Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

Issue No. 411

13th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Statement of Condolence on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II

The staff, governors, pupils and families of Woodford County High School are profoundly saddened at the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Everyone in our school community gives thanks for Her Late Majesty's service and dedication.

We offer our thoughts and condolences to the King and the Royal Family.

Schools will shut on Monday 19 September 2022 for the State Funeral of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Everyone in the WCHS community will have been saddened to learn of the death on Thursday afternoon of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The loss is great, for the country and for her family. A Statement of Condolence on behalf of us all (as above) is displayed on our website. It is of course only three months since we took the chance here in school to celebrate the seven decades of the Queen's reign and the extraordinary service, dignity and compassion exercised throughout. Students entered into the spirit of our Platinum Jubilee event with their usual warmth and I'm sure we are all glad they will carry these memories forward.

Schools, as public bodies, are to follow an agreed national protocol (known as *Operation London Bridge*) on the death of Her Late Majesty. The protocol requires us to take some actions and potentially to avoid others. It gives the following outline of the 10-day programme of public mourning.

- D Day is classified as Day of Death
- D+1 is Proclamation Day & the accession to the throne of the new King
- D+3 The King starts a tour of UK receiving motions of condolence
- Between days +4 and +9 there is a formal *lying in state*
- On day +10 the State Funeral will be held. It is has been confirmed that the State Funeral will take place on Monday 19 September 2022. The day has been designated a Bank Holiday and schools – including WCHS – will be shut for the day.
- A 2 minute national silence will be held at 11am on the day of the funeral. Books of condolence close at the end of the day following this day of mourning.

Advice is that we continue to implement the curriculum as planned. We will take opportunities for direct teaching in classes or assemblies about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and her reign and about the significant moment in history which together we are currently experiencing. Supporting young people to talk about loss and acknowledging a sense of bereavement is actively encouraged at home as in school.

Actions planned to date for WCHS:

- On Friday 9 September we marked a 2 minutes' silence at noon.
- Our website enables students, staff and parents to find information and links to books of condolence they may choose to sign
- Everyone in the School community may access the Redbridge Council website for updates about the Floral Tribute Site on the South Lawn of Valentines Park and about vigils being held across the borough throughout this week at 6pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. https://www.redbridge.go.uk/hm-queen-elizabeth/redbridge-vigil
- Assemblies yesterday and today (12 & 13 September), taken by Mr Colin Jenkins (a history and politics specialist) will focus on the development of the monarchy, its place in the constitution and the transition from the old sovereign to the new. They will mark a moment as historic as it is sad.
- The school will be shut on Monday 19 September for the State Funeral of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

As together we navigate ten days of national mourning, we seek to be responsive to the needs and wishes of those we serve. It is important everyone feels that as a community we have marked the moment, and the loss, appropriately.

Best wishes

Ms Jo Pomeroy

11+ EXAMS

We are holding 11+ exams this Saturday, 17 September 2022.

Please note, normal school day applies on Friday, 16 September 2022.

Advance notice: School to finish 30 minutes early on Thursday 6 October 2022

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.

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 or after school activities will run that evening. Where WCHS students are helping out with the event, parents will be informed.

