





Issue No. 459

21st November 2023



#### **Punctuality to school**

Dear parents, carers,

My previous correspondence detailed the school's attitude towards school attendance and our drive to improve each student's understanding on this matter thus enabling them to gain a high-quality school education.

Punctuality is also of <u>great importance</u> and where standards fall short, there are measures that we put in place to improve punctuality to school.

As you will know, our school day starts at 08:20 with registration of pupils in the main school commencing from 08:30.

Due to the school's vast catchment area (spanning Redbridge and neighbouring boroughs) we understand that occasionally difficulties arise in arriving to school for an 08:20 start. As a result, we classify a student being late to school from 08:30 onwards. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) initially check punctuality at the school gate. When students arrive after 08:30, their electronic fob records entry to school. This digital signature ensures that records are kept accurately. Where students forget their electronic fob, this information is also recorded at the gate by <u>SLT</u> and a manual entry is made.

Students arriving after 08:30 at the school gate are sanctioned with a 15 minute "late detention" at the end of the school day, failure to attend ramps this up to a "30- minute detention". Subsequent failure to attend leads to a full 1-hour detention.

As many of our students arrive by bus, their route to school can be impaired by the running of TFL services. On occasions when the "school bus (679)" is delayed, an amnesty on 15-minute detentions on that day is called. This is also true where a <u>significant number</u> of students arrive after 08:30 due to the late running of local buses. Please note that regardless of reason of lateness, a "late mark" is issued for registration purposes as the student arrived after 08:30. Where a student arrives after 09:00 an "unauthorised late" is issued for registration purposes.

Seven "unauthorised late" marks within a six-week registration period may lead to a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

As you and your child may have noticed, local traffic has been particularly poor this term – the closing of Woodford bridge not helping matters. Whilst we sympathise with this situation, students are still expected to arrive before 08:30 (The number of students arriving late has not been significant this term as the 679 bus route has thus far not been affected greatly).

We are also noting a trend of parents calling in whilst driving to inform us of their child's late running due to traffic. Whilst we thank those parents for informing us of this situation, the 15-minute late detention will remain in place unless a parent can explain the extraordinary reason for lateness – traffic related incidents are not extraordinary. Please be aware that records are kept on our management information system where parents call in and trends in lateness are routinely monitored. Some parents have also called in to school after their child has been sanctioned for lateness and have been abusive towards our administration staff – this will not be tolerated.

#### Take home messages

- School starts at 08:20 and registration for the Main School at 08:30. Arrival after 08:30 is considered late and a 15 minute "late detention" will be automatically administered unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Where there are delays to the "school bus (679)" an amnesty on 15-minute detentions will take place.

- Where there are exceptional delays to local buses and a <u>significant number</u> of students arrive late an amnesty on 15 -minute detentions will take place for those travelling via those bus routes.
- Parents of pupils who arrive after 09:00 seven times in a six-week period may be liable for a PCN.
- A student is not exempt from the late detention if a parent calls in. Only under exceptional circumstances is this late detention waived.
- If you would like further information on our Attendance policy, please click the following link.

#### A message from our Key Stage Administrators regarding absence calling

Please ensure that you call in before 09:00 (on each day of absence) to let us know if your child will be absent due to illness, this can be either by phone call or by e-mail. Where information is not received, an unauthorised absence will be recorded for AM and PM sessions. 12 unauthorised sessions in a 12-week period may lead to a PCN.

#### Article by

Dr. Cassim Ashraff,
Assistant Headteacher

#### LOST PROPERTY



# Winter Coats - Lost property - Wooden trunk in Reception

We have a large number of winter coats in our lost property box.

If your daughter is coming home without her coat, could you please prompt her to look

in the lost property box, as soon as possible.

Unclaimed winter coats will be discarded / sent to charity, at the end of this week,

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

# Economics Society

Want to learn more about economics?

Join the economics society.

Week B

Monday Lunch

1:30-2pm

CC2

Years 7-11



Autumn Term Dates Remaining:

27/11/23

11/12/23

Co-Presidents:

Simrit Tagar, Gurpriya Purewal, Damanpreet Kaur

Supervisor:

Mr Bradford

Advanced Notice – WCHS will be taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. This is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Plan / save up / create / make / customise your jumper!



#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We are pleased to inform you that we have raised £209.67 from the event.

#### ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH

MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development) will be making their third visit to Woodford on Monday. November is Islamophobia Awareness Month which this year is focusing on telling positive stories about Muslims in an effort to counter negative stereotypes. We are particularly pleased that since their first visit in November 2021 it has been a former student of Woodford who has led the session with our students. As we work together to heal our community after recent events, we are fortunate to be able to call on external expertise with insider knowledge of our school.



