



Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Governor Election

We are seeking to appoint 3 parent governors to join our governing board this term and warmly invite you to stand for election. We welcome nominations from all parents regardless of background, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, religion, ethnicity, disability or age, as we are seeking to reflect in the Governing Board the diversity of our school and wider community.

Purpose of the post – the role of School Governor

School Governing Boards work as a team to provide strategic leadership to schools. The main functions of a school governing board are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and the strategic direction of the school.
- Hold leaders to account for school performance and safety of pupils.
- Provide financial probity to ensure that resources are well spent.
- To be part of a team that is passionate about education and committed to continuous school development. Our governors work strategically and without intervening in the day-to-day management of the school.

Requirements for the role:

- Understand the school's needs, strengths and areas for development.
- To act within the framework of the policies of the governing board and legal requirements.
- A commitment to attend meetings. Full Board meetings take place during the evening. Each governor will be required to join one of our committees that meet once a term in the mornings. Every meeting is preceded by the receipt of a significant number of documents, circulated electronically, which governors will need to allow time to read and understand in advance so that they can participate actively at the meeting.
- Governors will also be assigned a 'link-governor' role and meet with staff during the day to discuss progress within the area and report back to the board.
- Governors must respect confidentiality and all governing board decisions, while fully supporting the collective responsibility of any decisions which are made.
- Be committed to training and development opportunities. Governors are expected to participate in the various training courses run by the Local Authority (generally held in the evening), including an induction session. We will ensure new governors receive a full induction to discuss their new role and to get to know how the school operates.

It is important that parents who agree to be nominated for election as a governor are aware of the time that they will need to commit, balanced against their own priorities, and are confident that they can meet this commitment. The usual term of office for governors is four years.

Eligibility criteria:

- Be a parent of a student at our school.
- Be willing to meet the time commitment of attending meetings, reading documentation, attending training sessions and visiting the school on focused visits.
- Aged 18 years and above.
- Meet the skills and experience required by the Governing Board.
- Have an enhanced DBS check.
- Sign the Governors Code of Conduct.

Governor Code of Conduct

The code of conduct which sets out the expectations of and commitment required from school governors must be adhered to and is underpinned by the following principles:

- Act in the best interests of the school – declaring any conflicts of interests immediately, recording any business interests where applicable.
- Work as a member of a team at all times and as one board - respecting confidentiality and be loyal to collective decisions made by the governing board.
- Act fairly and without prejudice - recognising that all governors have the same rights and responsibilities unless particular responsibilities are conferred on them by the full governing board.
- Acknowledge that the role involves the commitment of a significant amount of time and energy - with training, meetings and visits to the school.

Becoming a school governor is a rewarding role. If you would like to find out more before completing a nomination form, please come and speak to us at our Meet the Governors' Event and we will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Date: Wednesday 19th October 2022

Time: 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Location: Woodford County High School

If you are successful, you will be invited to attend, as an observer, the full governing board meeting on **23rd November 2022 at 7.15pm at the school**

The nomination form will appear in the school's newsletter on **Tuesday 1st November 2022**.

Completed Nomination forms with your 100-word statement must be returned to Natalie Diamond, Head's PA, via the school office by 3.00pm Wednesday 9th November 2022.

Yours sincerely

Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

Bad Grammar + Halloween = ?

Girls can find out by coming to the
Hall at 1.30pm on

Friday 21st October.

The PFA will also be selling sweet
treats, so bring along some cash.

50p - £1 per item



All proceeds will go to Parents and Friends
Association

FIVE PENNY RACE



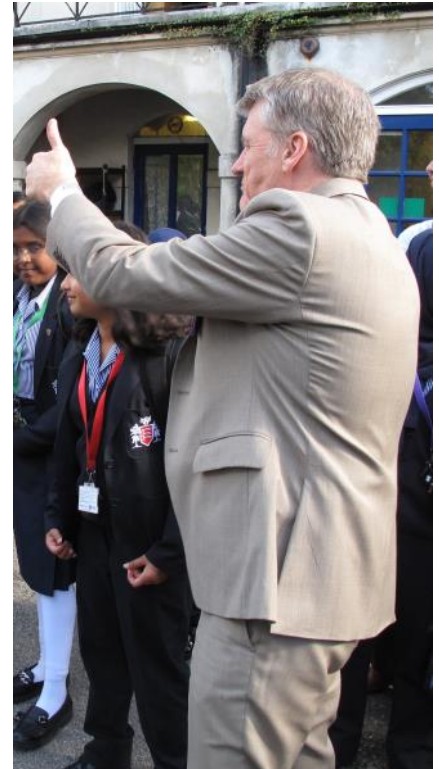
We are pleased to announce
that during our Five Penny
Race competition we have
collected

£1,482.05

for



Highams came first, with
Repton a very respectable
second



Lecture opportunity for Sixth Form students and parents at Forest School

Please use [this booking form](#) to book your places should you wish to attend.



**St
James's
Place**



**AKSHAT
KUMAR**

Finance

**Making your money
work for you**

Our speaker is an Old Forester, Akshat Kumar, who is a financial adviser at St. James' Place, the UK's largest asset management firm which looks after over £150 billion of client assets. Akshat helps individuals and business owners with tax planning, investment management, inheritance, children's futures, retirement planning, pension consolidation and other financial services.



The lecture will highlight the importance of budgeting for the future and enable pupils to start thinking about how to navigate themselves financially through university.

