Woodford County High School

Weekly Student Bulletin

Tuesday 27th June 2023

Welcome to Bulletin No 77

The aim of this bulletin is to give you important information and reminders from your Heads of Year or other members of staff.

It will include information about events taking place at and around school that you can take part in.

Also there will be wellbeing and support advice as well as reminders about how to access support if you should need it.

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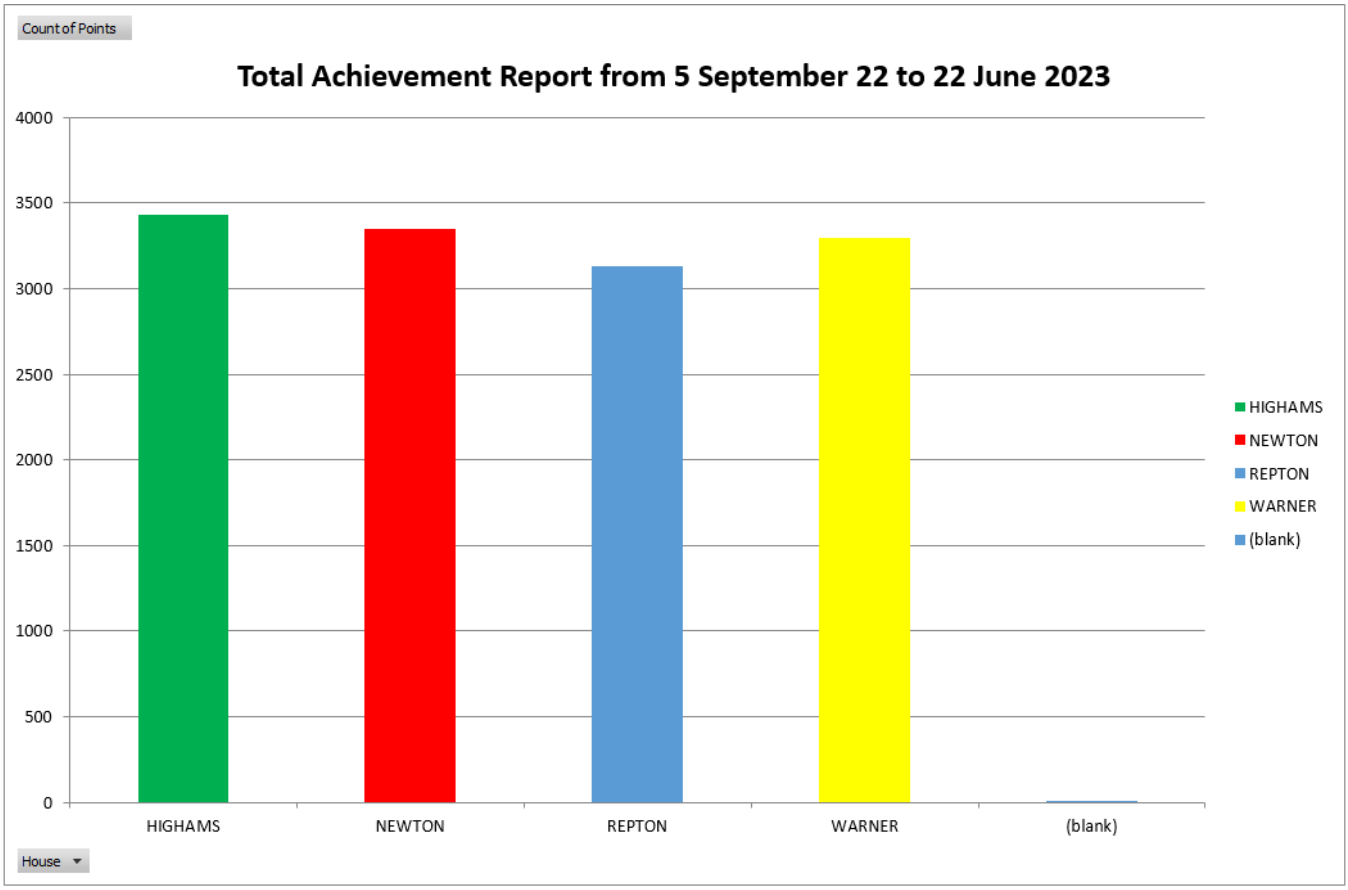

WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

presents

Reminiscing the Summer Production

40 Years On

W.C.H.S. 1982-2022

Friday 14th July 2023 at 7p.m.