#### **IMPACT FOOD GROUP**

Since Summer 2023, the schools Catering provider Innovate have partnered with Olio to minimise food waste and distribute food that cannot be used by the school to local families in need. The food is generally collected at the end of the school week. This is an excellent initiative to support sustainability and reduce food waste.

The documents below show the Business, Social and Environmental impact achieved through this process for the month of October 2023. The first document relates to Woodford County High School. The second document relates to the Impact Food group as a whole. Thank you to both Innovate (part of the Impact Food Group) and to Olio for this really important initiative.

#### Kind Regards

#### **Sheila Fonseca**

**School Business Manager** 



### October 2023 Impact



Business Impact Food Group (United Kingdom) Store

SINESS IMPACT



87

sites donating



2,112 kg

edible food donated

CIAL IMPACT



421

households fed



93%

food shared



4,729

meals saved



6,5//

items saved

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8,567 kg

CO2 emissions avoided



1,484KI

water saved



393



29,127

equivalent number of trees .. car miles off the road



# WCHS THEATRE SOCIETY Hamilton

Tuesday 9th January @ 7.30pm

(Excellent Seats @) Victoria Palace Theatre

#### LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE @ (240.00)

#### TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR ...

The Motive & The Cue, Wed 10th Jan, 7.50pm @ Noel Coward Theatre

Guys & Dolls, Tues 6th Feb, 7.50pm @ The Bridge Theatre. Standing Only \$27.50 (TOTALLY IMMERSIVE - YOU ARE PART OF THE SET - it's a great show)

Hadestown, Tues 27th Feb, 7.30pm @ Lyric Theatre (£30)

INSET DAY SPECIAL - The Cursed Child, Wed 6th March, Part A 2pm & Part B 7pm @ Palace Theatre f50 (for both Parts)

COMING SOON ... LONDON TIDE; MAMMA MIA!; THE DEVIL WEARS
PRADA

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.

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

LIBRARY@WOODFORD.REDBRIDGE.SCH.UK



#### WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 9LA



Telephone: 020 8504 0611 www.woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Dear Year 7 and Year 8 Parents

#### **Woodford County High School Joint Winter Disco with Ilford County High School**

For Year 7 & 8 Pupils on

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 6.00pm – 8.00pm

at Woodford County High School (School Hall)

The Parents and Friends' Association (PFA) would like to invite pupils in Years 7 & 8 to a joint Disco which is being hosted by Woodford County High School and Ilford County High School.

The disco will take place at Woodford County High School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the School Hall. The ticket price is £8.50 per student. All parents will need to collect their daughters (or arrange for a family member to collect them) from Woodford County High School at 8.00pm. Students will not be allowed to leave unaccompanied. (Boys will be collected from the Hall, girls from the Dining Room.) We apologise that parking will not be available on site and ask that you make use of the Hawkey Hall Car Park. There will be parking enforcement at the school gate and they will turn away vehicles attempting to enter the site.

The Disco is a fund raising initiative on behalf of both PFAs and money raised will be divided between the two PFA charities. Refreshments will be on sale at the Disco so please ensure your daughter has some money as she may wish to make a purchase. The Disco will be supervised by Woodford and Ilford staff and PFA members. No external guests will be allowed entry and students will be required to stay on the premises until collected by a parent or family member at 8.00pm.

Please complete the permission form on ParentPay and ensure that payment has been made through ParentPay by **Friday 1**<sup>st</sup> **December 2023**. Your daughter may only take part if the permission form and payment have been received. Please note that this is a non-refundable event.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher



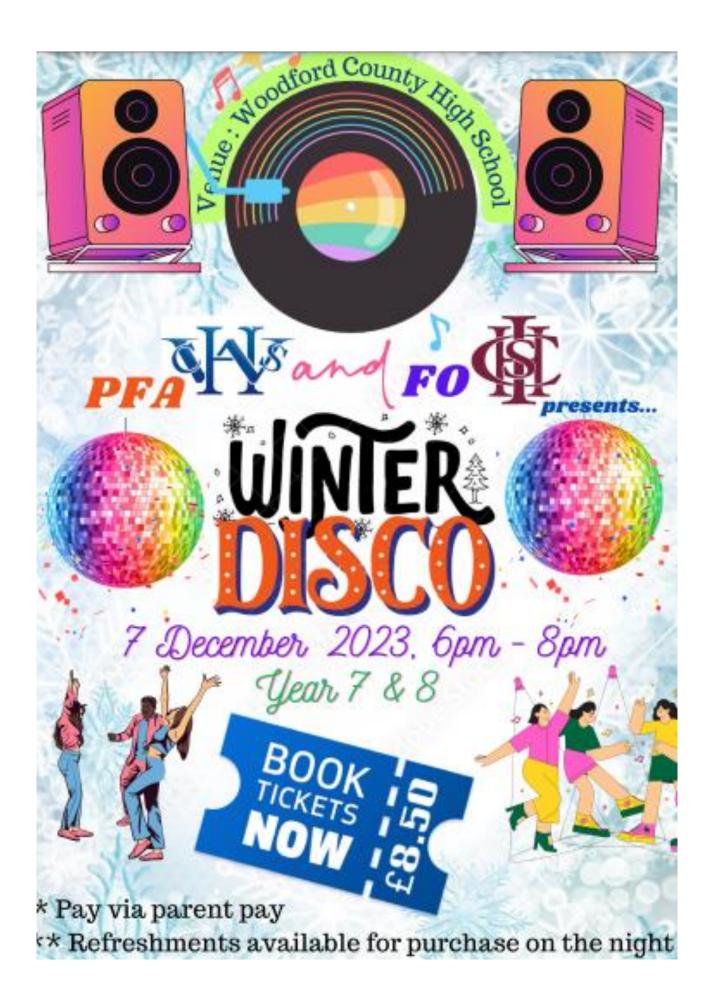


Email: enquiries@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk









# Woodford County Eco Info

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

BORROW SOMETHING
CREATE SOMETHING
BAKE SOMETHING
PLAN SOMETHING
DONATE SOMETHING

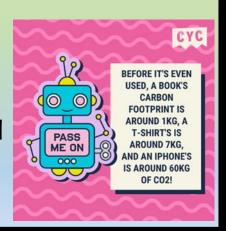
BUY NOTHING a

On **Friday 24th November** try not to buy unnecessary items to raise awareness of the negative environmental, social, and political consequences of overconsumption.



Sharing or reusing will also contribute to the

CUT YOUR CARBON challenges





# **NOVEMBER 2023**

20th, 12.45pm – 1.30pm: Politics – Global Governance & Climate Change with Aberystwyth Uni

20th, 3.45pm – 4.30pm: Media – Ownership & Control with Aberystwyth Uni

20th, 3.45pm – 4.45pm: MFL @ University with Bath & Portsmouth Unis

21st, 12.45pm - 1.30pm: Politics - The Battle for the New World Order with UEA

21st, 4.30pm – 5.15pm: HE Student Finance with UEA

22<sup>nd</sup>, 11.00am – 12.00pm: MFL Film Society – 'Almanya Willkommen in Deutschland' with Nottingham Uni

 $22^{nd}$ , 4.30pm - 5.15pm: Law – Building a Defence with Goldsmiths' Uni

23rd, 4.30pm – 5.15pm: Medicine – Mental Health & Wellbeing in the NHS with UEA

24th, 11.10am – 11.55am: RS/Philosophy – Religion & Science with Warwick Uni

## **DECEMBER 2023**

5th, 2.15pm – 3.00pm: History – What Does it Mean to be British? with Goldsmiths' Uni

5th, 3.45pm – 4.30pm: Law/Criminology – The Criminal Justice System with Aberystwyth Uni

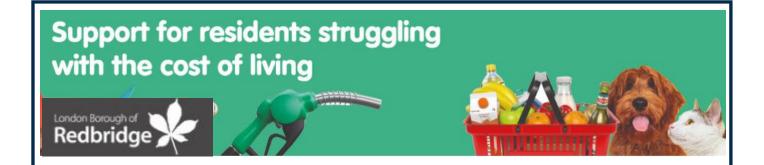
6th, 1.30pm - 2.15pm: Photography - The Persuasive Power with Solent Uni

6th, 4pm - 4.45pm: MFL Theatre Society - Brecht's Epic Theatre with Aberystwyth Uni

7th, 4.30pm - 5.15pm: HE - How to Manage Money at Uni with UEA







Please see the message below from The London Borough of Redbridge:

Please can you send the following links to families which will support them with the cost of living:

Cost of Living (redbridge.gov.uk)

Cost of Living - Cost of Living payment (redbridge.gov.uk)

Cost of Living - Foodbanks (redbridge.gov.uk)

There is the <u>Ilford Community Grocery</u> - we urge every family in need to join the Ilford Community Grocery, 25-29 Clements Rd where residents can buy food at 80% discount:

**For the longer term** you may be interested in buying your groceries at the Ilford Community Grocery. Join this grocery for £5 a year and you can buy 12 items for just £5. It is located at 25-29 Clements Rd, Ilford.

