive and present in the moment. Alternatively, our intention may be to fall asleep as we go about deeply relaxing each body part in turn while focusing on breathing into and letting go of tensions that have accumulated during the day.

Beditation

- 1. Lie down on your back in a safe space where you won't be disturbed.
- 2. Cover yourself with a blanket to keep warm. Or settle down in your bed to sleep.
- 3. Allow your eyes to close.
- **4.** Place your hands on your belly and gently settle your attention on the rising and falling of your diaphragm as you breath in and out.
- **5.** Take a few moments to feel your whole body lying there, register where you notice the points of contact with the mat or the bed.
- **6.** Take an intentional breath in & imagine the vitality of the inhalation travelling all the way down to into your toes and feet. As you exhale, notice any sensations you feel there.
- 7. When you are ready to leave the toes and feet, take a deeper breath in and allow any tension or discomfort you find to dissolve in awareness as you exhale and move your attention up into the lower legs and knees.
- **8.** Continue to move up through the rest of your body. If you experience any discomfort such as cramp, it's best to release the tension by moving or massaging away the discomfort before continuing with the scan.
- **9.** The important point is to allow yourself to fully relax, and to drift into sleep as your body pulls you in that direction.
- **10.** If you wish to remain awake, try doing the body scan on a yoga mat with your eyes open during the day.

Here is a link to Professor Mark Williams 40-minute, guided, body scan meditation:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyRNHvPPNbE

Mindful Walking

Walking is something we do every day without stopping to give it a second thought. Given the option, most of us would rather take a lift than walk to the shops. But this simple form of exercise has many stress relieving benefits.

Shirin Yoku or forest bathing is a form of meditative walking that is very popular in Japan. Designed to help people take time away from their screens, Shirin Yoku trails are chosen for their beauty and tranquillity. Forest bathing is known to improve immune function and lowers anxiety.



Mindful walking has been scientifically proven to reduce the harmful physical effects of stress and increase peace of mind. It can be practised outdoors anywhere you feel safe enough to walk with greater awareness.

The steps that follow describe how to perform mindful walking:

Preparation for mindful walking:

- Find somewhere safe to walk where you will not be disturbed: your garden, a city park, country lane, or a busy street are all equally good.
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking.
- Stand still and become aware of how you feel.
- Consider your posture, the weight of your body, feet in your shoes, and your muscles as you balance.

Mindful walking instructions:

- Take a few deep breaths and slowly bring your awareness into the present.
- As you begin walking notice how your feet feel when they make contact with the ground.
- Slow down and notice the sights & sounds around you.
- Deepen your breathing if it feels comfortable.
- When your mind drifts, gently guide your thoughts back to the sensations of walking and breathing.
- Continue walking for as long as you feel safe and comfortable.

Mindful walking is free and doesn't require any specialist equipment. Half-term may provide the perfect moment for you to try this form of moving meditation for yourself.

Emma Liebeskind Mindfulness Teacher Sixth Form Enrichment_



What is sleep hygiene?

- Sleep hygiene are ways that you can set yourself up for better sleep.
- Strong sleep hygiene means having both a bedroom environment and daily routines that promote consistent, uninterrupted sleep.
- Keeping a stable sleep schedule, making your bedroom comfortable and free

of distractions, following a relaxing pre-bed routine, and building healthy habits during the day can all contribute to ideal sleep hygiene.

- 8-10 hours of sleep is recommended for adolescents.
- Everyone can tailor their sleep hygiene practices to suit their needs.
 Positive habits can make it easier to sleep soundly throughout the night and wake up well-rested.
- Can you think of some more suggestions for good sleep hygiene?



THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

MY CIRCLE OF CONTROL I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT I CAN CONTROL The amount of effort I put in How I My take care words of myself THINGS THAT ARE IN My My decisions actions MY CONTROL How I handle How I my feelings treat others Whether or not I follow rules Other THINGS THAT What other Things from people's people do the past ARE OUT OF choices What other How other **MY CONTROL** The weather

people say

people feel

Helpful websites:

You can text: YM to 85258 for free 24/7 support

https://youngminds.org.uk/

Online well-being platform that is accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free.

https://www.kooth.com/

HOPELINEUK (PAPYRUS)

Phone: 0800 068 4141

https://www.papyrus-uk.org/

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Text: 07860039967

(Mon - Fri 0900 - 2200 and Sat - Sun 1400 - 2200)

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NSPCC

Sexual Abuse

There is a helpline run by the NSPCC and is available to current or past victims as well as parents, carers or professionals with concerns. The number is 0800 136 663. The helpline is free and anonymous, and will be open Monday to Friday from 8am - 10pm and Saturday to Sunday from 9am - 6pm.