Tickets £7

Ticket includes a programme and refreshments
Available from:
40-years-on.eventbrite.co.uk

'40 Years On' is a celebration of the contribution that the Summer Production has made to Drama at Woodford since 1982.
It will be held in the school Assembly Hall on the evening of Friday, 14th July at 7:00pm and will consist of songs, music and dramatic excerpts, highlighting the many Summer Productions over the years. It will be an opportunity to remember past achievements and to thank the many former students and staff involved.
Please **DO NOT** attempt to but Gallery tickets - they are reserved for former students who have taken part in previous Summer Productions.

THE GREEK THEATRE
WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
30TH JUNE 7PM
MACBETH
SCAN TO BOOK OR VISIT
DRAMAIMPACT.COM

WCHS THEATRE SOCIETY

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR …

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

The Crucible 3rd July. Gielgud Theatre @ 7pm

The Effect 11th September. National Theatre @ 7.30pm

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

Six the Musical 3rd October. Vaudeville Theatre @ 8pm.

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

he 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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can

SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Dear All

Below is a link to safeguarding information from the NSPCC. It also contains very helpful information to make you aware of the dangers that young people may face. Please take a look it is very informative.

It includes some information about bullying and cyberbullying; child sexual exploitation; criminal exploitation and gangs;
online abuse, child trafficking; sexual abuse; domestic abuse, emotional abuse, female genital mutilation, neglect, non-recent abuse and physical abuse.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/

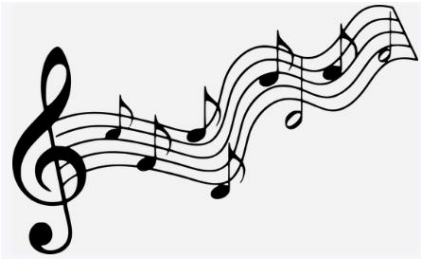
If anything you read rings true to you, please come and speak to either Mrs Greenfield, Mrs Holman, Mrs Marku, Mrs Kaye or Mrs Menon.

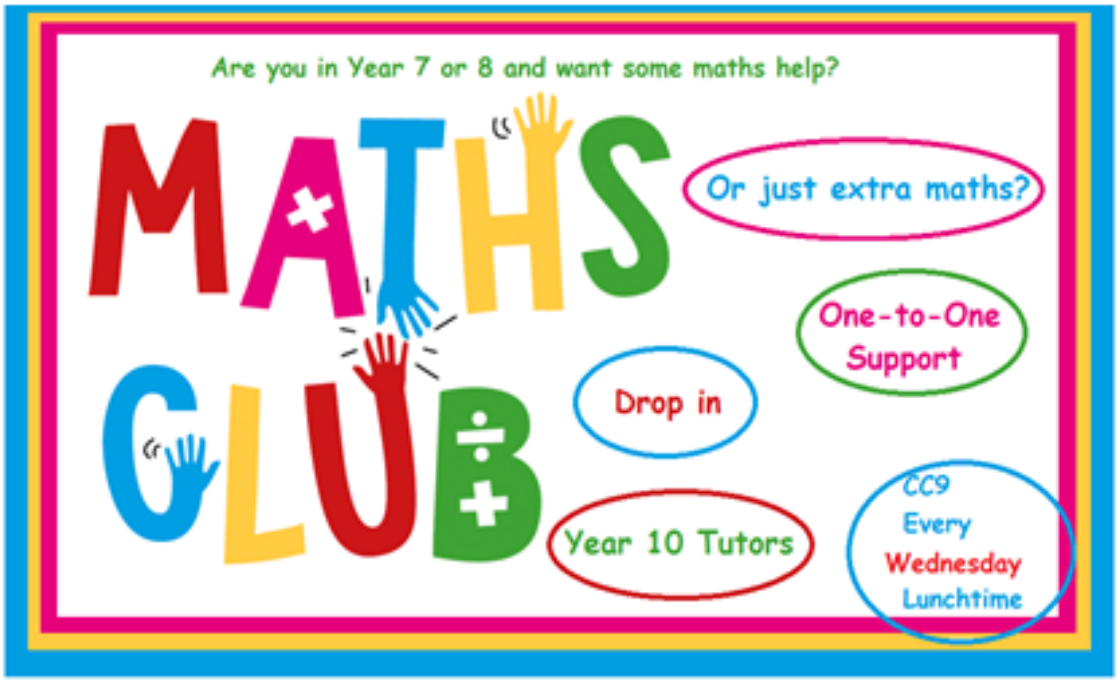
Be safe

Mrs Greenfield

Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Summer 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	**Junior Choir** (SF1) 13:30- 14:00 **Senior choir** (SF1/2) 14:00-14:30 **Brass Ensemble** (Jubilee Room) 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			





