Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

Issue No. 436

18th April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further NEU Strike Action announced

You will be aware that the pay offer publicised in March has been rejected by teaching union members. We have been informed by the National Education Union (NEU) that they will be taking further industrial action in the form of a strike on two days in the next fortnight: **Thursday 27 April** and **Tuesday 2 May**. This action is not against the School itself but is part of national industrial action organised by this trade union about teachers' pay and its funding. We have not been informed by the union of which members of staff will take action, but believe that a significant proportion of teachers at Woodford will be involved (as was the case on strike days last term).

We are looking at the viability of opening the school to the examination year groups (Y11 & Y13) on these days and will communicate further at the beginning of next week. We anticipate, however, that students in all other year groups (KS3, Y10 and Y12) will be required to study from home via *WCHS Remote Schooling* on these days.

The Y10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 27 April has consequently been rescheduled to Thursday 4 May 2023.

I write to you now to give you maximum notice of likely school closures on the two strike days cited above. Formal notification will follow next week.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

GARDEN PARTY INVITATION

Friday 5th May Lunchtime

Back Terrace

Dress Code: As Kings & Queens: historical, fictional or fantastical.

Prizes Years 7 - 11:

- For the best costume in each Form Group.
- For the best collective effort (a form group in each year group).

Prizes Sixth Form: (Multiple) prizes e.g. for the best entries in each of the three categories: historical, fictional and fantastical.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

April/May 2023

Dear parents, we have a few spaces left in April's after school clubs, these are available on parentpay now.

- Henna Art.
- Calligraphy.
- Mandarin.
- Self-defence.
- Boxing.

We have had to cancel Dance and Drama activity due to low uptake, refunds have been processed.

Thank you.

Ms Dawson

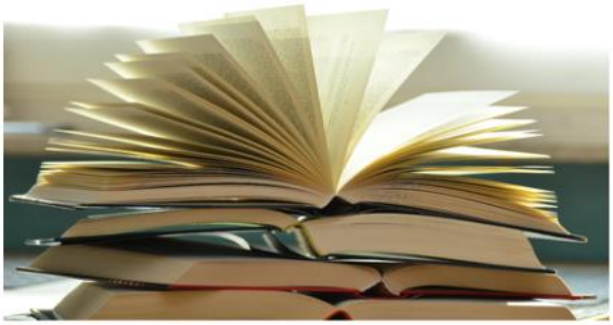
Mock Interview Day

Woodford Careers Department is organising a Mock Interview day for all students in year 12 towards the end of the summer term (July). The idea is to give all students a generic mock interview for a job, following which they will receive feedback on their performance and on their pre-submitted CV.

In order to do this we will need a good number of employers who would be willing to devote a morning of their time to interviewing five or six students, depending on the number of responses received.

Are there any parents who would be willing to come in to school to help us? If this is something that you have experience of, would like to be involved with and would be able to offer a few hours for the morning, please contact the Careers Coordinator at smithm@woodfordredbrigde.sch.uk and I will be happy to give some more details. Thank you for your support.

Year 11 & 13 RETURN Your Library Books



A polite reminder for students in Years 11 & 13 to return all Library books borrowed before departing on study leave. If you are unsure of the status of your Library account see me in the Library to discuss.

Many thanks,
Danielle Horn
Librarian
Currently reading .... Entangled Life

WCHS THEATRE SOCIETY

Newsies

Wednesday 26th April @ 7.30pm

Troubadour Theatre, Wembley Park

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILALBE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR …

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

Dr Semmelweis 13th September. Harold Pinter Theatre @ 7.30pm

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

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!

