Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

Issue No. 435

28th March 2023

Two important dates to note for September / October 2023

1. Friday 15 September 2023

WCHS Remote Schooling to resume for one day to accommodate 11+

This year, for a number of practical reasons, the 11+ test (2024 entry) for the two Redbridge Grammar schools will be held on a week day, rather than a Saturday. Many grammar schools up and down the country have been testing on a week day for a number of years now. On Friday 15 September, therefore, Woodford students will be asked to study at home with live teaching delivered via WCHS Remote Schooling for the day. (Ilford County Students will also study from home on that day.) Broadly speaking teachers will be teaching their classes (on-line) for the day and support colleagues will be administrating the 11+. In excess of 1200 candidates sit the 11+ each year at WCHS (two sittings). We will thus be hosting the equivalent of the entire school population on site, hence the need for our own students (other than any asked to come in to help with the 11+) to study from home. It is appreciated that students working from home presents some challenges for parents. Hence this early notification. My thanks in advance for your support with this matter.

2. October Non-pupil Day pushed back one week

Our October Open Evening (for prospective students and their parents) is booked for Wednesday 11 October 2023. This has necessitated a change to the scheduling of our October Non-Pupil Day (a training day in school) which will now occur on Thursday 12 October 2023. This amendment has already been made on the website (under Term Dates) and the date and arrangements will notified to you again nearer the time. Here we simply draw your attention to a change to the INSET Day date previously released on our website.

A REMINDER

We break up for the Easter holidays this Friday, 31st March 2023 returning on Monday 17th April 2023.

School ends at **2pm.**

There will be no after-school clubs.

Coronation May 2023: Woodford to join in the national celebrations

At Woodford we seek to contribute to and to mark the history being made around us and to furnish all our students with a memory of notable events. Hence we celebrated (among other things) the London Olympics in 2012, the Tour de France Peloton whizzing past our gates in 2014, our own school centenary in 2019 and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year. On 6 May 2023 (some three school weeks from now) King Charles III will be crowned in Westminster Abbey – and everyone, we hope, will enjoy the associated Bank Holiday Weekend.

We will mark the occasion in school on Friday 5 May 2023 with a lunch time street party, an associated activity we think our students will enjoy (shhh! under wraps!) and a couple of prize-worthy challenges. To allow our highly creative students to exercise their imaginations to the full, I draw your attention and theirs in advance to our two coronation competitions. (Please see the flyers which follow for further detail.)

- A dress-up challenge: in place of uniform students are asked to dress as royalty for the day: **"Kings and Queens – historical, fictional or fantastical".**
- A baking challenge: **Coronation Cupcakes or Cookies**

We hope we'll have a colourful and enjoyable day and that those all-important memories will be made. There are no additional costs for students associated with the day but it will be in their interest to have just a little bit of cash at hand at lunchtime. (We'll remind them nearer the time.)

WOODFORD CELEBRATES

CORONATION BAKING COMPETITION!

Woodford students are invited to put their creativity and baking skills together to design and make a batch of cupcakes or cookies in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9	Winning cupcakes and winning cookies per year group
Key Stage 4	Winning cupcakes and winning cookies per KS
KS5	Winning cupcakes and winning cookies per KS

Competition rules

1. The competition is for cupcakes or cookies only.
2. The cupcakes or cookies must be baked and decorated at home.
3. All cupcakes and cookies must be nut free.
4. Judging will be based on the appearance of the cupcakes or cookies (but make them delicious so you can share with family and friends after the competition!)
5. One batch (6 – 12) of cupcakes or cookies per entrant. (no paired or group entries)
6. Entry forms to be submitted to Pupil Services by Wednesday 3rd May 2023

On the day

- Cupcakes or cookies should be taken to the dining room between **8:00am and 8:20am on Friday 5th May 2023.**
- Your cupcakes or cookies must be clearly labelled with your name and form group or your entry will not be judged.
- You will receive a numbered raffle ticket that you need to reclaim your cupcakes or cookies later.
- At break time you will need to take your raffle ticket to the dining room to collect your cupcakes or cookies.

