

Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

Issue No. 437

25th April 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Further NEU Strike Action: Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023

YEAR 11 Students to attend lessons / assessments on site on both days

KS3, Y10 and Sixth Form students to study at home via *WCHS Remote Schooling*

As you are aware (WCHS bulletin last week), all the main teaching unions' members voted to reject the recent pay offer and the NEU has given notice of two further strikes on 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).

In its guidance to its members the NEU reflects the concern of its teachers for their students making final preparation for public examinations (chiefly students in Y11 and Y13). Dispensations have been made therefore to allow NEU members to support the conduct of scheduled assessments, for minimum levels of supervision on site to be achieved for examination cohorts and to enable teachers to provide revision guidance / to set work for / to teach these cohorts where they choose to do so.

In taking decisions about provision at Woodford on the two days in question, both the necessary risk assessment (supervision levels on site) and discussions with our NEU representatives about dispensations agreed for examination year groups in the coming fortnight have been taken into account. On that basis, please be advised of the following arrangements:

- **Year 11 students** should attend school on site on the two days in question and register as normal in their form rooms. Planned GCSE assessments (Art practicals and MFL orals) will go ahead as scheduled. Lessons will be delivered in classrooms where possible. Many teachers who will be taking industrial action on the day have indicated that they will set revision work for examination classes or attend in person to deliver lessons for exam classes only. At points in the day when on site lessons are not available, Year 11 students will be supervised in Computer Rooms in order to focus constructively on work set, on practice papers or revision materials. Catering will be available to them at both break and lunchtime. School buses will run as normal.
- **Year 13 students** will study from home via *WCHS Remote Schooling* (MS Teams, SatchelOne and MS Office 365). This time many striking teachers have undertaken to set work or to teach Y13 live on MS Teams to reduce impact on examination preparation. Y13 should expect a greater proportion of their lessons to be delivered live via MS Teams than on previous strike days. (Please note that Year 13 students have been given the option, individually, to work on site via WCHS Remote Schooling on the two days if they feel it is helpful to them to do so.)
- **Students in KS3, in Y10 and in Year 12** will study from home via *WCHS Remote Schooling* (MS Teams, SatchelOne and MS Office 365). Online teaching levels for these cohorts are likely to be similar to previous strike days. Students should use any time at their disposal (lessons when they are not being taught on line) to catch up with work, to start revision for summer exams or to read for pleasure.

Provision for the upcoming strike days is somewhat complex. All teachers have been asked to brief their timetabled classes in advance so all students have a sense of the shape of their day and of what they are expected to do when. It is also recommended that students check school e-mails and SatchelOne at the beginning of the day and that they log into MS Teams for the first 5 minutes of each timetabled lesson to avoid doubt.

Students will be reminded of the importance of having the right resources to hand for each of the strike days.

Reminders:

- The Y10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 27 April has been rescheduled to Thursday 4 May 2023.
- Monday 1 May and Monday 8 May are Bank Holidays and the school is therefore closed.
- For attendance purposes the absence of students will be recorded as "exceptional circumstances" and therefore your child's attendance record will not be affected.
- Students entitled to free school meals will have access to their Strike Day meal allowance throughout the weeks in question.

Thank you for your careful attention to the content of this e-mail as we prepare to navigate the continuing industrial action and the challenges it presents to all concerned.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher



Raising Money for Haven House



NON UNIFORM DAY- 28TH APRIL













£2 ON PARENTPAY

**You are invited to come in
non-uniform on Friday the
28th of April**

All proceeds will go to Haven House

**The ParentPay will open closer to the
date - keep an eye out for it.**





PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF WCHS (PFA) COMMITTEE VACANCY

The PFA plays a vital role in supporting the school, both by raising funds for the school and enhancing the lives of our children through activities.

We have a vacancy for the Secretary to the PFA. This interesting role requires a time commitment of less than an hour a week but provides real value, by liaising with the school, PFA and parents, and minuting the Annual General Meeting.

I am stepping down and we urgently require a new PFA Secretary to manage the PFA mailbox and be part of the committee, which has occasional evening meetings.

Please contact secretaryp@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk by Friday 5th May if you are interested in this role or would like to discuss further, and help support the work of the PFA providing vital funds for our daughters' school.


I look forward to hearing from you.

Caroline
PFA Secretary

Success with Leyton Orient!