Maths Club is a drop in session open to all Year 7 and Year 8 students run by Ms Gribble and older students. Students will normally receive one-to-one support and can ask for maths challenges or specific maths topics they would like help with.

The sessions start at 1:40pm and finish by 2:20pm in CC9.

Please follow the PE Department on Instagram @wchsukpe for all the latest updates

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WoodfordCHS_UK_Geo

Instagram

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Before School 7.50-8.20am					Morning Mile STA
Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	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**		

Fun, free and inclusive weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16

Studies show that **over half of girls aged 11 to 16 aren't hitting daily physical activity level guidelines** due to barriers including lack of access to resources, societal pressures, and low self-esteem. Nuffield Health, the UK's largest healthcare charity, is on a mission to change that.

Nuffield Health have created Move Together, a community initiative to help girls break down barriers to physical activity. **Move Together** offers fun, free and inclusive weekly fitness classes for girls aged 11-16, **specifically designed to build strength, confidence and get them moving!**

Find out more

Who | Students aged 11-12 will require a parent/guardian to register on their behalf. Students aged 13-16 can complete their own registration

When | Registration opens **19 June** with weekly classes **starting 26 June**

Where | Your nearest fitness classes are taking place at Chingford and City

We would love it if you could help us spread the word and share the **registration link** with your students, or any young people who would benefit from free fitness classes, so we can help them stay active!

You can also access a set of free resources, including:

- Posters to download and display around your school
- Email to share with parents/students

- Some wording and creative assets for you to pop in your student portal or newsletter

Access the resources

If you would like to chat to us further about Move Together or to find out more about our local community initiatives, get in touch here.

Nuffield Health Registered Office: Nuffield Health, Epsom Gateway, Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5AL. Registered Charity Number 205533 and Company Limited by Guarantee. Registered in England Company Number 576970

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RUNNING CLUB

EVERY MONDAY FROM 1:30PM TO 2:00PM

HOSTED BY SARA KHAN AND KOSOM SADIQ

FOR ALL YEARS

NETBALL

Starting Thursday Lunch 1:30pm - 2:10pm

Top Netball Courts

Run by Kosom Sadiq and Sara Khan

About Amnesty Society

Woodford County's Amnesty International Society will be restarting this year! Amnesty International is the world's largest human rights organisation. They investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public, and help transform societies to create a safer, more just world. In our Amnesty Society, we too, will be helping to raise awareness about the importance of human rights, as well as educating ourselves about and fighting against any human rights violations. We hope to hold fundraising events in support of human rights, so please come along if you have ideas! The society will be run by me, Prabha Sinha, and Andrea Sylvester-Concharles in Year 12. We both want to help support Amnesty's work, and if you do too, come along to H3 on Thursday!

Prabha Sinha, Year 12

Meet your Safeguarding and Pastoral Team

Ms Pomeroy Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	**Mrs Greenfield** Assistant Headteacher & **Designated Safeguarding Lead, SMHL** Head of KS3	**Mrs Holman** Student Guidance Officer & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	**Mr Saxton** SEND Coordinator	**Mrs Kaye** **Health & Welfare Officer**

Mrs Menon **SEND Officer**	**Mrs Marku** Student Guidance Assistant	**Ms Bird** Health & Welfare Assistant	**Ms Hasler** Head of Sixth Form	**Dr Ashraf** Head of KS4

KEY STAGE 3		
Mrs Hawks Head of Year 7	**Mr Mills** **Head of Year 8**	**Ms Keith** Head of Year 9

KEY STAGE 4		KEY STAGE 5	
Ms Runacres **Head of Year 10**	**Ms Grant/Ms Rehman** **Head of Year 11**	**Ms Valente** **Head of Year 12**	**Mrs Easton** **Head of Year 13**

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.