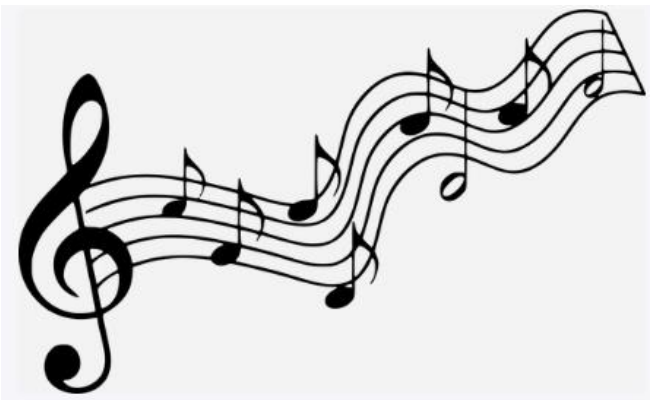
9th May 2023 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
at WCHS
ticket price: **£3.00 each** (not including refreshments)
refreshments will be sold by the PFA. All proceeds will go to 'Save the Children' !

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ON PARENTPAY

Save the Children

Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Summer 2023

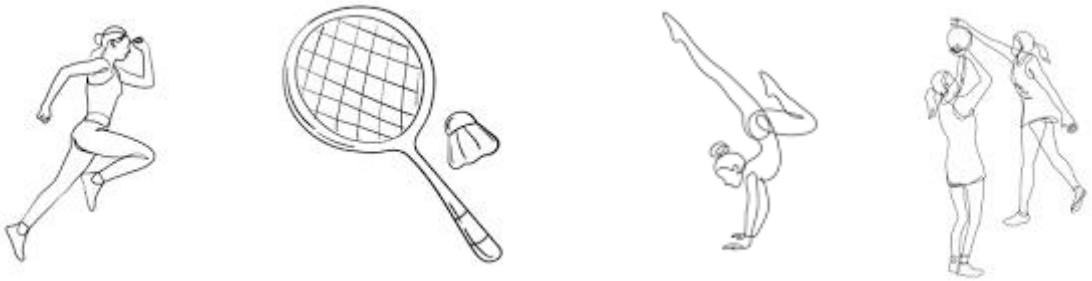
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	**Junior Choir** (Main hall) 13:30- 14:10 **Senior choir** (Main hall) 13:45-14:30 **Brass Ensemble** (SF2) 13:45-14:15 **Kalimba Club** (Conference room) 13:45-14:20	**Junior Band** IBO (SF1) 13:30- 14:10 **Musical Theatre club** (TBC) 13:40-14:15 **Flute ensemble** KHN 13:40-14:10	**Jazz Band** KHN (SF1) 13:40-14:15 **String orchestra** IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15 **Carnatic Ensemble** (Jubilee Room 1) 13:40-14:15	**Theory** and **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			



Please note, music clubs resume from next week, W/C 24th April 23.

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Before School 7.50-8.20am					Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA Sports hall (until 12/5/23) Morning Mile STA
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Y7 & 8 Badminton Sports Hall VJA (until 12/5/23) Running Club with Sara GC	Cricket VJA & GC Hafsah Outdoor Games HBA	Rounders for all STA, KRU, HBA, VJA	All Years – Athletics KRI & KRU (see notice board for updates) Netball for All GC Kosom	All Years – Athletics KRI & STA (see notice board for updates)
Afterschool 3.30-4.20pm			**Fixtures**		



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

Please note, several EpiPens have expired—if you have received an email notifying you, please send in new ones as a matter of priority. Thank you

If you would like some sanitary products for school or home, please contact Mrs Kaye or Miss Bird in the Medical Room and we will discretely provide you.

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

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 & Meningitis ACWY: Year 9
- MMR: Rec – Year 13

Date	Time	Venue
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	**Loxford Children's Centre**
140 High Street Barkingside IG6 2EA	138-140 Ilford Lane IG1 2LG

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

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 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.

