



**Woodford County**  
High School for Girls

**Bulletin**

Issue No. 431

28th February 2023



## REMINDER

**NEU Industrial Action this Thursday (2 March 2023)**

**School is CLOSED to Pupils**

FRIDAY 3RD OF MARCH

# World Book Day Bazaar

At Lunchtime, In the Conference Room

Treat your shelf with book sales and swaps, bookmarks and posters! You can also take polaroids in your outfits AND try some face-paint.

Enter our Fancy Dress Competition for 50p > winner gets a special prize!



**BRING MONEY > ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HAVEN HOUSE**

WORLD BOOK DAY

03/03/2023

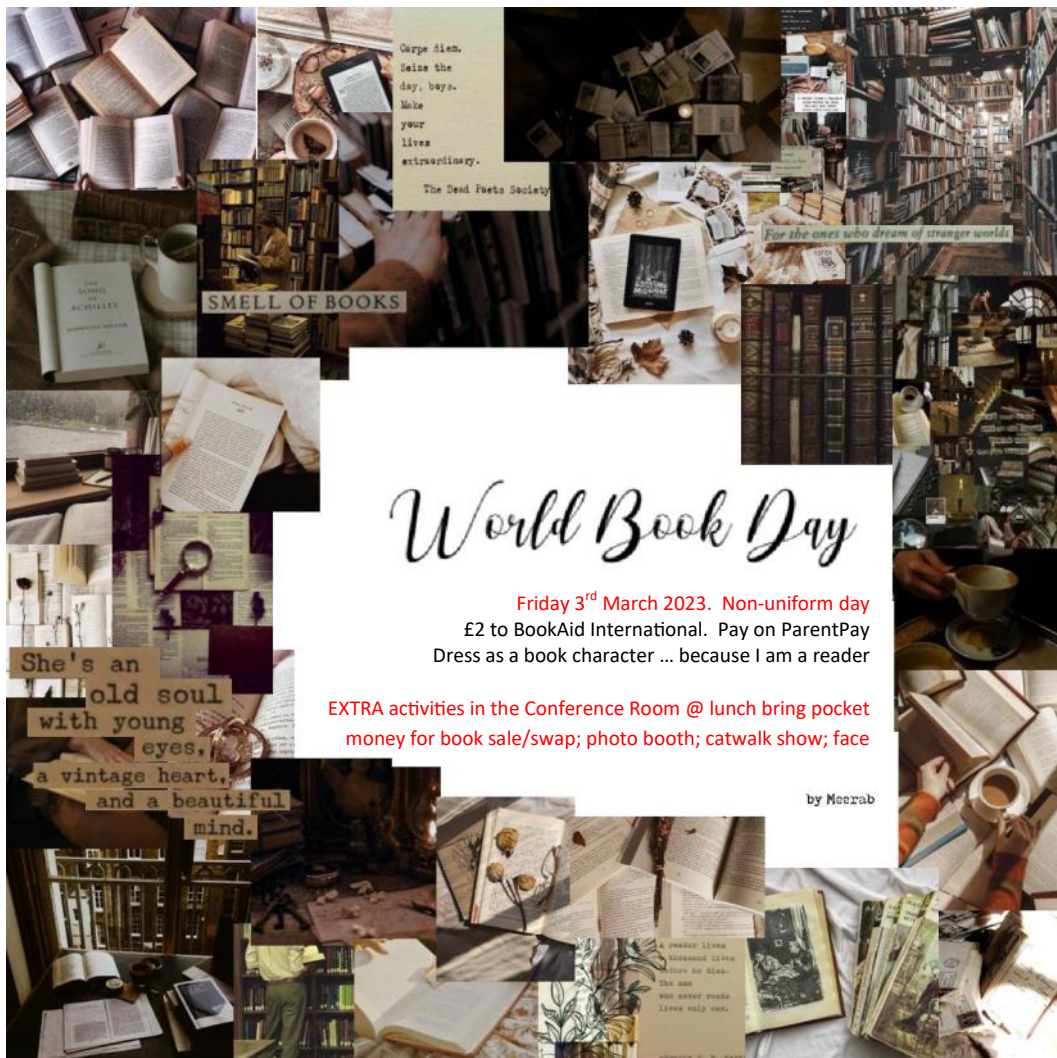


# BOOK SWAP!

In the Conference Room At Lunch

Give a Book, Take a Book!