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

REMINDER

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

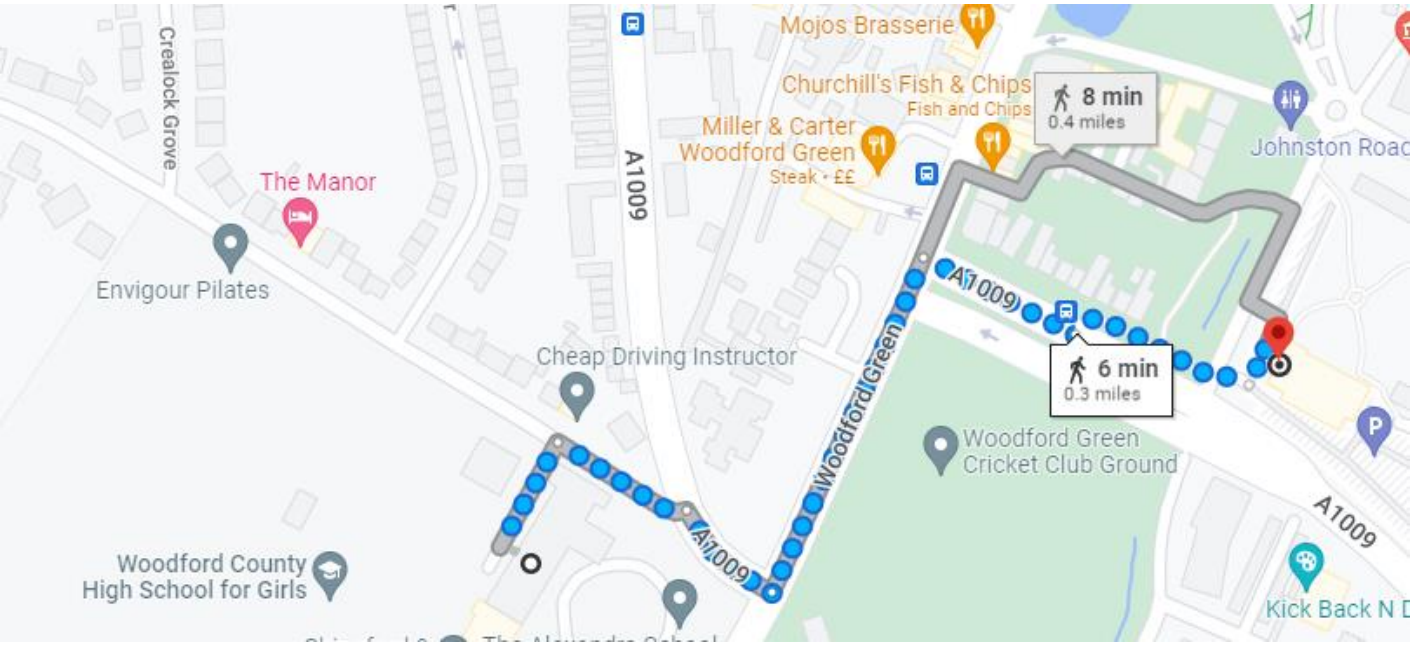
PARKING / STOPPING AROUND THE SCHOOL

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.



Lunch menu for this week and next

WEEK 2	Classic Favourites MONDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE TUESDAY	Great British Roast WEDNESDAY	CURRY THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
HALAL & NON-HALAL MAIN MEAL	TRADITIONAL SAUSAGE & MASH Onion Gravy	MEXICAN BURRITO BAR Various Fillings	ROAST TURKEY Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	CARIBBEAN CHICKEN CURRY 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread	BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGAN SAUSAGE & MASH Onion Gravy	REFRIED BEAN BURRITO BAR Various Toppings	QUORN ROAST Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	VEGETABLE NOODLES & SOYA BEAN STIR FRY	PIZZA WRAP Chips
VEGETABLE	CARROTS PEAS	SWEETCORN	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GINGER FRIED GREENS	BEANS GARDEN SALAD PEAS
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL				
	QUORN BOLOGNAISE	CARBONARA	PESTO	ARABBIATA	CHEESE SAUCE
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	JAM SPONGE Custard	PEAR & GINGER CRUMBLE Cinnamon Custard	CHOCOLATE SPONGE Chocolate Sauce	APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE Custard	SYRUP SPONGE Custard
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

