



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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.15pm at the school**

The nomination form will appear in the school's newsletter on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Yours sincerely

Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

## Meet the PFA at WCHS

**Wednesday 12th October 2022 @ 6.15pm in the Conference Room**

Hi parents and friends of WCHS,

I hope everyone had a good summer and a warm welcome to all the new Year 7 parents/ carers whose children have just joined.

I am sure many of you heard me discuss the PFA at the Year 7 event in June and what we do and how. We have been working alongside the school for a long time to help raise vital funds that are more crucial than ever!

It gave me great joy to be able to present Jo Pomeroy, Headteacher, with a cheque for £15,000 last term. In order to continue to do this we need all parents to take a more active role in the PFA and support us to support the school. It is in your interest and will be beneficial to your child's time at WCHS. There are so many ways you can be part of the PFA, some are simple and some allow you to be more creative.



The PFA is a registered charity and we have an annual AGM planned for November 2022 where the main roles will be up for election again. Please do consider this and you will be able to ask more about the roles at the meeting.

We would like to invite all parents interested in knowing more to come and meet us on the **Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.15pm** and we will answer any questions you may have. The meeting will take place in the **Conference Room**.

The Headteacher will be joining us so you can see how we work in unison to provide the students with an opportunity to have some fun through our fundraising efforts.

Some of the events planned for this term include:

Movie Nights for Y7 & Y8

Christmas Disco Y7 & Y8

Cake sales

We also sell refreshments at House Drama and music events and we have a few more ideas planned. However, we do need your assistance with this. So please do join us for a cup of tea/coffee and get to know how you can help!

We look forward to meeting you.

**Caroline Roberts – PFA Secretary**

On behalf of the PFA

Link to website: <https://www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk/page/?title=Parents+%26amp%3B+Friends&pid=209>



WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

# Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening

**Tuesday 18th October 2022  
5.30-8.00pm**

On our website and Microsoft Teams

***Booking now open via our website:***

[www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](http://www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)

*Click on Sixth Form > Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening*







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

*Dance*

*Musical theatre*

*Street Food*

*LAMDA.*

*Pop workshop*

*Drama*

*Boxing*

*Calligraphy*

*Advanced cooking*

Are you in Year 7 or 8 and want some maths help?

**MATHS CLUB**

Or just extra maths?

One-to-One  
Support

Drop in

Year 10 Tutors

CC9  
Every  
Wednesday  
Lunchtime

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.

# Woodford Careers

## Deloitte.

Early Careers Programmes are now open with **Deloitte**. With a BrightStart Apprenticeship, you'll get paid to learn and progress, gain real-world experience and make an impact from day one. Visit [www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk) and search in the Apprenticeship opportunities.

## **babcock**™ Apprenticeship

Wouldn't you like to work for the world you want to live in? Babcock is an international defence company operating in our focus countries of the UK, Australasia, Canada, France and South Africa. We provide a range of products and solutions to enhance our customers' defence capabilities and critical assets. Given the importance and global impact of the work we do, it's vital our people are ready to thrive in an environment that's as demanding as it is rewarding. We have a range of apprenticeships across different locations and if you have an interest in business, engineering or science and technology we could have a role to suit you. As a Babcock apprentice you will gain hands-on experience in the workplace while also undertaking a part time course with a training provider.

As you progress through your career, further education opportunities may become available for those who choose to obtain higher level qualifications. Babcock has a supportive, inclusive and collaborative environment where you can grow both personally and professionally. We offer a competitive apprentice starting salary, between £10,000 to £30,000 per annum, dependant on the apprenticeship level, discipline, and location. You'll also enjoy a superb package of benefits. Visit [Allaboutschoollleavers](http://Allaboutschoollleavers) to discover the Babcock Apprenticeship Programme that's right for you. Help us to create a safe and secure world, together.