  (Under no circumstances are knives to be brought into school)

Good luck and Happy Baking!

Mrs Grant, Mrs Rahim & Mrs Rhodes

Friday 5th May 2023

NON UNIFORM DAY

Wednesday 29th March

Help raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee* earthquake appeal

£2 – Pay on parent pay – NOW OPEN

Disasters Emergency Committee* work with 15 leading aid charities to co-ordinate donations and aid efforts. They are humanitarian aid experts and they specialise in disaster response. They work with other Charites such as Oxfam, Save the Children, Tear fund and Islamic relief – to name a few. All 15 can be seen on the banner at the bottom.

Charity Stalls

Wednesday 29th March

Main Hall - Lunch Time

There will be a bake sales, henna stall as well as a charity guess the length of the paper chain game and a stall selling vanity mirrors. There is no entry fee but there will be donation points. The bake sale will have a **take away** option for members of the school fasting in Ramadan or Lent.

DEC MEMBER CHARITIES

The Biology department had 38 yr 12 and 13 biology students complete Paper 1 and Paper 2 of **the British Biology Olympiad 2023** on the 9/3/23 and 10/3/23 (45 minutes at lunchtime in Lab 1 and CC11). The A level biology students received their results this week and we can confirm that the school received 1 Silver medals, 2 Bronze medals, 6 Highly Commended Medals, 3 Commended Medals and 26 Participation Medals. The results are as below. Congratulations to all the A level biology students that took part.

Regards Mr Howes,

Head of Biology

INFORMATION ON THE BRITISH BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2023

- The British Biology Olympiad 2023 comprises two 45-minute papers. They may be sat on separate occasions or back-to-back.
- The first paper contained many questions about all aspects of biology.
- The second paper contained longer problems.
- Students were presented with unfamiliar ideas and topics, and will have to use problem solving skills and intuition.

Student name	Medal	Student name	Medal	Student name	Medal
Rumaysa Amin	Silver	Eiman Nabeel	Participation	Zoyah Ayat Khan	Participation
Andria Rinosh	Bronze	Maliha Islam	Participation	Cagena Nyamutumbu	Participation
Prabha Sinha	Bronze	Jane Simonraj	Participation	Samhita Saravanabhava	Participation
Kulsum Mi-yanjee	Highly Commended	Mahum Khan	Participation	Mahira Purna	Participation
Pranathi Panta	Highly Commended	Riddhi Ramesh	Participation	Azhaar Saed	Participation
Nafeesa Kulsum	Highly Commended	Angelina Martin	Participation	Deeti Thakkar	Participation
Polina Maystrenko	Highly Commended	Nivetha Senthilnithy	Participation	shivvya sivagaran	Participation
Maya Macu-dzinska	Highly Commended	Sarah Begolli	Participation	Saimiarra Srivarathan	Participation
Maria Mahmood	Highly Commended	Kueene Renanton	Participation	Aamenah Ugradar	Participation
Amsika Kan-dasamy	Commended	Prina Patel	Participation	Kosom Sadiq	Participation
Ella Wheeler	Commended	Mahisha Somasgan-dan	Participation	Andrea Sylvester Concharles	Participation
Zeenath Lahrie	Commended	Kirisha Nareshkumar	Participation	Aisha Mian	Participation
		saarah chaudry	Participation	Aleeha Kamran	Participation

Bonjour

Would you like to participate in a **French writing competition**, run by the **University of Oxford**?

You are required to write a **story in French of no more than 100 words**. The competition will be judged in 3 groups (Y7 - 9, Y10 - 11, Y12 - 13) . There are **prizes** for the winners.