Woodford would like to offer our huge congratulations to Katie (12LPR) for her and her team, Leyton Orient Women's, who won their match on 16th April 4-0 against Actonians Thirds and as a result have become champions of the Greater Women's Football League Division One North, securing promotion for next season. On top of this, our own Katie scored two of the four goals of the match. Massive congratulations to Katie and the team.





WCHS THEATRE SOCIETY

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

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

My Neighbour Totoro Tuesday 28th November @ 7pm. Barbican Theatre (£30)

More Tickets for Six in October Soon!!

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





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, <u>Year 8</u> , 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



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**



Open a door to new ideas, new friends, and new music to explore.

The National Youth Orchestra

Tune into the greatest adventure you can experience through orchestral music. Take on audacious musical challenges, share music with other young people, and open up your future alongside other teenage musicians.

Our audition process is free, every candidate is offered feedback, and everyone is recommended a new opportunity.

NYO is for musicians playing orchestral instruments. The benchmark level is grade 8 and above—there is no need to have taken graded exams.

Applications are now open and close on 29 May 2023; sign up as soon as you can for top tips and time to get ready to do your best.

First-round video auditions deadline is 11 June 2023.

Invitations for final assessment days will be made by 14 July 2023.

Final round assessment days are held 2-17 September 2023.

No musician offered a role in NYO 2024 will be turned away; we offer generous financial support.

NYO Inspire Programme

Take your skills and talents to the next level with other young people from across the nation.

NYO Inspire opens up a series of high-quality ensemble music opportunities that are free for everyone. And a community full of people who love to play music together. There are no auditions—and the sooner we hear from you the more music making we can invite you to join. Applying before 31 July 2023 puts you on our radar to make the most of the opportunities in 2024.

NYO Inspire is for musicians playing orchestral instruments. The benchmark level is grade 6 and above—there is no need to have taken graded exams.

NYO Inspire aims to accelerate learning in and through ensemble music for those musicians traditionally underrepresented in the orchestral sector and who may experience barriers to take their playing to the next level.

We accept applications from teenagers who are:

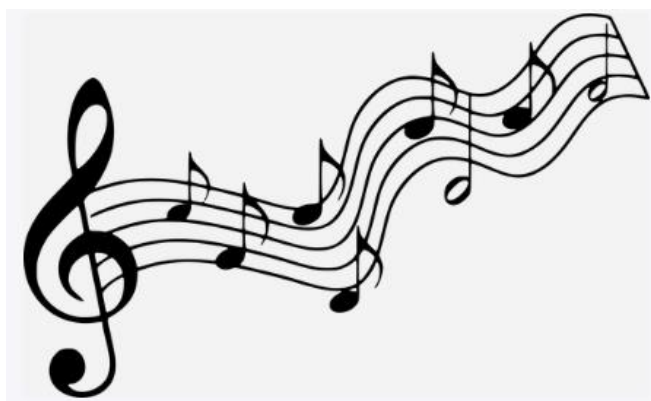
- Musician aged 13 to 18 on 1 September 2023 and...
- Who play at Grade 6 standard and above—there is no need to have taken graded exams...
- Who are a British citizen, or resident or studying in the United Kingdom and...
- Who are state-educated or home schooled (of, if you are now at university, you need to have attended a state school or have been home schooled) OR...
- And...who are not studying full-time at a college of music, or on a join course with a music college.

Visit the NYO Inspire page for more information.

www.nyo.org.uk

Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Summer 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir (Main hall) 13:30- 14:00 Senior choir (Main hall) 14:00-14:30 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 (Practice room) 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 (Conference room) 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			



For the next two weeks, 4th May and 11th May, Senior choir will take place on **Thursdays** in SF1, 1:40-2:20pm.

After these two dates, Senior choir will return to Monday lunch in the hall.

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> <u>7.50-8.20am</u>					Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA Sports hall (until 12/5/23) Morning Mile STA
<u>Lunchtime</u> <u>1.30-2pm</u>	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)
<u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.30-4.20pm</u>			<u>Fixtures</u>		



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

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

Summer Short Courses 2023

Ages 14-16



The Bartlett School of Architecture on-campus short courses have been specially designed for younger students looking to develop their understanding of architecture at university level.