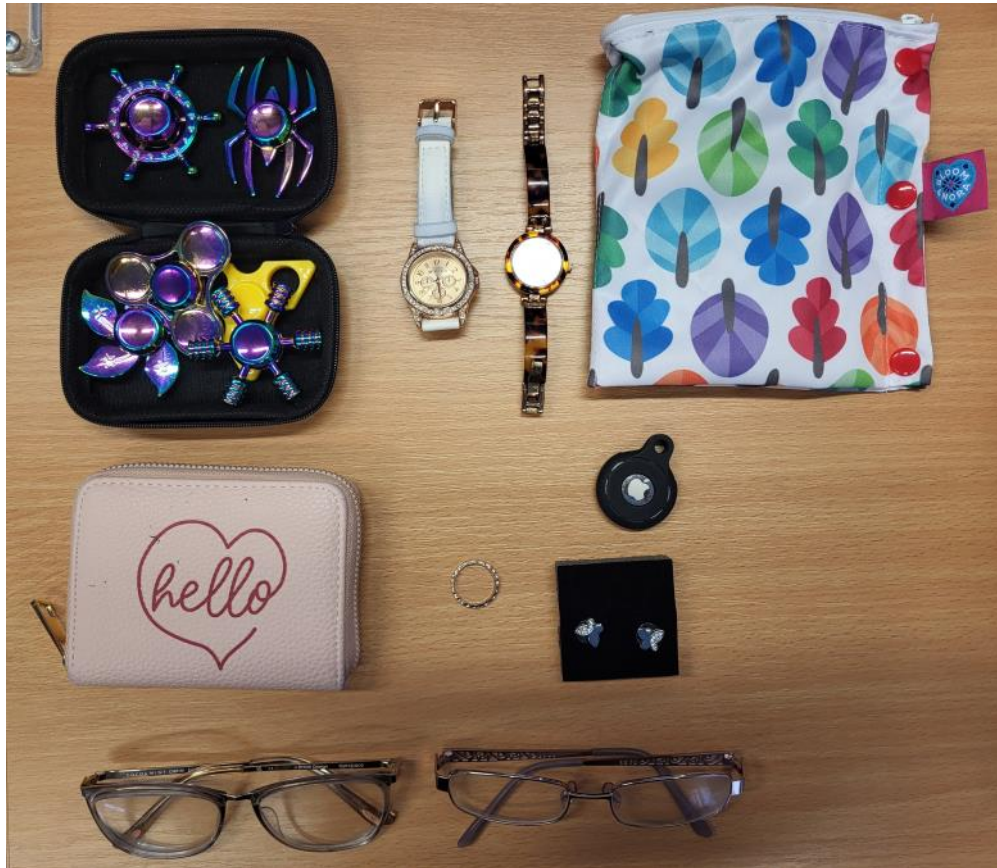
Don't Have A book then bring 1 - 2 pounds to buy one!!





# Lost Property

Please have a look at the photos below and if you recognise anything, please ask your child to come and collect it from Reception for items on the first photo or the lost property box by Staffroom 1 for items on the second photo.. Thank you



**THEY CAN'T SAVE  
YOUR CHILD'S LIFE  
IF THEY'VE BEEN  
LEFT AT HOME**

**IF YOUR DAUGHTER HAS AN  
ALLERGY THAT REQUIRES USE OF  
AN EPIPEN, PLEASE ENSURE THEY  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL  
EVERYDAY**



## Year 8 and Year 9 Vaccines

Year 9's will be receiving their DTP/ Meningitis Vaccines on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Year 8 will be receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose HPV Vaccine on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If year any year 8 students did not receive the first dose they can have it on that day. Consent forms and information have been sent to all parent's/ carer's.

**Consent forms MUST be completed even if parent's are NOT consenting.**

Any questions or concerns please contact Miss Bird in the Medical Room or Vaccination UK



### REMINDER

Please do not forget to update the school on any new or existing medical conditions, or regular prescribed medication that your child takes at home or at school.