It is open Monday through Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm.

More details: https://communitygrocery.org.uk/ilford/



# **Educational Psychology Service Parent Helpline**

Would you like to talk to someone?

Do you need some support with creating a daily routine for your child?

Are you concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing?

Are you struggling to motivate your children at home or manage sibling relationships?

The Educational Psychology Service (EPS) are here to support you.

We have a **dedicated telephone helpline for parents/carers** where you will receive advice and guidance from a professional

**Educational Psychologist.** 

The EPS helpline is available for all parents and carers - your child does not need to be known to the EPS, does not need to have a special educational need or additional support within school. We welcome calls from all parents and carers.

#### **EPS Helpline**

Telephone: 07741 331 009

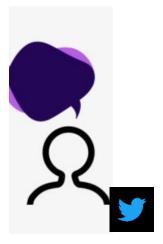
**Opening hours:** 

Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Webpage: https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/ schools/educational-psychology-service/

**FIND: Educational Psychology Service** 

@Redbridge\_aep Twitter account.



# WCHS - ECTT - Term 2

	Mon	<u>Tues</u>	Weds	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
Before School 7.50- 8.20am Lunchtime 1.30-2pm	Volleyball (all) VJA  Trampolining KRU Week A = yr9-11 Week B = yr7&8	*Netball - SQUAD Train- ing Only* + Sixth formers STA, VJA, HBA, KRU	Football Train- ing Week A = yr7 & 8 HBA Week B = yr9-11 STA  Athletics (all)	Badminton VJA Week A = yr7&8 Week B = yr9 -11	Yr12&13 Badminton STA  Yr10 & 11 GCSE Trampolining & Badminton STA & KRU  Cross Country (all) KRI
After-school 3.30-4.20pm			*FIXTURES*		









### **Music Extra-Curricular Timetable: Winter 2023**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir	Junior Band	Jazz Band	Theory and	Orchestra
	Ms Nina	IBO	KHN	GCSE/A-level support	IBO
	(SF1)	(SF1)	(SF1)	IBO	(SF1)
	13:30- 14:10	13:30- 14:10	13:40-14:15	(SF2)	13:40-14:15
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	Senior choir	Flute ensemble	String orchestra		Guitar Ensemble
	JMI	(please speak to Ms	IBO		(SF2)
	(Main Hall)	Hannent if interested)	(SF2)		13:40-14:15
	13:40-14:15	KHN	13:40-14:15		
	13.40-14.13	13:40-14:10	13.40-14.13		
	Brass Ensemble	Musical Theatre Club (Conference Room) 13:40-14:10	Carnatic Ensemble		
	(Jubilee room)		(Jubilee Room 1)		
	13:45-14:15		13:30-14:20		
	Kalimba Club		Ukelele Club		
	(Conference room)		(Jubilee Room 2)		
	13:40-14:15		13:40-14:15		
	13.40-14.13				
After school		Chamber groups			
		IBO			
		(SF1/2)			
		15:45-16:30			





# LIVE FOR THE MOVEMENTS

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#### **MOVE TOGETHER**

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Date:

Location:

nuffieldhealth.com/movetogether



#### It takes a special person to care for a special person.

Gloria Samuel, Service Manager for Fostering and Children with Disabilities Services in Redbridge Council, previously fostered for 20 years. Many of the children she cared for had physical and learning disabilities. Now retired from fostering, Gloria states "I don't think potential foster carers realise just how much training and support is available when looking after children who happen to be disabled or have additional needs. There are many different care packages offered to support the child and foster carers fully and the training involved is outstanding".

If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please email <a href="mailto:fostering@redbridge.gov.uk">fostering@redbridge.gov.uk</a> or call us on 020 8708 6068 or visit <a href="https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringschools">https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringschools</a> to book a place at one of our information sessions.

#### **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	

SPRING 2024			
Term	Thursday 4 January 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	
Half-term	Monday 19 February 2024	Friday 23 February 2024	
Term	Monday 26 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	
Spring Break	Monday 1 April 2024	Friday 12 April 2024	
Non-Contact Day	Wednesday 6 March 2024		



#### **KEY DATES TO REMEMBER**

23 November—GCSE Prize Giving 2023-24
28 November—Year 13 Parents Evening
4 December—Year 11 Parents Evening
14 December—Christmas Concert
18 December—Year 13 (2020-2021) Certificate & Social Event
20 December—End of Term



#### **REMINDER**

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