As 14- to 16-year-olds approach the important decision about their GCSEs and A-levels soon, these courses will help them gain a better understanding of the built environment and its impact on our lives.

Our 1- to 2-day courses give an introduction into the specific skills an architect needs while also allowing students to develop their collaborative capabilities.

2-day courses

Option 1: 25-26 July

Option 2: 27-28 July

£240 (inc. VAT)

1-day courses

Specialising in model making

Option 1: 25 July

Option 2: 26 July

£120 (inc. VAT)

Specialising in drawing

Option 1: 25 July

Option 2: 26 July

£120 (inc. VAT)

All courses will be held at The Bartlett School of Architecture, 22 Gordon Street, WC1H 0QB and run from 10:30-16:00.

Course fees include teaching and material costs only.

We offer a range of short courses for other age groups. We also offer a number of scholarships.

Please visit our website for more information on how to apply.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/architecture/programmes/short-courses-0>



Essex Megafinal 2023

A Gigafinal Qualifying Event



Supported by



Sunday 21st May, Colchester Town Hall, CO1 1PJ

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event for the Gigafinals

Time control

Six rounds of rapid games with 15 minutes for each player and 10 seconds increment for each move.

Eligibility

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2004.

There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2022. Please visit the page below for detailed "Age Categories" calculations.

<https://bit.ly/UKCC-2023>

Prizes and Qualification for Gigafinals

The top boy and top girl in each section will receive trophies with medals for second and third placed boys and girls. These players will qualify for the Gigafinals. Please note that ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. All players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

The top 3 U7s, U9s and U11s will also qualify automatically (boy and girl) - assuming they haven't done so already using the criteria above.

Registration

Please register on the UKCC website using the link below or Scan this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2023>



Venue

The games will take place in the "Moot Hall" on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

There will be sitting spaces for parents/guardians in the following rooms of the same building.

1. Community Room (Ground Floor)
2. The Grand Jury / West Committee Room (1st Floor)
3. The North Committee Room (1st Floor)

We encourage one parent/guardian per child at the Town Hall to abide by the fire safety regulations. Colchester Castle and Castle Park are within 100 meters of the venue. If the weather permits, these are lovely outdoor spaces for accompanying family members.

Schedule

Arrival	09:30	Lunch break	13:00
Playing hall meeting	09:45	Round-4	14:00
Round-1	10:00	Round-5	15:00
Round-2	11:00	Round-6	16:00
Round-3	12:00	Prize giving	17:30

Refreshments

All popular food chains are available nearby. We will confirm the on-site arrangements nearer the time.

Travel

1. Car

There is NO onsite parking. The Britannia car park is about 8-10 minutes of walk and costs only £1 on Sundays. A closer alternative is Greyfriars Hotel Car Park by Castle Park, which costs £5 for 12 hours on Sundays. Several other public car parks are within a 10 mins walk from the venue.

Further details on <https://bit.ly/COI-CAR-PARK>

2. Park and Ride

Details on <https://bit.ly/COI-PnR>

3. Trains

There are two stations in Colchester. The Colchester Town station is only 10 mins walk away. Colchester North station is only 20 mins walk away. Please check <https://www.greterangeia.co.uk/> for the service.

Notes

A professional photographer will take photos which may be published on chess websites or in chess-related articles. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, inform the organisers in the "Requirements" box of the registration form.

Please note that the organisers take no responsibility for looking after the children outside the playing hall. The organisers also cannot take responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

The organiser reserves the right to change the above on the day if required.

How can Parent Zone Local help you?

- > Feel confident, safer and in control online
- > Join parent workshops
- > Try family games and activities
- > Explore a library of information
- > Media literacy made simple



Nalini is your local guide for Redbridge. She can help connect you to the information and support you need.

Got a question about digital? Need help with a problem?
Get in touch any time.

nalini.naidoo@parentzone.org.uk

parentzone LOCAL



Understanding the digital world isn't always easy

Parent Zone Local is here to help. You can find information, advice and events in Redbridge to help your family feel safer, more confident and in control online.

Find out more
parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal



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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



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

27 April—NEU Strike Day—on site provision for Y11 only

28 April—Non-Uniform Day (Haven House)

1 May—Bank Holiday

4 May—Year 10 Parent's Evening (Rescheduled)

5 May—Coronation Festivities

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



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Welcome to the new Geography Department Instagram page!

REMINDER

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