If you have any questions or need to update any information we currently hold, please email Mrs Kaye or Miss Bird at [medical@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:medical@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)

# 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 <u>Sports Hall</u> KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA <u>Sports hall</u>
<b><u>Lunchtime</u></b> <b><u>1.30-2pm</u></b>	Badminton <u>Sports Hall</u> VJA  Football for 10 & 11 only STA & TL <u>courts</u>  Cheerleading STA & KRU <u>studio</u>	Yr7 & 8 Netball Team Training VJA <u>sports hall</u>	Running Club – led by Rachael Yr13 student <u>field</u>	All Years – Athletics Sports Hall KRI <u>Sports hall</u>  Football for y7, 8 & 9, STA & TL <u>courts</u>  Alternative sporting games – All years KRU <u>Sports hall</u>	Y9 & 10 & 11 Netball team training KRU & KRI & STA <u>Sports hall</u>
<b><u>Afterschool</u></b> <b><u>3.30-4.20pm</u></b>	All years – Games (dodgeball / kick- ball etc.) <u>Sports hall</u> KST		<b><u>Fixtures</u></b>  Gymnastics – All Years <u>Sports Hall</u> KRU	Yr11 Tuition STA	Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11  <b><u>Staff Badminton</u></b> <b><u>4.10pm</u></b>





# Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Spring 2023

	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> (TBC) 13:40-14:15	<b>Jazz Band</b> KHN (SF1) 13:40-14:15  <b>String orchestra</b> IBO (SF2) 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</b> <b>GCSE/A-level support</b> IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15  <b>Guitar Ensemble</b> (SG7) 13:30-14:15	<b>Orchestra</b> IBO (SF1) 13:40-14:15
<b>After school</b>		<b>Chamber groups</b> IBO (SF1/2) 15:45-16:30			

## **RAH UPDATE**

This is a final call for any Junior or senior choir members who have not yet signed up for the Royal Albert hall in March. There are very limited places remaining. We will be operating a waiting list once all places have been filled. Please contact [MercerM@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:MercerM@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) with any enquiries.

As a reminder, students who are performing must speak to/ email a member of staff if they are going to miss a rehearsal. Students who do not attend without a valid reason/ explanation may lose their space to someone on the waiting list.

Students who are performing should practice the music at home where possible. To help with this, lyric videos can be found at: <https://t.ly/jZb4>

Tickets for friends and family can now be purchased online and over the phone from the Royal Albert hall and Kenneth More theatre box offices.

The school does not sell tickets for this event, all enquiries should be sent to the Kenneth More theatre or the Royal Albert hall directly.



## **SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL UPDATE**

From next week, senior choir rehearsals will be moving from a Thursday Lunchtime to a Monday Lunchtime.

For Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March only, senior choir will share a rehearsal with junior choir from 1:30- 2:15 in room SF1.

From the 13<sup>th</sup> March onwards: Senior choir will be 1:45-2:30 in the main hall with Mrs Thompson.



# WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Woodford Symphony Orchestra is presenting their Spring Concert of Nordic Drama at Woodford County High School on Saturday 18th March 2023 at 7:30pm.

Woodford Symphony Orchestra draws its members from North and East London, SW Essex and SE Herts. Formed in 1963, WSO has presented public concerts on a regular basis ever since. Our conductor and musical director is Oliver Till. There are three major concerts a year. In addition, the WSO arranges ensemble concerts and string workshops. WSO is a friendly local amateur orchestra, rehearsing on Thursday evenings during term time. We are interested in hearing from Brass and String players who may wish to join. Woodwind and Percussion players are also welcome to join our list for deputising. Email [members@wsorchestra.org.uk](mailto:members@wsorchestra.org.uk)

Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm at Roding Valley High School.

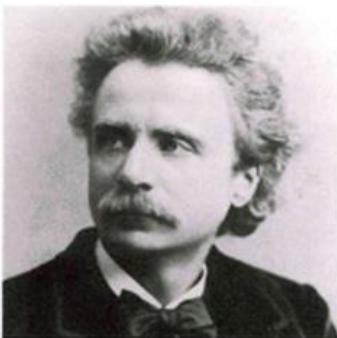
For more information check their website [wsorchestra.org.uk](http://wsorchestra.org.uk) or phone 0208 924 9370.