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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	ROAST PORK 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	ARRIBIATA	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
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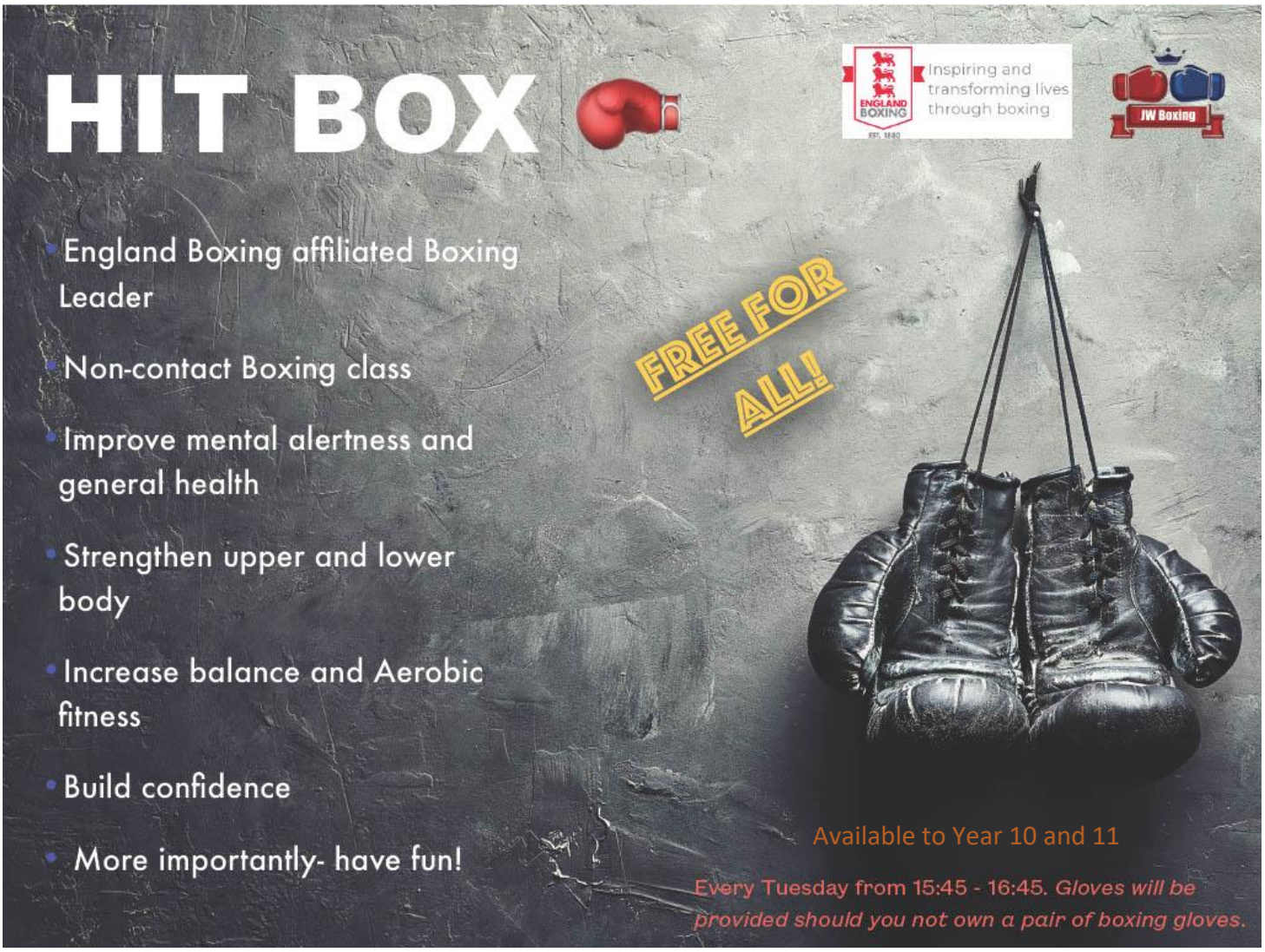
YEAR 8 HPV VACCINE

Year 8 **HPV vaccination** is taking place at school on 20th September.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against the human papilloma vivirus which increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

Read more about the [The universal HPV immunisation programme (publishing.service.gov.uk)]



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Clubs will be starting from next week (12th September).

Year7 netball trials on Wednesday next week which is the 14th September

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Before School 7.50-8.20am	All Years – Badminton Sports Hall KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	All Years – Basketball Sports Hall VJA All years Dance Dance studio STA	All years football Sports Hall/Field STA		Badminton Sports Hall VJA All years Fitness Dance Studio/Field STA All Years – Athletics Sports Hall/Field KRI	
Afterschool 3.45-4.45pm	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 Sporthall	Netball Training/Fixture (courts) STA VJA KRU KRI	Trampolining – All Years KRU A.S.C DANCE DANCE STUDIO	

WCHS - ECTT – Term 1

Term 1 sports – Rugby, Netball, Football, Volleyball, Trampolining, Badminton, Basketball, Dance, Fitness, GCSE Theory, Cross Country

STA: 4	VJA: 4	KRU: 3	KRI:2	KST:2	SD:

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 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.