Strategies that can help with anxiety:

Calming or Grounding techniques are a good way to reduce our heart rate/blood pressure when feeling worried or anxious. It helps us refocus our attention and overcome those unpleasant feelings so we can feel better and do more.

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Take notice of your senses by thinking of:

5 things you can see
4 things you can hear
3 things you can feel/touch
2 things you can smell
1 thing you can taste

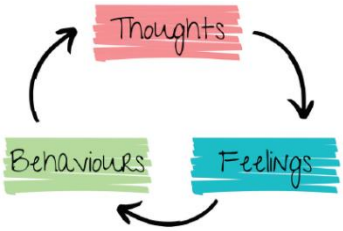
Facts

Think about and name facts about what is going on right now. For example, think:
My age is...
My name is...
I am wearing...
The weather is...
I am in...

Room Search

Think of a category and search the room for it. For example, look for:
Everything that is a ... colour
Everything that is a ... shape
Things that feel of...
Things made of...

By **thinking** about things to help us calm down we can then **do** the things we want/need to do and **feel** better and happier.



Video to try a grounding technique! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5a88mUAzNLk&t=6s

How to handle a panic attack

Professor Paul Salkovskis, Professor of Clinical Psychology and Applied Science at the University of Bath, says it's important not to let your fear of panic attacks control you.

"Panic attacks always pass and the symptoms are not a sign of anything harmful happening," he says. "Tell yourself that the symptoms you're experiencing are caused by anxiety."

He says don't look for distractions. "Ride out the attack. Try to keep doing things. If possible, it's important to try to remain in the situation until the anxiety has subsided."

"Confront your fear. If you don't run away from it, you're giving yourself a chance to discover that nothing's going to happen."

As the anxiety begins to pass, start to focus on your surroundings and continue to do what you were doing before.

Breathing exercise for panic attacks

If you're breathing quickly during a panic attack, doing a breathing exercise can ease your other symptoms. Try this:

- breathe in as slowly, deeply and gently as you can, through your nose
- breathe out slowly, deeply and gently through your mouth
- some people find it helpful to count steadily from 1 to 5 on each in-breath and each out-breath
- close your eyes and focus on your breathing
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You should start to feel better in a few minutes. You may feel tired afterwards.

Visit the No Panic website for another breathing exercise to calm panic.

99 Coping Skills

1. Exercise (running, walking, etc.).
2. Put on fake tattoos.
3. Write (poetry, stories, journal).
4. Scribble/doodle on paper.
5. Be with other people.
6. Watch a favorite TV show.
7. Post on web boards, and answer others' posts.
8. Go see a movie.
9. Do a wordsearch or crossword .
10. Do schoolwork.
11. Play a musical instrument.
12. Paint your nails, do your make-up or hair.
13. Sing.
14. Study the sky.
15. Punch a punching bag.
16. Cover yourself with Band-Aids where you want to cut.
17. Let yourself cry.
18. Take a nap (only if you are tired).
19. Take a hot shower or relaxing bath.
20. Play with a pet.
21. Go shopping.
22. Clean something.
23. Knit or sew.
24. Read a good book.
25. Listen to music.
26. Try some aromatherapy (candle, lotion, room spray).
27. Meditate.
28. Go somewhere very public.
29. Bake cookies.
30. Alphabetize your CDs/DVDs/books.
31. Paint or draw.
32. Rip paper into itty-bitty pieces
33. Shoot hoops, kick a ball.
34. Write a letter or send an email.
35. Plan your dream room (colors/ furniture).
36. Hug a pillow or stuffed animal.
37. Hyperfocus on something like a rock, hand, etc.
38. Dance.
39. Make hot chocolate, milkshake or smoothie.
40. Play with modeling clay or Play-Dough.
41. Build a pillow fort.
42. Go for a nice, long drive.
43. Complete something you've been putting off.
44. Draw on yourself with a marker.
45. Take up a new hobby.
46. Look up recipes, cook a meal.
47. Look at pretty things, like flowers or art.
48. Create or build something.
49. Pray.
50. Make a list of blessings in your life.
51. Read the Bible.
52. Go to a friend's house.
53. Jump on a trampoline.
54. Watch an old, happy movie.
55. Contact a hotline/ your therapist.
56. Talk to someone close to you.
57. Ride a bicycle.
58. Feed the ducks, birds, or squirrels.
59. Color with Crayons.
60. Memorize a poem, play, or song.
61. Stretch.
62. Search for ridiculous things on the internet.
63. "Shop" on-line (without buying anything).
64. Color-coordinate your wardrobe.
65. Watch fish.
66. Make a CD/playlist of your favorite songs.
67. Play the "15 minute game." (Avoid something for 15 minutes, when time is up start again.)
68. Plan your wedding/prom/other event.
69. Plant some seeds.
70. Hunt for your perfect home or car on-line.
71. Try to make as many words out of your full name as possible .
72. Sort through your photographs.
73. Play with a balloon.
74. Give yourself a facial.
75. Find yourself some toys and play.
76. Start collecting something.
77. Play video/computer games.
78. Clean up trash at your local park.
79. Perform a random act of kindness for someone.
80. Text or call an old friend.
81. Write yourself an "I love you because..." letter.
82. Look up new words and use them.
83. Rearrange furniture.
84. Write a letter to someone that you may never send.
85. Smile at least five people.
86. Play with little kids.
87. Go for a walk (with or without a friend).
88. Put a puzzle together.
89. Clean your room /closet.
90. Try to do handstands, cartwheels, or backbends.
91. Yoga.
92. Teach your pet a new trick.
93. Learn a new language.
94. Move EVERYTHING in your room to a new spot.
95. Get together with friends and play Frisbee, soccer or basketball.
96. Hug a friend or family member.
97. Search on-line for new songs/ artists.
98. Make a list of goals for the week/ month/year/5 years.
99. Face paint.