The lecture will also touch upon how parents and carers can start to plan their children's pensions and will look at the benefits of Junior ISAs.

Years 12-13 and their parents/carers are invited for refreshments from 3:30pm in the Upper Library before attending the lecture.

**Thursday 10th November
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Deaton Theatre**

*There are still a few places available
for after school activities, starting in
November.*

Dance

Wednesday intermediate cooking

Thursday Advanced cooking

Calligraphy

Dance club

*Please book on parentpay by Friday,
to secure your daughters place.*



COATS AROUND SCHOOL

A large number of students are wearing coats in corridors between lessons and some times wearing them in lessons themselves.

This is unnecessary. The buildings are well-heated and transition between them is too brief to cause serious discomfort.

Coats must be left in lockers. They may be collected to be worn outside at break and lunchtime and girls in Years 7-9 may take them to their lesson period 5 because they leave earlier than the rest of the school.

Exceptions are made for torrential rain and very severe cold weather.

Coats may be confiscated for all or part of the school day at the discretion of teachers.



WOODFORD CAREERS



The hunt for work experience for year 11 students continues. Half term next week provides an ideal opportunity to do some serious searching. If you are visiting friends and family, please encourage your child to get networking and ask about any opportunities through them.

Students in year 12 have been forwarded an opportunity to apply for a Nuffield Research Placement next summer. Applications are now open. Look it up – it could be you!

Nominations are now open for the Redbridge Education Awards. Nominations may be made by anyone, with categories including Teacher Of The Year, Champions For Change and a number of others.

If you would like to find out more, or wish to nominate someone, please use the link below:



REDBRIDGE EDUCATION AWARDS

**Celebrating individuals
who are shaping
extraordinary futures**

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/redbridge-education-awards/>

Year 7 & 8 Movie Night

Tuesday 22nd November

3.45pm – 6pm

Jungle Cruise (12A)

£7 via ParentPay by 17/11/22
(incl. ticket, popcorn & a drink)

Limited to 130 places

Extra Refreshments on sale

Location: Conference Room





OLD LOUGHTONIANS HOCKEY CLUB

Luxborough Lane, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 5AB

HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP



25 & 27 October - 9:30 registration– 1:00pm

Sharpen up your game and have fun over the Half Term Break by coming to our
Autumn Camp

Suitable for ages 7-16 and for standards from beginners to advanced we have a fun
time, fine tuning our skills and learning new ones

Groups are divided to suit the level that is best for you. Our Coaches are County,
Performance Centre and Talent Academy Level and include Junior Internationals with a
focus on enjoyment.

1 or 2 day options available

If you are a state school educated participant please use the discount code "AHTSC22"

Further Details and Booking at <https://bookwhen.com/olhc>

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 All years Dance Dance studio STA | All years football Sports Hall/Field STA | <u>Running Club – led by</u> <u>Rachael Yr13 student</u> Netball for ALL (courts) KK | Badminton Sports Hall VJA STA – Y9-13 Trampolining All Years – Athletics Sports Hall/Field KRI | Trampolining – Y7&8 KRU |
| <u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.45-4.45pm</u> | A.S.C self defence Sports hall All years – Games (dodgeball / kickball etc.) Courts KST | Boxing External Coach Year 10 & 11 (Sign up required) KRU A.S.C JIU JITSU Sports hall | Netball Training/Fixture (courts) INVITE ONLY STA VJA KRU KRI | A.S.C DANCE Dance Studio | Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11 |

WCHS - ECTT – Term 1

Cross Country

Amazing performance from our cross-county teams this week at Coopers Coborn School in Upminster.

It was a pleasure to see such fantastic runners representing our school at this National event.

Well done everyone!



Netball

Our U16 team competed this weekend against some of the best U16 netball teams in Essex. We won 2 of our games and played immensely well. Thank you for representing our school in this National Schools Netball Borough Tournament. You should all be very proud of yourselves; The PE department are very proud of you all!

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 (Jubilee Rooms) 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 | 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 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

Our lost property box (located near the Main School Office) is full.

If your child has misplaced something, please ask them to come and check the box.

Jewellery, watches, USB sticks and glasses can be picked up from the main reception—please check the photo below to see if you recognise any of the items. Thank you.



REMINDER

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



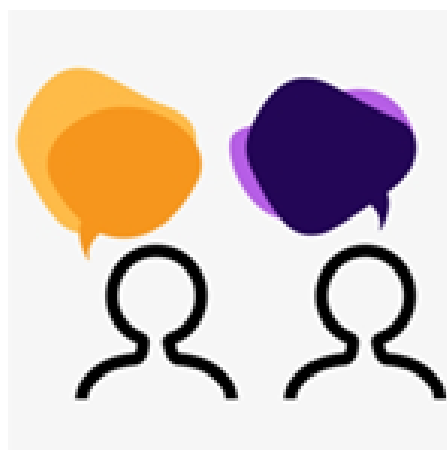


Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

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 17 October—Repton House Charity Week

18 October—6th Form Open Evening

19 October—Meet the Governors Event

20 October—Music Recital Evening

17 November—House Drama Event

Week of 21 November—Warner House Charity Week

22 November—Year 7 & 8 Movie Night

24 November—GCSE Prizegiving 2022-23

29 November—Year 13 Parents Evening

5 December—Year 11 Parents Evening

8 December—Christmas Concert

12 December—Year 13 (2020-2021) Certificate & Social Event

20 December—End of Term