Oliver Till



Stephanie Tang



Edvard Grieg



Franz Berwald

## WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor OLIVER TILL  
Leader ROSEMARY FITCHETT  
Soloist STEPHANIE TANG

## SPRING CONCERT 2023 NORDIC DRAMA

EDVARD GRIEG

Piano Concerto, Op. 16  
Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 Op. 46

JEAN SIBELIUS

Valse Triste, Op. 44

FRANZ BERWALD

Symphony No. 3 – 'Singulière' Movt. 1

Woodford County High School for Girls  
High Road, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 9LA

**Saturday 18th March 2023 7:30pm**

Tickets In advance or on the door:  
£10, Concessions: £8, Under 16s Free

[wsorchestra.org.uk](http://wsorchestra.org.uk) 020 8924 9370



Charity No.  
803669

# Woodford County Eco Info

As a school community we all have the responsibility to create a sustainable future for our beautiful planet.

**Carry a reusable water bottle  
with you instead of  
buying plastic bottles**

## Eco Tip 1



- ☹️ Plastic waste, including bottles, kills an estimated 1.1 million marine animals per year
- ☹️ The UK generates around 5 million tonnes of plastic each year. That includes 15 million “single use” plastic bottles per day
- ☹️ Plastic bottles take up to 450 years to decompose in landfill
- 😊 Reusable bottles are better for your health because they're made from materials such as stainless steel, glass or higher quality BPA-free plastics
- 😊 A reusable water bottle takes less oil to produce, replaces all the plastics that you would have used and thereby reduces both your carbon footprint and helps reduce the plastic burden on landfills, oceans, streams and other places that plastic waste ends up.

**The UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF), in collaboration with Apple, has announced its exciting 'Girls into Electronics' programme for 2023. This initiative will provide opportunities for hundreds of girls between ages 15-18 to be inspired by Electronics. A series of one-day events will be delivered at 16 of the UK's leading universities.**

The Electronics sector is extremely important to the UK economy. The global semiconductor industry is the fourth largest industry in the world, and the global compound semiconductor market has been forecast to reach \$136 billion by 2024, of which the UK have an 8% share. However, the demand for employable graduates is currently outstripping supply. UCAS figures show that only 3,245 students enrolled on degrees in Electronic and Electrical Engineering in the UK 2021, of which as few as 335 were women.

The UKESF and Apple have launched the initiative to support 400 girls to gain insight into Electronics, in an effort to address the skills shortage and to help improve gender imbalance in the sector.

**The events will take place in June and July 2023. To be informed when registration is open, [please register your interest here](#). We welcome teachers to attend alongside their students.**

Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdB9Ydploze7Ooize1Dw9LeNHHV\\_vbwYbUJBXafJK1K05-n3w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdB9Ydploze7Ooize1Dw9LeNHHV_vbwYbUJBXafJK1K05-n3w/viewform)

Making advances in Electronics and semiconductors is critical to providing technological solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing society, including climate change, improving healthcare and better connectivity and communications. Initiatives like Girls into Electronics are important to encourage more students from diverse backgrounds to consider careers in this vital profession.

Speaking about Girls into Electronics, Stew Edmondson, CEO, UKESF said: "Many students touch upon Electronics in their Physics and Computer Science lessons at school, but the breadth, complexity and importance of the field is often not fully understood. This initiative will ensure that more young people get to experience this fascinating and creative subject, and learn about the worthwhile opportunities available in Electronics Engineering.

"We believe education can be a powerful force for equity, and help provide young women with the tools and opportunity to pursue a rewarding career in hardware engineering," said Mari-Anne Chiromo, Apple Inclusion and Diversity Partnerships Lead EMEA. "We're thrilled to be working with the UKESF on this important initiative, to encourage more women from all backgrounds to study electronic engineering and improve the current gender imbalance in the field."

Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Minister (Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) said, "A strong Electronics and 'deep tech' industry is essential to the health of the UK economy but we know that the UK has a skills shortage in this critical sector. That's why it's great to see the work that the UKESF is doing encouraging more young people to pursue careers as Electronics Engineers. In particular, their Girls into Electronics initiative has the potential to make a real difference and it is something that we strongly support."