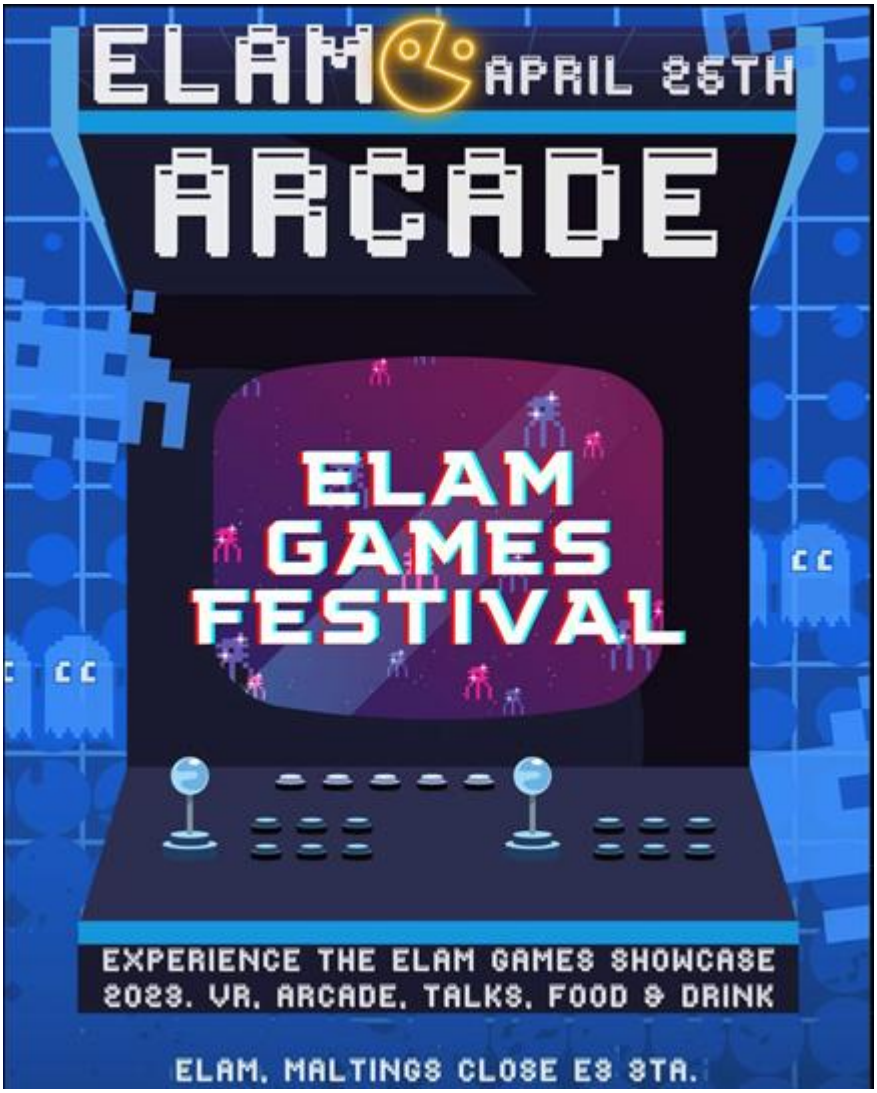
Residents who are struggling financially can join the scheme by paying £5 per year and they can go and get groceries (mini shop) for maximum of £4 at a time.

https://communitygrocery.org.uk

ILFORD COMMUNITY GROCERY

City Gates
25 – 29 Clements Road
Ilford
IG1 1BH

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm



We invite you to an evening celebrating the fantastic work of current ELAM Games Design trainees.

We will be showcasing the best games in our brand new arcade on **Wednesday 26th April from 6pm - 8pm**.

See the grand reveal of the 3 new arcade machines featuring designs produced by our very own Games artists!

Come down and experience our VR experiences, and play some of our thought-provoking social justice games designed to highlight various perspectives, all created by our amazing talent!

Meet and greet our industry partners from Creative Assembly (Sega), Playstation and others!

There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions about the Games Design course and apply to the course with the support of our Admissions Officer.

This event takes place at ELAM, Maltings Close, E3 3TA.

This is a FREE ticketed event! Food and drinks will be served!

Strictly limited parking for blue badge holders only, please specify when booking your tickets **HERE**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

28 April—Non-Uniform Day (Haven House)
1 May—Bank Holiday
4 May—Year 10 Parent's Evening (Rescheduled)
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
15 September—Remote Schooling (One Day Only)
12 October—Non-Contact Day

REMINDER

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