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Drugs and Alcohol Help and Advice

Redbridge Fusion NELFT Free and friendly confidential service to young people in the borough of Redbridge under the age of 18.

Station Road Centre, Station Road, Barkingside, Essex IG6 1NB

Tel: 020 8708 7801 Fax: 020 8708 7802 Email: fusion@redbridge.gov.uk Opening times: 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday



NHS Foundation Trust



LGBTQ+

Dear Students,

Pride is a movement which celebrates diversity as well as protesting against discrimination and violence as whilst the rights of the LGBT+ community have come a long way, there is still not full equality. There is plenty of information online about the history of the development of the rights for the LGBT+ community available online, for example –

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40459213

Remember, Pride is all about inclusivity and diversity. The priority is the promotion of equality and creating a community and a safe space for people to be who they are.

If you, or anyone you know, has any questions about this or feel that they need some support then you can speak to a trusted adult at school such as your Head of Year or Form Tutor. Alternatively, the following websites might be of use –

- Stonewall For further information about LGBT+ and support, please see – <u>https://www.stonewall.org.uk/</u>
- Give us a Shout Accessed on – <u>https://giveusashout.org/</u> Or can be reached 24/7 via text on 85258
- The Proud Trust
 For information about local support groups, you can use <u>https://www.stonewall.org.uk/</u>
- Mermaids (especially for young people who feel at odds with the gender they have been assigned)
 Accessed on <u>https://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk/</u>
 Or you can call from Monday-Friday 9am-9pm on 0344 334 0550
- Switchboard (an LGBT+ Helpline) Accessed on – <u>http://switchboard.lgbt/</u> for online chat and email service Or you can call from 10am-11pm everyday on 300 330 0630

Please look out for some information from me with regard to the Pride Youth Network!

Take care now. Miss

Keith

Pride Youth Network Co-ordinator



PRIDE YOUTH NETWORK!

Meetings every Thursday Iunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm in SF7

Safe space for all

Feel free to bring your lunch

Please speak to a PYN Ambassador or Miss Keith if you have any queries or suggestions





Speak Up Speak Out

Log your worries on tootoot today



Dear Students

Woodford County High School subscribes to Tootoot, this is an online reporting platform and app for students. We are aware that there may be times when you may not feel comfortable to speak to someone faceto face about your concerns, or may be concerned about being identified or potentially making matters worse.

With Tootoot, you are able to safely and anonymously report your concerns and worries to mentors (WCHS safeguarding and pastoral team), so use this as a first step to resolving your concerns. Although anonymous please be aware that in the event of a serious safeguarding issue, (i.e. where a student is in danger of imminent harm) it would be possible for the Designated Safeguarding Leads to gain access to identify the student.

Tootoot is accessible anywhere, anytime and on any internet-enabled device, if there is something that is concerning your, or making you feel unsafe (whether an issue personal to you or a wider concern about others in school) you can use this platform to raise your concern. School should be a safe place where you can grow in confidence and learn, no one should ever be bullied. When reporting you will also be able to attach supporting evidence, such as images, screenshots or documents etc.

Ms Hasler and Mrs Easton, as well as the school's Student Guidance Officer Mrs Holman and Assistant Student Guidance Officer Mrs Menon, will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have in person.

Please note that Tootoot **should not** be used for day to day schoolrelated questions, please speak to your form tutor, teachers or Key Stage Administrator for these. You are also able to contact your teachers via email who will get back to you during a school day.

Keep an eye out for an email from Tootoot with your login details, which will be sent out via the Tootoot system. Your accounts are linked to your school email therefore should you forget your details going forward, you will always be able to use the "Forgotten your login/password?' feature on the home page to receive a password reset link.