For more information, **please see the website**, and please read through the conditions of the competition and how to apply:

https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/schools/language-competitions#french

You are required to submit your work and the deadline is **Friday 31 March** at 12 noon, so you'll probably need to have submitted it on **Thursday.**

This **needs to be independent work**, but once you've entered, please send a copy to your French teacher so that we can create a display of entries from WCHS.

Amusez-vous bien!

French @ WCHS

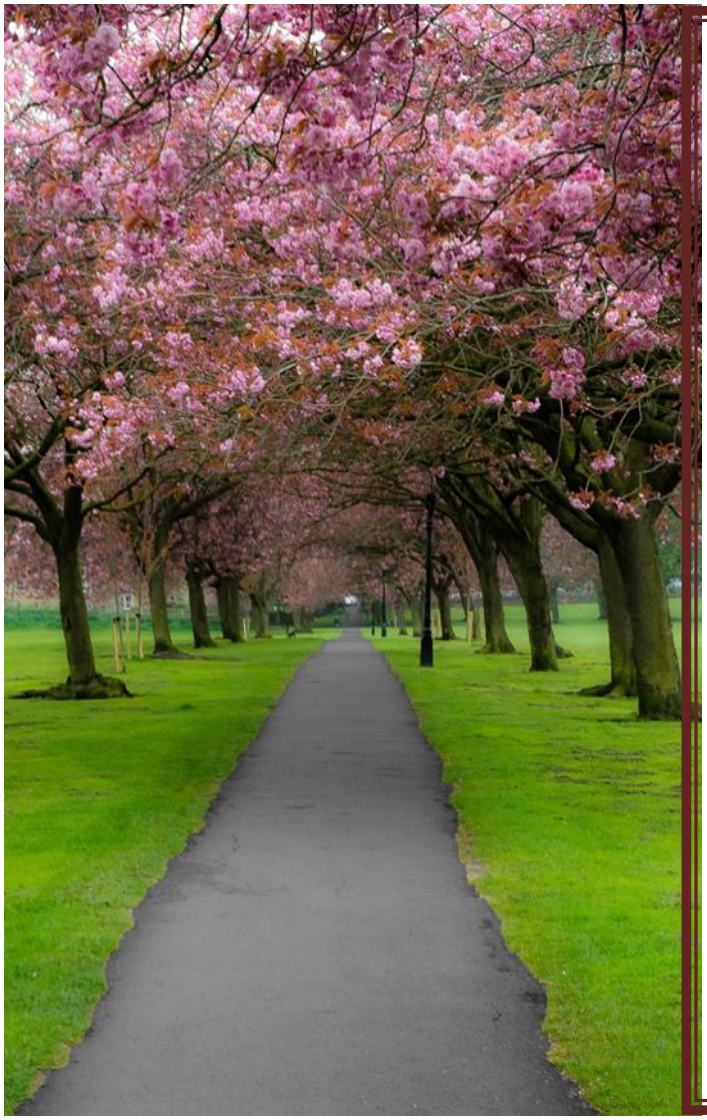
Lost Property

Please have a look at the photo below. If you recognise a lost item, ask your child to come and collect it from the main school office tomorrow.

We have also placed water bottles, hats, scarves and umbrellas in the dining hall, please ask your child to check.

Please note, items not collected will be taken to a charity shop.

Thank you



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

- Dance
- Calligraphy
- Pop workshop
- Henna Art
- Drama
- Mandarin
- Boxing
- Self defence
- A taste of India

Please book by Monday17th April, to secure your daughters place.

WCHS THEATRE SOCIETY

Dancing at Lughnasa

Monday 17th April @ 7.30pm

National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 9PX

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILALBE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR …

Newsies 26th April. Troubadour Theatre, Wembley Park @ 7.30pm

Wicked 16th May. Apollo Victoria Theatre @ 7.30pm

Patriots 7th June, Noel Coward Theatre @ 7.30pm

Heathers 27th June. The Other Palace @ 7.30pm (15+ age rating)

The Crucible 3rd July. Gielgud Theatre @ 7pm

Six 12th July. Vaudeville Theatre @ 8pm

The WCHS Theatre Society is a PFA initiative. An adult must accompany lower school students – this is not a school trip and it is not supervised.