BOYS TOWN National Hotline

www.yourlifeyourvoice.org

If you are finding things challenging, as we all do from time to time, do remember to check that you are including the 5 ways to well-being in your daily life, in whatever way you can. Remember the 5 ways to well-being are:

Connect (Talk and Listen, feel connected, be there)

Be Active (Do what you can: Enjoy what you do: Move your mood)

Take Notice (Remember the simple things that give you joy)

Keep Learning (Embrace new experience, see opportunities, surprise yourself)

Give (Your time, your words, your presence)

It is often helpful to talk through concerns or worries with family or a friend so do both reach out to others and be there for your friends and family should they need to talk to you. Sometimes talking through a worry can really help.

Sometimes it may be helpful for you or a friend to access support to access help outside of or in addition to family and/or friends. You can contact the school in several ways to do this and there are various people who can offer help and support.

CONFIDENTIALITY

If you speak to a member of school staff about a private matter this will usually remain confidential between you and that member of staff. If the member of staff thinks that it is a good idea to involve someone else such as another member of staff, an external agency or your parents they would talk to you about this and get your consent. However, all members of staff have a duty to pass on information to only the school Safeguarding Team if they had concerns about your own safety or that or another member of the school community. The Safeguarding Team is limited to Mrs Greenfield and Mrs Holman.

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

Tootoot – this is a way of contacting the school anonymously. You can access Tootoot from the School Website and you would have been sent a login to your school email at the start of the year. You can use Tootoot to get help with problems that you are having at school or to report something you are worried about. There is a small selection of staff who will receive your message when it is sent and will endeavour to answer as soon as they can.

Form tutor – the first place you should go if you have any problems is to your form tutor. They will offer advice if they can and /or will direct you to the relevant person in the school who can help. Currently you may be able to speak to your tutor at the end of a Teams Meeting or by emailing into the relevant KS Administrator asking your Form Tutor to contact you (you would not need to give any details). You could also get a message to them through Tootoot but would need to give your name so that they would know who to contact.

Head of Year – form tutors usually work closely with Head of Year. You can also go directly to your Head of Year if you would prefer to do this.

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Student Guidance Team – Mrs Holman and Mrs Marku are available to speak to you if you have a problem, whether related to school or more personal and will guide you as to the best way to deal with the problem. They may offer to see you again themselves or advise you to see a school counsellor.

School Counsellor – Feeling overwhelmed? Scared because your parents are splitting up? Feel like you don't fit in? Sometimes it's just not possible to sort through tough times alone. Problems can build up and you may lose sleep, find you can't concentrate on school work/homework, or even become depressed. When you need to talk to someone, your school counsellor can be a great person to help you through your bad times. They will listen and help. They'll take your problem seriously and work with you to find a good solution. School counsellors are trained to help with most issues. Please speak to your Form Tutor or other member of staff or enquire via Tootoot. Speaking to a counsellor is informal, just like a chat.

