



Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your support of the school and its work through a long and busy term. Our Newsletter, published later today (and thereafter available on our website) will provide a full and colourful account of the activities and achievements of the term.

It's been a very great pleasure to see so many of you in school over the past few weeks, whether supporting the PFA or Governing Body, helping at the disco or attending our two Prize Giving events.

I wish you and your family a restful holiday and a healthy, happy and opportunity filled New Year.

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher



Dear Parent / Carer

Uniform consultation

We are very grateful to the 118 parents who responded to our recent survey regarding uniform supply. Parents provided views regarding the potential provision of a second uniform supplier and of second hand uniform which will guide us as we work to make progress in these areas. Although the survey wasn't primarily about items of uniform itself we did give parents the opportunity to comment on this matter to inform future planning. Thank you for doing so. The clearest message communicated was that it is increasingly difficult (and expensive) to procure appropriate white socks, and particularly white tights. We will look into this matter next term and seek some student input. Adverse weather conditions reduced the size of the focus group which met in school on Thursday 15 December but it was immensely useful to speak directly with parents on the subject of uniform.

Meanwhile, with the holidays upon us, I write as I usually do to remind you to consult uniform requirements when purchasing new items (particularly shoes and coats) and before authorising (and paying for) hair styles or piercings which will be at odds with our uniform requirements. It is particularly in these areas where problems are occurring currently.

Uniform Requirements & limitations on Hair Colour and piercings

For greater clarity and consistency the guidance is updated as follows:

Hair

- I. **Hair Colour:** Hair should be of **one** natural colour. Hair extensions of any kind must be of the same colour as the student's natural hair.
- II. Hair must be neat (and **tied back where of a length to be so**) and the face clearly visible
- III. **Hair slides or hair bands**, worn for functional purposes, must be navy blue, black or brown (and hair bands no wider than 2")
- IV. **Beads and other decorative accessories** are not allowed

Uniform requirements are clear, they are known to students and they are readily available to parents. They apply to all students and the same procedure will be followed with any student failing to comply. Heads of Year will write home setting a time line for the matter to be rectified. We do understand that in many cases this involves both inconvenience and expense. Therefore we would urge all parents and carers themselves to ensure hair colour complies with our uniform policy during term time and that students' elaborate (and often very beautiful) experiments with colours are confined to holiday periods and removed before school resumes.

Jewellery

Jewellery may not be worn except for religious symbols worn out of sight and one plain small gold, silver, pearl or diamante stud worn in the lobe of the ear. Students should not have piercings done at a point which means the associated jewellery needs to be worn in term time. A clear plastic stopper is the only option in this scenario and it is the student's / parent's responsibility to supply this. Again Heads of Year will follow up continuing non-compliance by direct contact with parents.

Make-up

Students should not wear make-up, nail varnish or false eye lashes whilst in uniform. Students will be given the wherewithal to remove make-up / eyelashes in school. Failure to do so, or repeated non-compliance will be notified to parents.

Uniform expectations do need to be consistently reinforced in all schools. We do students no favours at all by overlooking their non-compliance. While there is no inevitable causal link between persistent flouting of uniform rules and under-performance, you will readily understand that a level of negativity can be generated for the student and that repeated confrontations on the matter are not conducive either to a positive schooling experience or to students making the most of the education and the opportunities available to them here. It is only a very small number of students currently who are flouting the rules cited above. However, it is important the matter is nipped in the bud. Young people feel injustice keenly – rules need to apply to everyone, and to be seen to do so. I trust we can rely on your support as we make it very clear they do.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher



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

1. Send your entries to GrantP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk by Monday 9th January 2023.
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 and 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!

Christmas Creations

Students have been busy putting their creativity to the test in the Food and Nutrition Department.

Year 8 Yule Log decorating and Year 10's annual cake competition have been the high lights this week.

You too can join in by taking part in the Festive Cookie Competition! – Look out for the advert on Show My Homework and in the Newsletter.



Happy Holidays

There are still a few places available for after school activities, Starting 9th January 2023.