ALL TICKETS £27.50

TO BOOK TICKETS + MORE INFORMATION - EMAIL MS HORN IN THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY@WOODFORD.REDBRIDGE.SCH.UK

Woodford County Eco Info

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

Use a refillable fountain pen or pencil instead of single use plastic pens

Eco Tip 5

☹ Like plastic straws and plastic bags, plastic pens are a large-scale problem with people buying **15 million plastic ball point pens** around the world every single day

☹ Each year **9 billion pens are thrown away**

☹ Not all parts of plastic pens can be recycled and some parts are toxic

☺ Use a refillable **fountain pen**. Not only is the writing experience smooth and beautiful, they look smart and last a life time

☺ Use recycled plastic pens or bioplastic pens

☺ Do not throw used pens in the bin! TerraCycle offers a free pen recycling service with a drop off point at **Ryman** stores including Ilford and Walthamstow. Alternatively drop used pens into **pen recycling boxes** around the school

FREE LIVE EVENTS
FOR CAREER LEADS, TEACHERS, PARENTS & STUDENTS

Coming Soon!

TUES 23 MAY

Nestlé

TUES 27 JUN

JCB

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEBINARS PROGRAMME 2023

HEADLINE SPONSOR

Virgin media O2

KPMG

THURSDAY 27 APRIL | 6 - 6.30PM

HEAR LIVE FROM LEADING FINANCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATION

KPMG

This series aims to help parents, carers, teachers, career leads and students understand;

- Levels of apprenticeships and what they mean
- When to apply and what the process might look like
- What an apprenticeship might offer and the various careers it can lead into

SCAN ME

Book your place today!

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
SUPPORTED BY

THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE

UCAS

the school outreach company

The London Institute of Banking & Finance

If you are in year 12 and are considering studying finance, economics or business you may be interested in applying for a Summer taster programme with the London Institute of Banking and Finance.

Are you thinking of a career in the financial services but don't know where to start? Our summer taster programme is for you!

Join us over three days where you'll be able to experience a variety of workshops, talks and lectures led by industry experts. You'll also get a sneak peek into student life with LIBF through social activities, networking sessions and a guided tour around the city.

There are spaces available for both July and August so make sure to register your place to avoid missing out!

WCHS AND ICHS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Join us as WCHS and ICHS bands compete to win this musical war, as well as a special performance by... BAD GRAMMAR!

9th May 2023 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
at WCHS
ticket price: **£3.00 each** (not including refreshments)
refreshments will be sold by the PFA. All proceeds will go to 'Save the Children' !

