

Result of Parent Governor Elections - November 2022

During the recent election for three Parent Governors to join our governing board, we received nominations from the following five parents;

MRS SUJATHA BALAJI-KANDASAMY

MR PHILIPPE F. CHAUDHRY

DR NATALIE MCCLOSKEY

MRS SAADEYA QURESHI

MRS FATHIMATHUZ ROFE

Following the ballot for the three Parent Governor vacancies, which closed at 4pm on Thursday 17th November 2022, I am pleased to let you know that the following parents have been appointed as Parent Governors for Woodford County High School and will take up their new posts later this month.

DR NATALIE MCCLOSKEY

MRS SAADEYA QURESHI

MRS SUJATHA BALAJI-KANDASAMY

Thank you to all parents who put themselves forward.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy
Headteacher

Dear Parent

Please remind your daughter that today is the last day to voice her opinion via a survey run by our new catering team, Innovate.

The survey is important because ;

- The pupils get to have their say about this new service
- Innovate get to know if the pupils are enjoying the new food
- Innovate get to know if the pupils have any ideas or suggestions for the service going forward

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, they can scan the QR code or click on the forms link in the attached poster to get access to the survey questions.

Thank you for encouraging your daughters to complete the Survey, their feedback matters.

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BEST
LUNCH**

WITH
Innovate



We Need Your Feedback...

Let us know how we are doing



<https://forms.office.com/r/RFd6iuVeQg>





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)

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Lunch will be served on 2 days this year during the normal lunchtime period.

The days will be split as follows:

Thursday 15th December

Forms 7 (A-C), 8 (A-C), 9 (A-C), 10,(A-C), 11(A-C) Staff & 6Th Form

Friday 16th December

Forms 7 (D-F), 8 (D-F), 9 (D-F), 10 (D-F), 11(D-F) Staff & 6Th Form

The cost of the Christmas meal will be **£3.00, and will be served by ticket only.**

Tickets must be purchased and paid in advance at the tills at Breakfast and Lunch sessions from Wednesday 23rd November till Friday 2nd December.

There will be a meat and vegetarian option consisting of

Roast Halal/Non Halal Turkey OR Vegan Mushroom Wellington with a selection of

Roast Potatoes, Seasonal vegetables and Gravy.

Christmas pudding with custard Or Stained glass window shortbread

****Christmas cookie to take home £1.00** must be pre ordered and ticket purchased with meal**

Tickets will be on sale up until Friday 2nd December as numbers need to be known in advance for catering purposes

**On the days /times you are not having a Christmas dinner,
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH.**

There will be the usual snacks / sandwiches at breakfast and morning break.

Please ensure that you purchase your tickets in advance



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Join us at our next virtual careers conference to explore the diversity of careers within the space sector.

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](#)

'GET INTO' TECH, DIGITAL, & IT

**Year 9-13's come and join us for an evening with
the some of the top brands in the industry...**



Beal High School, Ilford & Live streamed



Thursday 8th December



17:00-19:30

Sign up now

Bring your
parents &
friends along!

- ★ Network with professionals
- ★ Learn more about the industry
- ★ Q&A session
- ★ Prizes to be won

**Scan me to secure
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Sign up today: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/get-into-tech-digital-it/>



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!

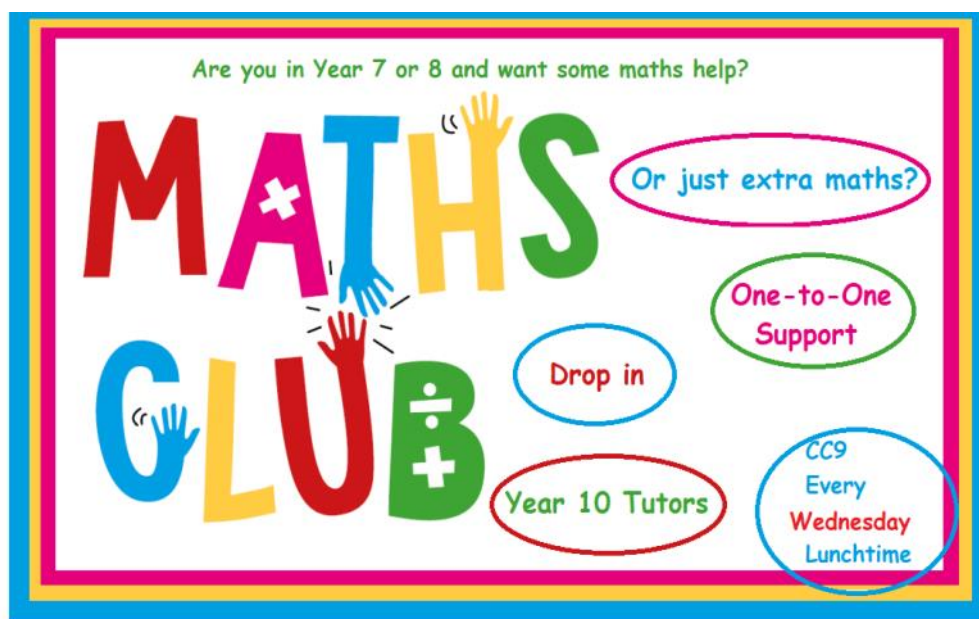
If the person or team you nominate are shortlisted, they will be invited to a spectacular awards ceremony to be held in Wanstead next April 2023 – it will be a night to remember!

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.

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!



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.