- *Thursday Street food*
- *Dance*
- *Pop workshop*
- *Boxing*
- *Calligraphy*
- *Basic cooking 2 Monday*
- *Arts & crafts*
- *Skincare*

Please book on parentpay by Friday 6th January, to secure your daughters place.



Experience life in the creative industry

Follow the lifecycle of a TV show in this 6 week Virtual Work Experience programme



Commissioning

Create a new show idea and write your pitch



4Studio

Find clips to go viral on social media



Legal & Compliance

Make recommendations so your show is suitable for TV



Sales

Find your ideal sponsor and create an advertising plan



Consumer Insights

Give your advice on the Christmas Day schedule

- Complete tasks based on **real-world** scenarios
- Get **advice** from current Channel 4 employees
- Attend a post programme **virtual Q&A**

You must be 16 years or older to participate in the programme



**Take the first step
to your new career**
**Register now and sign up
to the next programme**

2023 Programmes begin 1st February,
1st May or 4th September

WOODFORD CAREERS

The approaching Christmas holidays provide an ideal opportunity for Year 11 students to continue to search for their work experience placement for next summer, as they meet friends and members of their wider family.

Even a few days in a workplace can be valuable, shadowing someone in their job and experiencing the work environment. Please support and encourage them.

We are still open to any offers of opportunities for students from parents in our school community, and again thank those that have already responded.

Thank you, and wishing you a happy holiday.



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Flu Vaccination Clinics

Has your child missed their
Flu Vaccination at school?



We are running catch up clinics in your
area for the following age groups:

Flu Vaccinations: Reception - Year 9

If you would like an appointment to attend,
please email us at: appointments@v-uk.co.uk
or call 0203 343 2400



Innovate IFG

HAPPY Holidays

**We hope you have a had a productive term
and are going to have a restful time over
the holidays. From all of us at Innovate, we
wanted to wish you Happy Holidays and all
the best for the New Year.**

Here's a Scottish Tablet recipe for you to try this Christmas!

- 900g granulated white sugar (Yes, that much sugar!)
- 250ml of full-fat milk
- 1 tin of sweetened condensed milk (397g tin)
- 85g butter

Using a large pan start by melting the butter, sugar and milk together, keep stirring to avoid catching on the bottom.

Then once melted, add the condensed milk.

Bring to a brisk simmer, mix will expand and boil over if you don't have a big enough pot.

Once it starts to darken, (or reaches 120°C) take it off the heat and stir continuously for 10 minutes (or place in a mixer) until it starts to cool and thicken

Once thickened, pour into a lined tin and cool for 2/3 hours, then mark out the lines of your portions before putting in the fridge to set.

(If your tablet didn't set then it means you didn't get the mix hot enough). You're looking for a crumbly consistency, not to be confused with fudge.

AWESOME THEME DAYS COMING UP THIS SPRING

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

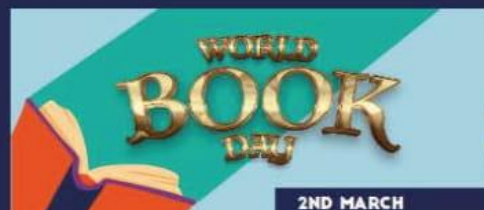
MARCH



JAN 31ST - FEB 2ND



1ST FEB



2ND MARCH



9TH - 20TH JAN



6TH - 10TH FEB



7TH - 9TH MARCH



21ST FEB



20TH - 31ST MARCH



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Pakistan, India,
Japan, Vietnam,
The Philippines,
Bangladesh,
Thailand, Nepal



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Egypt, Tanzania,
South Africa,
Kenya, Uganda,
Sudan, Algeria,
Morocco, Angola



Innovate



DON'T MISS OUT ON **FREE** SCHOOL LUNCHES EVERY DAY!

Innovate provide delicious, nutritious meals every day in your school. Our chefs cook everything fresh each day with a huge choice at break and lunch.