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ON PARENTPAY

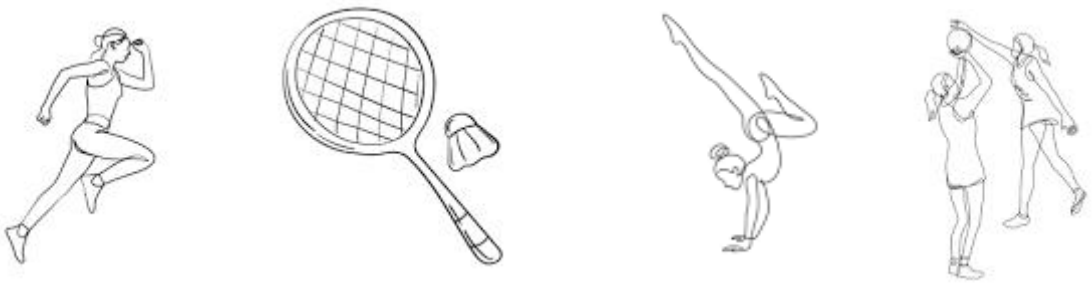
Save the Children

Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Spring 2023

	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 Thea-tre club** (TBC) 13:40-14:15	**Jazz Band** KHN (SF1) 13:40-14:15 **String orchestra** IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15 **Carnatic Ensemble** (Jubilee Room 1) 13:40-2:15	**Senior Choir** KHA (SF1) 13:40- 14:15 **Theory GCSE/A-level support** IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15 **Guitar Ensemble** (SG7) 13:30-14:15	**Orchestra** IBO (SF1) 13:40-14:15
After school		**Chamber groups** IBO (SF1/2) 15:45-16:30			

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Mon	**Tues**	**Weds**	**Thurs**	**Fri**
Before School 7.50-8.20am	All Years – Badminton Sports Hall KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA Sports hall
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Badminton Sports Hall VJA Football for 10 & 11 only STA & TL courts Cheerleading STA & KRU studio	Yr7 & 8 Netball Team Training VJA sports hall	Running Club – led by Rachael Yr13 student field	All Years – Athletics Sports Hall KRI Sports hall Football for y7, 8 & 9, STA & TL **courts** Alternative sporting games – All years KRU Sports hall	Y9 & 10 & 11 Netball team training KRU & KRI & STA Sports hall
Afterschool 3.30-4.20pm	All years – Games (dodgeball / kick-ball etc.) Sports hall KST		**Fixtures** Gymnastics – All Years Sports Hall KRU	Yr11 Tuition STA	Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11 **Staff Badminton 4.10pm**



London Borough of Redbridge

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
& FOOD PROGRAMME

Easter Holiday Fun

Monday 3 - Thursday 6 April 2023

Is your child in Reception to Year 11 and in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals?

Redbridge's Easter Holiday Fun programme is delivered by approved providers and offers **physical fun**, **nutritional education** and an opportunity to **make new friends**. Activities include **multi sports**, **arts and crafts**, **drama**, **cookery** and much more!

Every child attending gets **a free meal every day**.

To find out more and book your place – scan the QR code below or visit: https://find.redbridge.gov.uk/haf

Booking is essential for all activities, so **book early** to avoid disappointment!

For any queries, please email: haf@redbridge.gov.uk

Department for Education

London Borough of Redbridge

Are you struggling with the cost-of-living?

It's a difficult time for everyone and many people are struggling to cover their essential living costs. We're all paying a lot more for energy, food, and vital bills like rent.

We have developed a webpage full of information, tips, and ideas to help in these tough times. Visit **https://costofliving.redbridge.gov.uk** to get information on:

- cost of living events
- warm spaces
- foodbanks
- maximising income
- managing bills
- general cost of living support

https://costofliving.redbridge.gov.uk

BATTLEBOX FITNESS

Is your child or teen interested in competitive sports?
Are they missing their usual fitness activities during the holidays?

INTRODUCING:

CROSSFIT HOLIDAY CAMP

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th April 2023
1:30pm to 4:30pm

At **BattleBox Fitness**
Unit 3b, 4 Raven Rd, London, E18 1HB

For ages 8 to 16

GET ACTIVE
DEVELOP SKILLS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

£40 per day or £100 for all 3 days*

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH:
WHATSAPP: +447719406205
EMAIL: GIDEON@CROSSFITBATTLEBOX.COM

www.crossfitbattlebox.com battleboxfitness BattleBox Fitness

*10% discount for current BattleBox members.
NB: to attend 13th April, booking must also include either the 11th or 12th

Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years, will be open at our school this Easter.

80+ exciting activities including archery, arts and crafts, motorsports, sports, teambuilding and much more!

Ofsted registered, confidence building camps with high staff to child ratios, plus parents of the school receive an **extra £10** off per child per week if they quote code **HSCP23** at the time of booking.

London Borough of Redbridge

Parent Views of Mental Health

Does your child go to school in Redbridge?