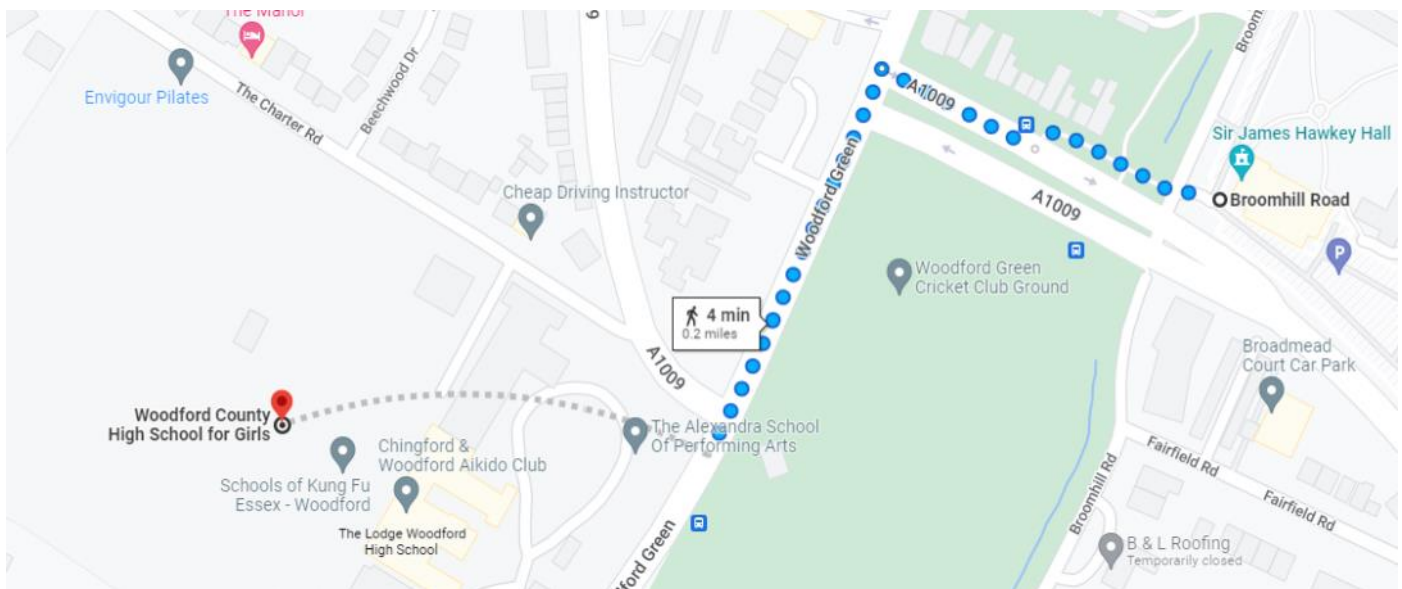


## **PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

We are still receiving complaints from members of the public and residents around the school regarding parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives, blocking the road, students walking in the middle of the road to get into their parents cars and verbally abusive parents (towards other motorists complaining).

If you do drive your child to school, please park at the Sir James Hawkey Hall car park (IG8 0BG), see map below. It is a short distance from the school with ample parking available. If you are unable to do so, then please show consideration to our neighbours. Students can easily be dropped a short distance from the school and walk the remainder of the journey.

Could we also request that when collecting or dropping off your child you do not sit with your car engine idling.





# Gardening

Gardening club is a fun way to directly impact the school grounds.

We grow vegetables, create bouquets for events and this year we're launching a Gardener's journal.

Gardening club is also available for yr. 10s DofE skill or volunteering section

Timings: Week A Thursday 1:30 PM  
Week B Wednesday 1:30 PM- in the square courtyard outside the RS block

Open to years 7 to 11

Contact: Amanah Amin on teams not email.

or come to N9 at Wednesday lunchtime from 1:40- 2:00





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/>

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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## HIT BOX



Inspiring and transforming lives through boxing



- England Boxing affiliated Boxing Leader
- Non-contact Boxing class
- Improve mental alertness and general health
- Strengthen upper and lower body
- Increase balance and Aerobic fitness
- Build confidence
- More importantly- have fun!