Regards Mrs Del Giudice



2023 Competition

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Dear Mrs Peters,

The topic for the eagerly-awaited 35th Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee (MiSAC) Annual Competition is *Microbes and the Water Cycle.*

Water is a precious resource and we have to recycle it. In nature, water from seas, lakes and rivers evaporates into the air where it forms clouds. Water is released, eg, as rain or snow, as it falls back to earth. It refills surface waterways and reservoirs or soaks into underground stores (aquifers) from which supplies are taken for domestic, agricultural and industrial use. Before water can be supplied to homes and businesses, it must be treated and tested to ensure that it is safe to use. Treatment includes chlorination to remove bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause disease. After use, wastewater is contaminated with various pollutants. If it flows into natural water courses, it would harm the environment. The problem of polluted wastewater is solved by harnessing microbes to decompose the organic matter in the pollution. The wastewater is piped into sewage works for treatment.

THE COMPETITION

The aim of this year's competition is to develop an understanding among teenagers of the key roles of microbes in the water cycle by producing an illustrated, web-page report explaining to teenagers the importance of microbial activities in the water cycle and processes involved in reusing water supplies.

There are two entry groups: KS3 and KS4 (S1/2 and S3/4 in Scotland) and the closing date for entries is 3rd April 2023.

PRIZES

There are money prizes for schools and students.

School: 1st £250; 2nd £125; 3rd £70 Student: 1st £100; 2nd £50; 3rd £25

A certificate will be awarded to each student submitting an entry of scientific merit. The results will be published on <u>www.misac.org.uk</u> where previous winning entries can be viewed.

Teachers find the MiSAC Annual Competition to be invaluable in helping to put curriculum content into perspective and students thoroughly enjoy the experience of learning, while exploring beyond the curriculum. For more information, guidance and full competition details <u>click here</u>

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ARE YOU AGED 14 - 18? DO YOU LIVE IN EAST LONDON? INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE?

Apply to enter the People's Pavilion design competition and you could win an all-expenses paid study trip to Venice.

Workshops are taking place across East London between Oct 2022 - Jan 2023

You are welcome to attend the workshops with a team you have formed, or form one with the aspiring designers you meet on the day!

The winning design will be built in the summer of 2023 and will host a cultural festival produced by young people.

Hit the QR code to sign up!



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Schools Art Competition 2022-2023

What can we measure about our health? Is it possible to measure too many things? Should researchers be allowed to use any measurements collected by the NHS? We want to see what you think!

The Oxford Centre for Personalised Medicine is asking pupils in Years 7-9 to create art about measuring things to do with health and disease. There are loads of different things your art could look at: what might be helpful to measure if someone is ill? Are measurements always right? Who should be able to look at a person's healthcare measurements? We can't wait to see your ideas!

You can make a drawing, a painting, a collage, a sculpture – anything goes as long as it's something you can take a photo of. First prize is £100, and the best entries will form part of a display at a Centre for Personalised Medicine art exhibition in Oxford next year. The deadline for entries is 20th January 2023. More details can be found here: <u>https://cpm.well.ox.ac.uk/art-competition</u>

If you decide to enter, please send Mrs Peters a copy of your entry.





The National Space Academy will be hosting online careers conferences for students and parents/guardians, thanks to the UK Space Agency. These conferences will allow viewers to find out about some of the most exciting job opportunities within an ever-growing industry. Jobs within the sector range from working with satellites to help predict the weather and farmers to better understand their crops to designing and building rockets to becoming a space lawyer.

The UK Space Industry has an annual turnover of £16.4 billion and employs over 45,000 people. It continues to grow year on year. The UK Space Innovation and Growth Strategy has a target of achieving 10% of the global space market, which is estimated to be £400 billion by 2030.

These interactive online careers conferences will explore the range of careers available before delving further into the career choices of three of our speakers. Looking at how their career journey brought them to where they are today and what it is they do daily. This will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with the speakers.

Upcoming Online Careers Conferences 2022

Online careers conference - Students aged 14 - 18

Saturday 3rd December 2022 Year 10 and 11 students 10.30 - 12.30 Book here

Saturday 3rd December 2022 Year 12 and 13 students 14.00 - 16.00 Book here



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