



Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers

We look forward to welcoming students back to school tomorrow. We hope they and you enjoyed a good and restorative summer holiday. The latter half of the holiday gave us the chance to celebrate examination results with the classes graduating both KS4 (GCSE) and KS5 (A-Levels). You have access to an overview of results [here](#).

The students concerned are to be congratulated on the results themselves and what it took to achieve them. For Year 13 students these were their first ever public examinations – and both cohorts have with resilience navigated not only the impact of the pandemic but also the doom-ridden predictions of the media in the lead up to August results days. We are all aware that nationally the top grades have been sharply and deliberately reduced. We are very proud of students who retained focus and perspective throughout and achieved some excellent results. Furthermore we are pleased to report that the vast majority of the departing Year 13 students have their university places secured, including the 8 heading for Oxbridge colleges and the 19 accepted onto medical / dentistry and veterinary Science courses.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

There has been much coverage in recent days of school closures caused by the presence of super-annuated RAAC in school buildings constructed between 1950 and 1990. You will be aware that our school accommodation primarily consists on the one hand of a 18th Century Manor House and on the other of our new Centenary Centre opened in September 2017. By reason of date and construction method subsequent building additions and extensions fall outside the notified period of concern. When asked to do so in December 2022 we promptly completed the RAAC questionnaire. For complete reassurance we are now in the process of commissioning a site survey on the matter.

Redbridge has issued a statement on the RAAC concern which you can read [here](#). As a local authority they too are conducting an immediate investigation of all LBR sites to provide further reassurance.

Reminder: Students working from home on Friday 15 September

You are reminded that 11+ testing for 2024 entry is being held on the school site on Friday 15 September. To enable this, WCHS Remote Schooling will resume for one day. Students will work from home on that day. Care will be taken to ensure new students understand how to access MS Teams and Office 365.

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

Term Begins Wednesday 6th September 2023

First Day Arrangements

Lessons Period 4 –5 for Years 7—11 & Year 13

<u>YEAR 7 PUPILS:</u> Arrival Time	08:20
Registration	08:30-08:40
Form Business	08:40-10:55
Break	10:55-11:15
Form Business	11:15-11:35
Assembly	11:40-12:00
Lunch (Packed lunch only for Y7)	13:10
<u>YEAR 8 & 9 PUPILS:</u> Registration	09:30-09:40
Assembly	09:45-10:05
Form Business	10:05-10:55
Break	10:55-11:15
Form Business	11:15-12:15
<u>YEAR 10 & 11 PUPILS:</u> Registration	09:30-09:40
Form Business	09:40-10:25
Assembly	10:30-10:50
Break	10:55-11:15
Form Business	11:15-12:15
<u>YEAR 12 STUDENTS:</u> Y12 with Form Tutors	08:30-10:55
Break	10:55-11:15
Y12 Meeting with JHE	11:15-12:15
Assembly	12:20-12:40
EPQ Talk	12:40-13:10
Lunch	13:10-13:50
Induction Activity	13:50-15:30
<u>YEAR 13 STUDENTS:</u> Y13 Arrival & Registration	10:20-10:30
Y13 Meeting with JHE	10:30-10:55
Break	10:55-11:15
Y13 with Form Tutors	11:15-12:15
Assembly	12:20-12:40
Y14 Start P4	12:45

SECOND HAND UNIFORM AVAILABLE

Dear Parents

Alongside buying new items of uniform from Lucilla's uniform shop in Ilford (both online and in store), you can now buy and donate good quality second hand uniform via the Sue Ryder Charity Shop in Seven Kings, Ilford.