FREE FOR ALL!



Available to Year 10 and 11

Every Tuesday from 15:45 - 16:45. Gloves will be provided should you not own a pair of boxing gloves.



## P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE



	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<b><u>Before School</u></b> <b><u>7.50-8.20am</u></b>	All Years – Badminton Sports Hall KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA
<b><u>Lunchtime</u></b> <b><u>1.30-2pm</u></b>	All Years – Basketball Sports Hall VJA  All years Dance Dance studio STA	All years football Sports Hall/Field STA	<b><u>Running Club – led by Rachael Yr13 student</u></b>  Netball for ALL (courts) KK	Badminton Sports Hall VJA  STA – Y9-13 Trampolining  All Years – Athletics Sports Hall/Field KRI	Trampolining – Y7&8 KRU
<b><u>Afterschool</u></b> <b><u>3.45-4.45pm</u></b>	<b>A.S.C self defence Sports hall</b>  All years – Games (dodgeball / kickball etc.) Courts KST	Boxing External Coach Year 10 & 11 (Sign up required) KRU  <b>A.S.C JIU JITSU Sports hall</b>	Netball Training/Fixture (courts) INVITE ONLY STA VJA KRU KRI	<b>A.S.C DANCE Dance Studio</b>	Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11

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### Netball Success

A huge well done to our U16 netball team who did excellently in the Redbridge Netball Borough Rounds.

They have made it through to the next round after all their hard efforts and will be competing at Redbridge Sports Center this weekend.

Great job team Woodford!





## Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Autumn 2022

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



# Year 7 & 8 Movie Night

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**3.45pm – 6pm**

**Jungle Cruise (12A)**

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

**Extra Refreshments on sale**

**Limited to 80 places!!**

**Location: Conference Room**







## **WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Our current year 11 students are due to go out on Work Experience from 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July next summer, after their GCSE exams.

They are now busy networking and approaching businesses for opportunities. If any parents are in a position to be able to offer a placement to any of our students, we would love to hear from you.

Please email Mrs Marion Smith at

[smithm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:smithm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)

with some information about your business and what you would be able to offer.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to come in to talk about their work in response to my earlier request. If any others are willing to do the same, or create a video about their work, please let me know.

Thank you

Week of 10 October 2022:

	WEEK 3	Classic Favourites MONDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE TUESDAY	Great British Roast WEDNESDAY	CURRY 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
PASTA POTS		TOMATO & BASIL				
		QUORN BOLOGNAISE	CARBONARA	PESTO	ARRABIATA	CHEESE SAUCE
JACKET POTATO		TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT		APPLE & BERRY PIE Ice Cream	WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE Chocolate Sauce	JAM SPONGE Custard	PANCAKE BAR Fruit Toppings	BANANA BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING Custard
FRUIT		SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS		SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

## 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.





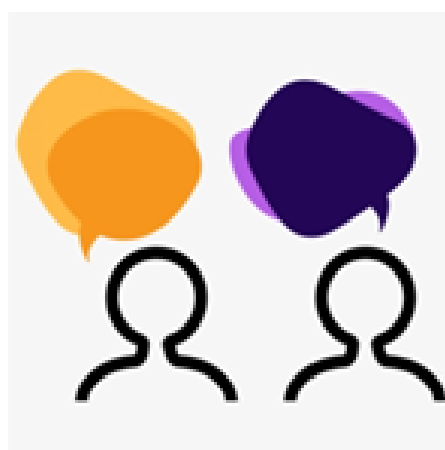


## Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

*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**

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

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

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



## **KEY DATES TO REMEMBER**

**12 October—Meet the PFA at 6.15pm in the Conference Room**

**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**