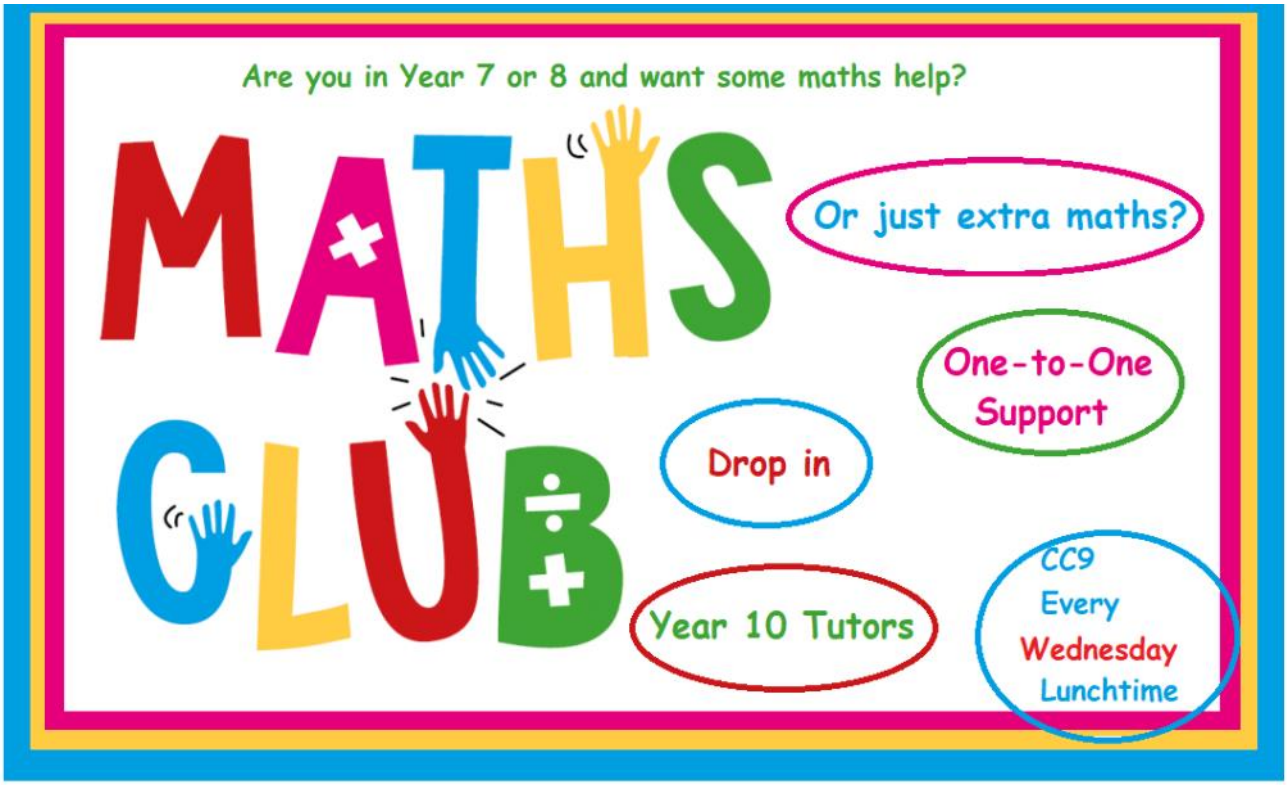
Junior band is an excellent group for younger musicians, from those just beginning on an instrument up to grade 3 in standard, to engage in an ensemble playing a variety of musical arrangements. All types of instruments are welcome, regardless of previous experience. Again, this is an excellent opportunity 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.



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.

WOODFORD CAREERS

One of our aims within the delivery of our school Careers Education programme is to ensure that students have as many encounters with the world of work as we can provide. This can include presentations from visiting speakers about their occupations, talking about the skills and qualifications they are required to have in their roles and how they got to their position.

We are always looking to update our data base of willing contributors. If you would be willing to come in to school to talk to students over a range of year groups, or could create a short video presentation that we could use, we would love to hear from you.

Please email Marion Smith, Careers Coordinator at smithm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk with your contact details and information about the sector in which you are employed.

Thank you.

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022

Students can register now for our autumn term career opportunities, which are available in 19 cutting-edge industries. Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals - doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience to ages 12-18.

All programmes take place on Sundays at UCL; students can also attend live online if they prefer.

View and Register: AGES 15-18

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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: 07741 331 009

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

19 September—Bank Holiday—State Funeral of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

20 September—Year 8 HPV vaccine 1st Dose
22 September—Year 10 Introduction to KS4 (5-6pm)
6 October—Year 6 Open Evening
7 October—Inset Day
13 October—5 Penny Race
18 October—6th Form Open Evening
20 October—Music Recital Evening