Second hand uniform items are sold at very affordable prices (currently £1 per item)

- ⇒ The shop is open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30PM
- ⇒ Donations of good quality uniform can be brought to the shop between 9.30am and 4pm.
- ⇒ Please ensure that the uniform is clean and that all personal name tags have been removed. (Named items cannot be sold due to the General Data Protection Act)

The link to the Sue Ryder Shop website can be found below

<https://www.sueryder.org/support-us/shop-with-us/our-shops/seven-kings-ilford>

Thank you

Sheila Fonseca

School Business Manager

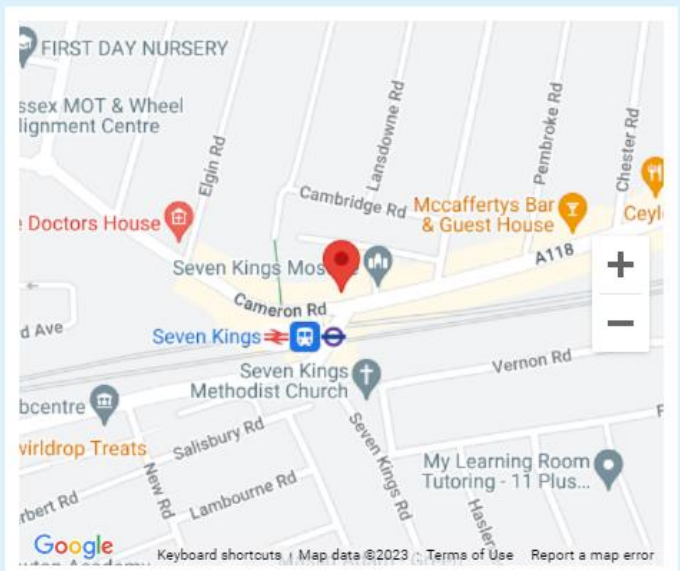


Opening hours

Monday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Thursday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday	Closed

Address

933 High Road
Seven Kings
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Message from your Safer Schools Officers: Talk to your child about phone safety

Mobile phones are a great way to stay in contact with family and friends. Most Secondary School aged children now own one or have access to one.

As useful as they are, they can make children vulnerable to thieves who are particularly interested in new models and other valuable items such as cash, airpods and expensive coats. Reducing robbery is our top priority and our officers are working hard to catch those responsible, with activity to prevent it taking place daily.

There are however, a number of things you can do to help reduce your child's risk of becoming a victim and keep safe whilst using their phone. **If you can, talk to them about where and how they use their phone using the following advice:**

Safety when out and about:

- Keep your phone and valuables out of sight in a safe place when travelling to and from school. Be careful when you take your phone out in public places.
- Bus stops, train stations and surrounding areas are common target areas for thieves, who can approach on foot, moped or on a pedal bike or e-scooter.
- Earphones/headphones can distract you, stopping you from seeing or hearing someone approach you from behind.
- Don't confront a thief – it's not worth risking your own safety for possessions that can be replaced.
- Robbery or attempted robbery are serious crimes and should be reported. It's important you *seek help straight away by dialing 999* rather than contacting police when you get home or at school the following day. Use a friend's phone or the phone of a trusted adult. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover any stolen property and ensure your safety.

If you have information about a robbery and do not want to report it to police, speak to Fearless 100 % anonymously at www.fearless.org. Fearless is the youth service of independent charity Crimestoppers.

Whether you have a phone or not, memorise or keep a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in your bag/zipped pocket in case of emergency.

Help protect your child's phone if it's stolen:

- Use your device's security features, apps or PIN locking mechanisms to protect your data and prevent the phone being used.
- Keep a record of the phone's IMEI number (not on your phone!). This is a 15-digit unique number which can be obtained by keying in **#06#*. You need this information if the phone is lost or stolen.
- Consider installing a tracker app, available online.

For more information go to www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery. For help and advice on staying safe online and how to keep cyber criminals at bay, the Met has some great videos and other resources at www.met.police.uk/littlemedia



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN 2023		
Term	Wednesday 6 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
WCHS Remote Schooling	Friday 15 September 2023	Students studying from home
Half-term	Monday 23 October 2023	Friday 27 October 2023
Term	Monday 30 October 2023	Wednesday 20 December 2023
Non-Contact Day	Thursday 12 October 2023	



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

6 September—Back to School

13 September—Individual Photographs for Years 7, 10 & 12

15 September—Remote Schooling (One Day Only)

29 September—School Birthday (104th)

2-3 October—Years 7-11 Flue Vaccine

5 October—Five Penny Race in aid of Leukaemia Research

11 October—Year 6 Open Evening

12 October—Non-Contact Day



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REMINDER

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