Counselling is very informal, like having a chat and the Counsellors may ask questions or give advice. The sessions are about you and is your time to speak about what is worrying you.

Students if you are experiencing low mood or anxiety and would like support for this in the form of eight on-line sessions with an Education Mental Health Practitioner, you can contact Mrs Holman for more information and sign-up.

Mrs Holman/Mrs Marku are based in the Student Guidance Office, formerly SG4.

MINDFULNESS PAGES

Things You Should Know to Meditate

- Create a distraction-free space without phones or TVs and a comfortable place to sit.
- Set a timer for 5 to 10 minutes (or shorter), close your eyes, and focus on your breathing until the timer dings.
- Concentrate on your inhales and exhales if your mind wanders while meditating—it may even be helpful to count your breaths.
- Meditating can help you relax while lessening stress, relieving anxiety, and channeling your focus.

Balloon Belly Breathing

Lie down somewhere comfy and imagine there is a balloon in your tummy. As you breathe in, imagine the balloon slowly inflates. As you breathe out, the balloon effortlessly deflates.

Warrior pose – *for confidence and concentration*

Stand up tall with your feet wide apart. Turn your right toes out and press your left heel away. Bend your right knee deeply, stretch your arms out at shoulder height and make like a surfer. Hang ten for a few relaxed breaths, feeling the strength of your body, then shake out your legs and try it out on the other side. This is a great distractor from worried thoughts.

Legs up the wall – *to soften and drop*

Grab a blanket and a pillow, take a seat with your side against the wall and enjoy some time out. Roll onto your back, slide your legs up the wall, arrange the pillow under your head and drape the blanket over you for comfort. Now let your body flop and drop, the whole length of your legs held by the wall. There is nothing to be done right now and nowhere else to be.

NHS
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children
NHS Foundation Trust

Getting a good night's sleep (Easy Read)

	Sleep is very important. It lets your body and mind rest after a busy day.
	Everyone has trouble sleeping sometimes. There are things you can do to help you sleep better.
	Think about what you eat and drink in the afternoons and evenings. Cola drinks have something in them to keep you awake.
	Try not to eat too much before bedtime. Have a least an hour after dinner to let your food go down.
	Try to get some fresh air each day. You don't have to do a sport every day. Just going outside is good.
	Try not to have where you sleep too hot or too cold.
	Put a nightlight on if you like to have some light or dark curtains if you don't.

	Try to go to bed at the same time each day. This should be the same at weekends as well as on school nights.
	Have a warm bath or shower before bed to relax you. You could also have a milky drink as this could help you sleep.
	Don't watch the television or use your phone or tablet before bed. The light they give off can wake up your brain.
	Remember to go to the toilet before you go to bed.

CONNECT
TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

BE ACTIVE
DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR MOOD

TAKE NOTICE
REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

KEEP LEARNING
EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

Give
Your time, your words, your presence

MY CIRCLE OF CONTROL

I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT I CAN CONTROL

THINGS THAT ARE IN MY CONTROL

- The amount of effort I put in
- My words
- My actions
- How I treat others
- Whether or not I follow rules
- How I handle my feelings
- My decisions
- How I take care of myself

THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF MY CONTROL

- What other people do
- Things from the past
- Other people's choices
- What other people say
- How other people feel
- The weather

Helpful websites:

FAITH AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SUPPORT BY PHONE, LIVE CHAT, WHATSAPP OR EMAIL

We offer non-judgemental, confidential support 7 days a week, 365 days a year including bank holidays and Eid.

Call our helpline 7 days a week (4pm-10pm) **0808 808 2008**

You can text: YM to 85258 for free 24/7 support

https://youngminds.org.uk/

Online well-being platform that is accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free.

https://www.kooth.com/

HOPELINEUK (PAPYRUS)

Phone: 0800 068 4141

https://www.papyrus-uk.org/

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Text: 07860039967

(Mon – Fri 0900 – 2200 and Sat – Sun 1400 –2200)

Sexual Abuse

There is a helpline run by the NSPCC and is available to current or past victims as well as parents, carers or professionals with concerns. The number is 0800 136 663. The helpline is free and anonymous, and will be open Monday to Friday from 8am – 10pm and Saturday to Sunday from 9am – 6pm.