We are seeking parent views on accessing mental health support through schools for you and your family

Please scan the QR code with your phone to fill out our five-minute survey and help us develop the best support for families in

Redbridge Mental Health Support Team

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Working together for a safer London

London Borough of Redbridge

Safe2Talk

A non-judgemental space for women and girls who have experienced sexual assault, harassment, or abuse.

Come by and speak one-on-one with female experts including a police officer and a domestic abuse specialist to get advice and support.

Fullwell Cross Library, Barkingside
IG6 2EA

Upcoming dates:
Monday 28th November 2-6pm
Monday 19th December 2-6pm
Monday 30th January 2-6pm
Monday 27th February 2-6pm
Monday 27th March 2-6pm
Monday 24th April 2-6pm

NHS England

VACCINATION UK

REDBRIDGE
SCHOOL-AGED IMMUNISATIONS CLINICS

Children and young people attending a Redbridge school will automatically be contacted through their schools with a link to consent when they are due for vaccinations for in-school offer. If your child has missed the school session and you would like to attend a clinic, please either email us at appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 0203 343 2400

- **HPV**: Year 8
- **DTP & MeningitisACWY**: Year 9
- **MMR**: Rec – Year 13

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 28th February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 6th April	12:00pm – 3:00pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 25th April	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 11th May	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 23rd May	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 8th June	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 20th June	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 6th July	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 18th July	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre

Fullwell Cross Library
140 High Street
Barkingside
IG6 2EA

Loxford Children's Centre
138-140 Ilford Lane
IG1 2LG

LBR New campaign to help feed children at Easter – can you help?

1) The London Borough of Redbridge (LBR) have launched a fundraising campaign with local charity, Tin in a Bin, to be able to provide food vouchers for families struggling with the cost of living during the Easter holidays. This will be for children who are not eligible for free school meals but need some extra help. Those who are eligible for FSM will receive vouchers as this is funded through the Household Support Fund. They are hoping to raise enough funds to support 200 children across the borough.

2) If you are willing to make a financial donation to this important local initiative you will find the details of the campaign on the Redbridge Council website and the link to make donations is here.

Millions of families are facing not knowing where the next meal is coming from, so the Community Grocery is here to help. Step inside a grocery (**opening today** in Ilford) and you'll find a range of food options fresh from local supermarkets, meaning you can shop for the whole family at the fraction of the cost of a supermarket. Residents who are struggling financially can join the scheme by paying £5 per year and they can go and get groceries (mini shop) for maximum of £4 at a time.

https://communitygrocery.org.uk

ILFORD COMMUNITY GROCERY

City Gates
25 – 29 Clements Road
Ilford
IG1 1BH

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm

London Borough of
Redbridge
Although I'm not their mother
I care for them each day.
I cuddle, sing and read to them
And watch them as they play.
I see each new accomplishment,
Growing and learning over the years.
They proudly show their work to me,
I give the loudest cheers!
No, I'm not their mother,
But my role is just as strong.
I nurture them and keep them safe,
Though maybe not for long.
I know someday the time will come,
When we will have to part.
But I know each child I cared for
Is forever in my heart.
Foster for Redbridge
020 8708 6068
fostering@redbridge.gov.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

29 March—Non-Uniform Day (Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal)
27 April—Year 10 Parent's Evening
28 April—Non-Uniform Day (Haven House)
1 May—Bank Holiday
8 May—Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
11 May—Year 5 Virtual Open Evening
29 May—Bank Holiday
27 Jun—Year 12 Induction Day
27 Jun—Year 11 Prom
30 Jun—Year 13 Leavers' Day
14 July—40 Years On -
Reminiscing the Summer Production

We are pleased to let you know that during our recent charity events we have raised

- ⇒ **£110.68 during the Spring/Easter Concert**
- ⇒ **£404.35 by Newton House Charity**

Thank you for your donations.