



### **Open Evening**

A **ticketed on-site Open Evening** is being held on Thursday 6 October to enable those Year 6 students who have taken the 11+ (17 September 2022) to tour the school.

Please note, only visitors with a ticket will be admitted. These were made available to the families who took the 11+ last month.

**This event is not available to the general public.**

### **School to finish 30 minutes early this Thursday 6 October 2022**

Our students will be released 30 minutes early that afternoon to enable preparations to be made for the event. KS3 students will leave at 2.50pm, others at 3.00pm. The 679 buses assigned to the school will run to correspond with those times. No homework club or after school activities will run that evening.

Thank you to those students who have volunteered to help out with the event.

**Friday 7 October is a non-pupil day (Staff Training).**



# FIVE PENNY RACE!!!

**WHAT:** Five Penny Race is an annual competition held between houses to see who can make the most lines of five pennies, and to raise as much money as possible for charity!

**WHY:** We're raising money for Leukaemia Research

**WHEN:** Lunchtime (1.30 - 2pm),  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**WHERE:** Back Terrace

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Between now and the 11<sup>th</sup> October, Your House needs you to collect as many 5ps as possible, which you can either give to your Head of House, a member of Your House Committee, or bring them along on the day itself!!

We also need your support on the day to lay as many 5ps as possible during the allowed time, and so please come along at lunchtime and join in – everyone welcome!!!

## 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*

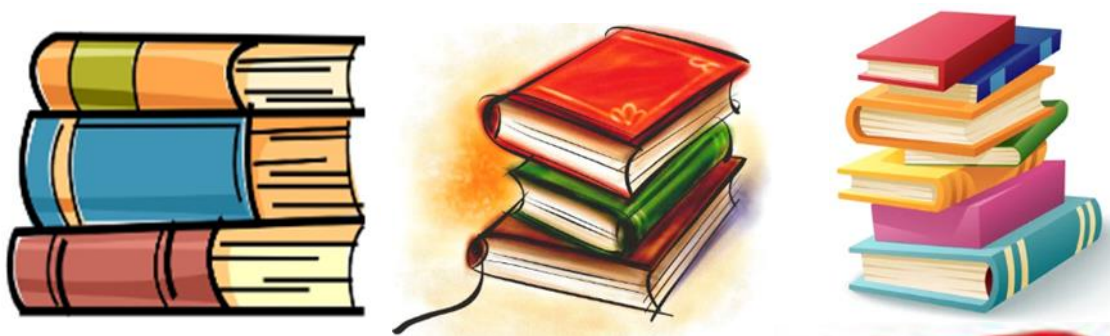


# **Seriously Overdue Library Books - Return ASAP**

**Books borrowed before holidays they are  
now overdue & must be returned.**

**Overdue notices will be in Form registers  
this week identifying all overdue books.**

**Library etiquette & ethics is very  
important!!!**



**OVERDUE**



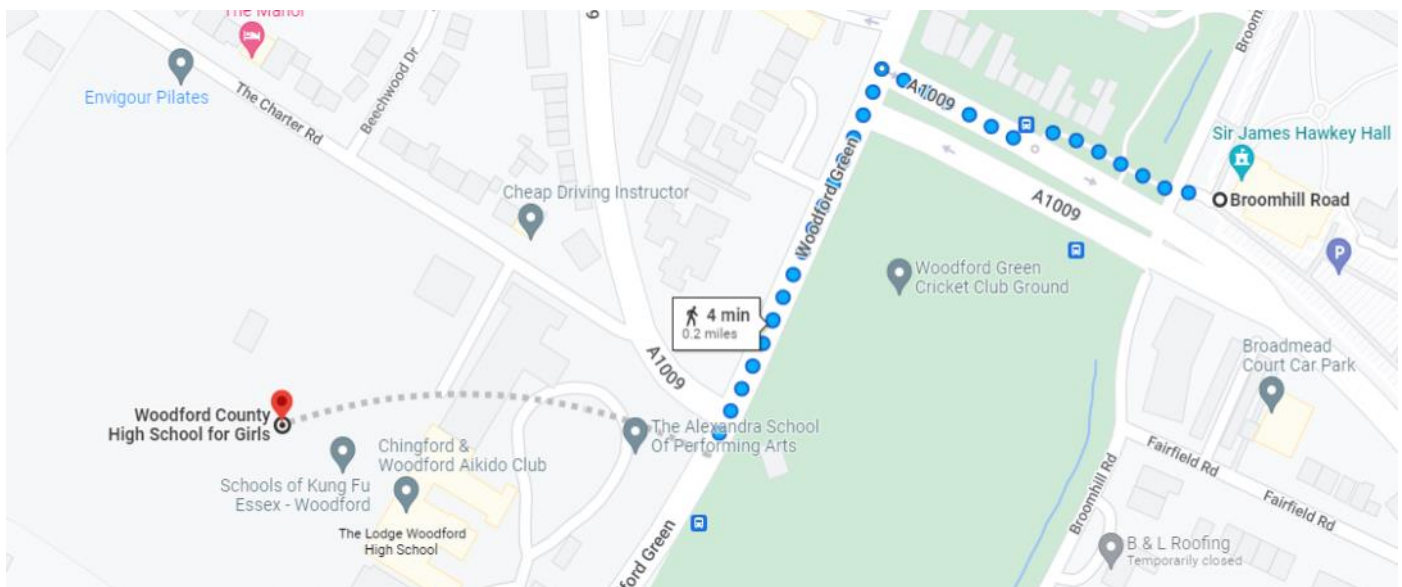
## **PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

We have already had numerous complaints from residents around the school regarding parking on double yellow lines, parking across their drives and blocking the road.

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.

Thank you.







# 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



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.

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



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</u></b> <b><u>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</b> <b>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</b> <b>Sports hall</b>	Netball Training/Fixture (courts) INVITE ONLY STA VJA KRU KRI	<b>A.S.C DANCE</b> <b>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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## 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 13:40-2:15	<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			

**The next recital evening is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, from 6-8pm. Students of all ages are welcome to audition for a slot to perform as a soloist or as a small group.**

**Auditions are taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October.**

**Audition sign-up sheets are on display in the Music department.**

**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.





## **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





## 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.



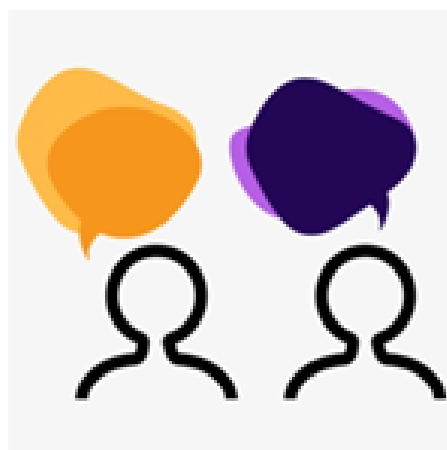


## Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

*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**

**6 October—School Finishes 30 minutes early**

**6 October—Year 6 Open Evening**

**7 October—Inset Day**

**11 October—5 Penny Race**

**18 October—6th Form Open Evening**

**20 October—Music Recital Evening**