The Mix Crisis Messenger

Essential support for under 25s

☎ 0808 808 4994

gr'eftalk helpline

0808 802 0111

Weekdays 9am-9pm

CHAT

EMAIL

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Young Carers:

Redbridge Carers Support Service

Phone: 020 8514 6251
Email: office@rcss.org.uk

Waltham Forest

020 8496 2442
young.carers@walthamforest.gov.uk

Drugs and Alcohol Help and Advice

Redbridge Fusion NELFT Free and friendly confidential service to young people in the borough of Redbridge under the age of 18.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Station Road Centre, Station Road,
Barkingside,
Essex IG6 1NB

Tel: 020 8708 7801
Fax: 020 8708 7802
Email: fusion@redbridge.gov.uk **Opening times:** 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday

https://www.talktofrank.com

LGBTQ+

Dear Students,

Pride is a movement which celebrates diversity as well as protesting against discrimination and violence as whilst the rights of the LGBT+ community have come a long way, there is still not full equality. There is plenty of information online about the history of the development of the rights for the LGBT+ community available online, for example –
https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40459213

Remember, Pride is all about inclusivity and diversity. The priority is the promotion of equality and creating a community and a safe space for people to be who they are.
If you, or anyone you know, has any questions about this or feel that they need some support then you can speak to a trusted adult at school such as your Head of Year or Form Tutor. Alternatively, the following websites might be of use –

- **Stonewall**
  For further information about LGBT+ and support, please see –
  https://www.stonewall.org.uk/

- **Give us a Shout**
  Accessed on –
  https://giveusashout.org/
  Or can be reached 24/7 via text on 85258

- **The Proud Trust**
  For information about local support groups, you can use –
  https://www.stonewall.org.uk/

- **Mermaids** (especially for young people who feel at odds with the gender they have been assigned)
  Accessed on - https://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk/
  Or you can call from Monday-Friday 9am-9pm on **0344 334 0550**

- **Switchboard** (an LGBT+ Helpline) Accessed on –
  http://switchboard.lgbt/ for online chat and email service
  Or you can call from 10am-11pm everyday on 300 330 0630

Please look out for some information from me with regard to the Pride Youth Network!

Take care now.

Miss Keith

Pride Youth Network Co-ordinator

Dear Students,

As you may know, every June the LGBT+ community celebrates Pride Month across the globe! The month of June has been dedicated for this as this is when the Stonewall Riots took place in 1969, in Manhattan. These riots served as a catalyst for the rights of LGBTQ+ people. Pride is a movement which celebrates diversity as well as protesting against discrimination and violence as whilst the rights of the LGBT+ community have come a long way, there is still not full equality. There is plenty of information online about the history of the development of the rights for the LGBT+ community available online, for example - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40459213

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Some videos which may be of interest to some of you about LGBT+ celebration and diversity are linked here –

1. Lord Michael Cashman on 'How LGBT+ rights have changed in the UK' here
2. Can you be a person of faith and LGBT+? here
3. How can I be myself online, and stay safe? here
4. What does it mean to be queerly autistic and proud? here

If you, or anyone you know, has any questions about this or feel that they need some support then you can speak to a trusted adult at school such as your Head of Year or Form Tutor. Alternatively, the following websites might be of use –

- **East London Out Project (ELOP)** - an award-winning LGBT+ wellbeing charity with over 25 years' experience of supporting LGBT+ young people in East London. It supports young people in two ways:
    - Free weekly (virtual) LGBT+ youth group
    - Free LGBT+ mentoring (12-18 year olds)

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For information about local support groups, you can use –

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Happy Pride Month!

Remember, Woodford's Pride Youth Network meets every Monday in SF7 at 1:30 – everyone is welcome! Keep an eye out for posters about events on next week.