Some of the UK's top universities are participating in the initiative:

- Aston University
- University of Bath
- University of Bristol
- Heriot-Watt University
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- Queen's University Belfast
- Newcastle University
- University of Liverpool
- University of Sheffield
- Royal Holloway University of London
- Lancaster University
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Nottingham
- University of Southampton

If you have any questions about Girls into Electronics 2023, please let us know.

Best wishes,

The UKESF Team

**UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF)**



## National Careers Week 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March



As part of National Careers Week, students in years 10-12 will have the opportunity to talk to a range of Training and Apprenticeships, Further and Higher Education providers and several employers next week at our Careers Fair (internal, for students only). They can ask questions about qualifications required, course content and progression routes and think about the best options for them as they make decisions about post 16 and 18 education.

Here are just a selection of useful websites to look at during this week:

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-advice-help/national-careers-week/>

<https://icould.com/>

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.theengineer.co.uk/content/the-student-engineer/careers-in-engineering-a-beginner-s-guide/>

<https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/>

<https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/>



# WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

## Year 12

### PwC Y12 – Virtual Insight Programme

**Monday 24 July – Wednesday 26 July 2023**

The PwC Virtual Insight Programme is an opportunity to gain valuable skills and explore your career interests and options with PwC in accounting, business and technology. You may be interested in doing an apprenticeship, going to university, or a combination of both. Their Virtual Insight Programme will help you answer these questions by giving you an insight into their different business areas, and you'll also hear from their people who joined through a range of student pathways and programmes.

Apply: <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/pwc-virtual-insight-programme-pwc/>

**Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> March**

## Deloitte Year 12

### Aspire Work Experience Programme

**Virtual:** 26th-28th June 2023

**Birmingham:** 3rd-5th July 2023

Apply: <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/aspire-programme-deloitte/>

**Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March**

## Year 12

### University of Surrey Summer School Programmes

**June – July**

The summer schools are a chance for Year 12 students to experience University life:

**Virtual Summer School:** <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/university-of-surrey-year-12-summer-school-programme/>

**Residential Summer School (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences):** <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/university-of-surrey-year-12-residential-summer-school-faculty-of-arts-social-sciences/>

**Residential Summer School (Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences):** <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/77757/>

**Residential Summer School (Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences):** <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/university-of-surrey-year-12-residential-summer-school-faculty-of-health-medical-sciences/>

**Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

## Year 12

### University of Bath

**July – August**

The summer school is a chance for Year 12 students to experience University life:

### **Discover Bath Residential Summer School**

Apply: <https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/year-12-discover-bath-programme/>

**Deadline 17<sup>th</sup> April**

# Redbridge Children's Book Award 2023

## Short Story Competition



Write a short story, using the phrase:

**Lightning slashed the sky, revealing a wooden doorway hidden behind a pile of rubble**  
(maximum length of story 1500 words)

The competition has two age categories **Junior (Years 6 and 7)** and **Teen (Years 8 upwards)**

**Closing Date: Friday 17 March 2023**

Stories should be in **WORD** and handed in to your school librarian or teacher who will select the **best five** to submit to the competition.

Please include your name, age, year group, address and school.



[Visionrcl.org.uk/sjs](http://Visionrcl.org.uk/sjs)



# Redbridge Children's Book Award 2023

## Poetry Competition



Write a poem (maximum 40 lines) on the following theme:

**I Wish I Could...**

The competition has two age categories **Junior (Years 6 and 7)** and **Teen (Years 8 upwards)**

**Closing Date: Friday 17 March 2023**

Poems should be in **WORD** and handed in to your school librarian or teacher who will select the **best five** to submit to the competition.

Please include your name, age, year group, address and school.



[Visionrcl.org.uk/sls](http://Visionrcl.org.uk/sls)



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<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

28 February—International Evening  
 3 March—World Book Day (Non-Uniform Day)  
 6 March—Year 9 DTP / Meningitis Vaccine  
 Week of 13 March—Newton House Charity Week  
 16 March—Year 8 Parents' Evening  
 21 March—HPV 2nd Dose—Year 8  
 23 March—Spring Concert  
 27 April—Year 10 Parent's Evening  
 28 April—Non-Uniform Day (Haven House)  
 11 May—Year 5 Virtual Open Evening  
 27 Jun—Year 11 Prom  
 5 July—Summer Showcase  
 14 July—Summer Production



### REMINDER

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