Amazing food with loads of choice and an exciting modern twist is what we're all about. Don't just take our word for it, have a look at the sample menu overleaf!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - WHY YOU SHOULD USE IT

Free school meal funding can bring over £400 a year of fantastic fresh food.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the allowance means that they can choose one of our **GREAT MEAL DEALS** at breaktime or lunchtime. This will be completely **FREE OF CHARGE** up to the free meal allowance with no extra to pay. We only ask that their choices consist of a balanced meal.

Confidentiality is ensured as the allowance is automatically loaded onto your child's account. They then use their balance in same way as all our customers with their card or the biometric system. You can also add extra money on to their account, if you wish, which does not impact on the funding at all.

IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE, DON'T MISS OUT! IT'S A COMPLETELY **SAFE AND DISCREET WAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY A **DELICIOUS** LUNCH EVERYDAY**

To find out if you are entitled then visit
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



SO MUCH CHOICE



You can **choose from a great range** from modern and traditional main meals from roasts and curries to international street foods with stir fries, noodles pastas, burritos and wraps all made from fresh ingredients every day. There's a great selection of vegetarian and vegan meals plus a tempting salad bar and hearty fresh soups.

You can choose from our wide range of fresh, tasty meal deals up to the free school meal allowance at break or lunch **free of charge.**

All we ask is that they are nutritionally balanced **e.g., Main meal and dessert, hot wrap and flapjack or a baguette and a drink.**





**HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
& FOOD PROGRAMME**

Winter Holiday Fun



Is your child in Year
Reception to Year 11
and in receipt of benefits-
related Free School Meals?

Redbridge's HAF programme
is delivered by approved providers
and offers **physical fun, nutritional
education** and an opportunity
to **make new friends**.

Activities include **multi sports,
arts and crafts, drama, cookery**
and much more!

Every child attending gets
a free meal every day.

**Wednesday
21 - Friday 23
December 2022**

To find out more and book
your place - scan the QR code
below or visit:

<https://find.redbridge.gov.uk/haf>

Booking is essential for all
activities, so **book early** to
avoid disappointment!

For any queries, please email:
haf@redbridge.gov.uk





REDBRIDGE EDUCATION AWARDS

supported by Lead Sponsor **Parker Smith Inclusion**

**Celebrating individuals
who are shaping
extraordinary futures**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle into the new school year, I am thrilled to announce on behalf of Redbridge Council, the launch of the first ever Redbridge Education Awards! The awards are an amazing opportunity for you to say **thank you** to a teacher or member of staff who you think deserves to be recognised and celebrated for all that they do for young people in Redbridge.

With 14 award categories to choose from, there is something for everyone. If you can think of an individual or team who has made a positive impact on your child's learning, development, or extracurricular activities, now is the time to give them something back!

If the person or team you nominate are shortlisted, they will be invited to a spectacular awards ceremony to be held in Wanstead next April 2023 – it will be a night to remember!

Making a nomination couldn't be easier, simply head to www.redbridge.gov.uk/redbridge-education-awards or scan the QR code at the top of the page. Please also encourage your child to make their own nomination!

If you have any questions or need assistance making a nomination, please speak to a member of staff, or contact educationawards@redbridge.gov.uk.

Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SPRING 2023		
Term	Thursday 5 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
Half-term	Monday 13 February 2023	Friday 17 February 2023
Term	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Non-Contact Day	Tuesday 7 March 2023	

SUMMER 2023		
Term	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Half-term	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
Term	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
Non-Contact Day	Wednesday 28 June 2023	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 January—Back to School**
- 5 January—Year 11 Mocks Start**
- 18 January—Year 7 Parents' Evening**
- 24 January—Year 12 Parents' Evening**
- Week of 6 February—Highams House Charity Week**
- 6 February—Year 9 Parents Evening**
- 9 February—Music Recital Evening**
- 10 February—Year 9 Options form completed**
- 28 February—International Evening**
- 7 March—Inset Day**
- Week of 13 March—Newton House Charity Week**
- 16 March—Year 8 Parents' Evening**
- 21 March—HPV 2nd Dose—Year 8**
- 23 March—Spring Concert**