Miss KeithPride Youth Network Co-ordinator

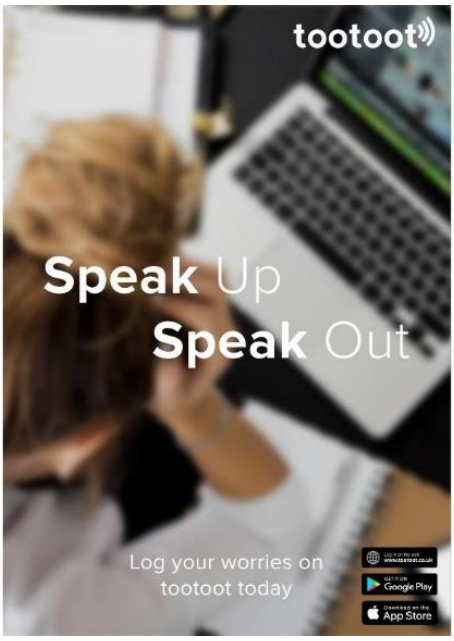
PRIDE YOUTH NETWORK!

Meetings every Thursday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm in SF7

Safe space for all

Feel free to bring your lunch

Please speak to a PYN Ambassador or Miss Keith if you have any queries or suggestions



Dear Students

Woodford County High School subscribes to Tootoot, this is an online reporting platform and app for students. We are aware that there may be times when you may not feel comfortable to speak to someone face- to face about your concerns, or may be concerned about being identified or potentially making matters worse.

With Tootoot, you are able to safely and anonymously report your concerns and worries to mentors (WCHS safeguarding and pastoral team), so use this as a first step to resolving your concerns. ***Although anonymous please be aware that in the event of a serious safeguarding issue, (i.e. where a student is in danger of imminent harm) it would be possible for the Designated Safeguarding Leads to gain access to identify the student.***

Tootoot is accessible anywhere, anytime and on any internet-enabled device, if there is something that is concerning your, or making you feel unsafe (whether an issue personal to you or a wider concern about others in school) you can use this platform to raise your concern. School should be a safe place where you can grow in confidence and learn, no one should ever be bullied. When reporting you will also be able to attach supporting evidence, such as images, screenshots or documents etc.

Ms Hasler and Mrs Easton, as well as the school's Student Guidance Officer Mrs Holman and Assistant Student Guidance Officer Mrs Menon, will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have in person.

Please note that Tootoot **should not** be used for day to day school- related questions, please speak to your form tutor, teachers or Key Stage Administrator for these. You are also able to contact your teachers via email who will get back to you during a school day.

Keep an eye out for an email from Tootoot with your login details, which will be sent out via the Tootoot system. Your accounts are linked to your school email therefore should you forget your details going forward, you will always be able to use the ''Forgotten your login/password?' feature on the home page to receive a password reset link.

Regards

Mrs Del Giudice

inspiring the future

Join us this London Careers Festival

Registration is still open for London Careers Festival 2023! Register your students today for the opportunity to attend our **free virtual activities** aimed at year 10-13.

Jobs in Sports Sector

Tues 27 June, 9:30 - 10:30 am

This session offers students the chance to meet a number of volunteers who have jobs in the sports sector with interactive polls, quiz questions and Q&A from students. Our sports themed panel will discuss the volunteers' experiences, the skills and qualifications they obtained and the issue of tackling gender stereotypes in the sports sector.

Register for this session

Working towards Sustainability

Tues 27 June, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

This session aims to showcase the growing need for sustainability related jobs across sectors in London such as construction, healthcare, tech and beyond. Volunteers will deliver a presentation about their career pathway, the importance of sustainable jobs, and their experience of working in the sector. Students will have time for Q&A, as well as answering quiz questions related to

Register for this session

Pathways into Healthcare

Wed 28 June, 9:30 - 10:30 am

This session will introduce students to a wide range of roles in the healthcare sector, connecting them to volunteers from across the NHS. Students can hear about the essential skills and subjects that are useful in jobs in the NHS, as well as learning about the different pathways into such roles.

Register for this session

Creative Jobs

Thurs 29 June, 9:30 - 10:30 am

This session offers students the chance to meet a number of volunteers who are not just creatives but have a range of jobs in the creative industry. Students can hear about the volunteers' skills and experiences, tackle the idea that breaking into the creative industry is about "who you know" and discuss how creativity is an essential skill that cuts across industries.

Register for this session

London Borough of Redbridge

REDBRIDGE YOUTH HUB

A virtual one-stop shop for young people aged 16-24

Find information and resources on

- education
- employment
- careers advice
- training
- apprenticeships
- managing money
- health and well-being support

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www.redbridge.gov.uk/youth-hub