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> <u>7.50-8.20am</u>	All Years – Badminton Sports Hall KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA
<u>Lunchtime</u> <u>1.30-2pm</u>	All Years – Basketball Sports Hall VJA	Football for y7&8 Sports Hall/Field STA & TL	<u>Running Club – led by</u> <u>Rachael Yr13 student</u> KRU Netball for ALL (courts) <u>Football for y9,10 7 11</u> <u>only</u> STA & TL	Badminton Sports Hall VJA STA – Y9-13 Trampolining All Years – Athletics Sports Hall/Field KRI	<u>Trampolining – Y7&8</u> KRU
<u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.30-4.20pm</u>	A.S.C self defence Sports hall All years – Games (dodgeball / kickball etc.) Courts KST	A.S.C JIU JITSU Sports hall	Netball Training/Fixture (courts) INVITE ONLY STA VJA KRU KRI Boxing External Coach A.S.C	A.S.C DANCE Dance Studio	Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11

Come and join us for

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! Free to attend

Team B's Prison	Team A	Team B	Team A's Prison
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Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Autumn 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir (SF1) 13:30- 14:10 Brass Ensemble MTH (SF2) 13:45-2:15 Kalimba Club (Conference room) 13:45-14:20	Junior Band IBO (SF1) 13:30- 14:10 Musical Theatre club (Conference room) 13:40-14:15	Jazz Band KHN (SF1) 13:40-14:15 String orchestra IBO (Conference Room) 13:40-14:15 Carnatic Ensemble Jubilee Room 1 13:40-2:15	Senior Choir KHA (SF1) 13:40- 14:15 Theory and GCSE/A-level support IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15	Orchestra IBO (SF1) 13:40-14:15 Guitar and Ukulele Ensemble (SF2) 13:40-14:15
After school		Chamber groups IBO (SF1/2) 15:45-16:30			

Jazz band is a group for wind, brass and percussion players of grade 4/5+ standard. We primarily play big band music, but there are opportunities to learn improvisation skills and perform solos within ensemble playing. We perform at concerts and events like the summer showcase.

Junior choir is our main choral ensemble for years 7-9, run by Yolanda Thompson from Redbridge Music Centre. It is also an excellent group to participate in for new students in year 7, reinforcing musicianship skills required during the curriculum. No previous singing experience is required and so the group gives great confidence to those looking for a friendly environment to develop their abilities while also producing high-quality performances for concerts.

The **orchestra** is the main music ensemble of the school which plays music from the classical repertoire plus arrangements and film music. All string/wind and brass instruments are welcome and entry requirements are for students, are to be at least grade 4 standard.

String orchestra is a group for all string instruments for students at least grade 3 in standard. We will be tackling some 20th-century Russian repertoire this term.

Junior band is an excellent group for younger musicians, from those just beginning on an instrument up to grade 3 in standard, to engage in an ensemble playing a variety of musical arrangements. All types of instruments are welcome, regardless of previous experience. Again, this is an excellent opportunity for younger musicians to build up confidence in performance and develop skills which also strongly support their curriculum work.

The **brass ensemble** welcomes students from beginner to advanced level to take part playing music for the end-of-term concerts. This group is particularly appropriate for musicians who have previously done the year 8 brass projects as part of the curriculum lessons, and is an excellent next step in developing their instrumental skills. Instruments can also be provided by the tutor so please do come even if you do not own an instrument.

The **senior choir** is an excellent ensemble for years 10-13 which tackles more challenging and diverse repertoire for performance in concerts and other functions. Again, as with other groups, new-comers are always welcome in this friendly and supportive environment.

Theory and **GCSE/A-level support** provides theory tuition at all levels for those wishing to build up their theory knowledge. GCSE and A level students are also supported in their studies for example in coursework or revision.

Chamber groups – This is an opportunity for self-led student groups to run rehearsals with the support of music staff when required.



LOST PROPERTY—WOODEN TRUNK IN RECEPTION

We still have a large number of unclaimed outdoor coats and school uniform sitting in the large lost property box in reception.

They have been there for many months. We have sent numerous messages out asking for goods to be collected.

Could you please ask your daughter to check the box for any missing items, as soon as possible.

For your information, all unclaimed goods will be discarded/sent to charity, at the end of next week, **Friday 2nd December 2022.**

Thank you for your co-operation.



REMINDER

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



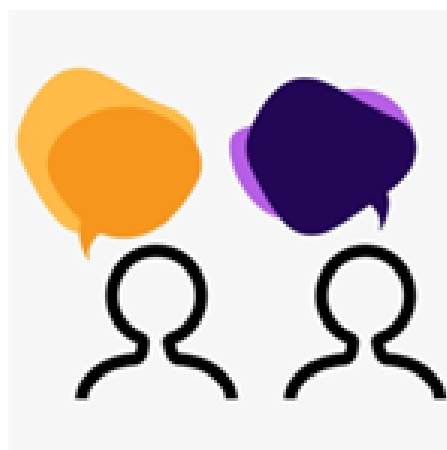


Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

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

AUTUMN 2022		
Term	Monday 5 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Half-term	Monday 24 October 2022	Friday 28 October 2022
Term	Monday 31 October 2022	Tuesday 20 December 2022
Non-Contact Day	Friday 7 October 2022	

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

- Week of 21 November—Warner House Charity Week**
- 24 November—GCSE Prizegiving 2022-23**
- 25 November—Woodford & Ilford County Christmas Disco**
- 29 November—Year 13 Parents Evening**
- 30 November—7pm – 8.15pm in Classroom N1 — Annual General Meeting of Parents & Friends of Woodford County High School**
- 5 December—Year 11 Parents Evening**
- 6 December—Years 7 & 8 School Disco**
- 8 December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Concert**
- 12 December—Year 13 (2020-2021) Certificate & Social Event**
- 15/16 December—School Christmas Lunch**
- 20 December—End of Term**