



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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Year 7 Reports

Year 7 reports have been published and can be viewed on GO 4 Schools.

ATL Letters & Certificates

Students have received their ATL letters and certificates.

Years 7, 8 and 9: ATL letters & certificates.

Years 10 & 11: ATL letters

GCSE French Speaking

Students will only have a few more French lessons after Easter before the speaking exam during the week commencing **Monday 29 April**. They need to learn their conversation questions and practise key role play phrases such as question words. Please see your MFL teacher if you want to practise at lunchtime or after school. Bon courage!

Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Hoodies, Yearbooks and Prom Tickets

FINAL DATE for ordering a leavers' hoodie and a yearbook is **Tuesday 23 April**. We cannot accept any orders after this date as each item is made to order. Students need to come to the Student Office to choose the colour and size of their hoodie. Please make payments via ParentPay.

REMEMBER to return the GDPR consent form. Without this form students will not be able to appear in the yearbook or on the hoodie.

PROM TICKETS - will still be on sale until **Friday 24 May**.

Calculators

We have managed to purchase a limited number of the new Casio fx-83gtx Calculators, at a reduced cost. You will be able to purchase these through ParentPay after the Easter holidays. This is a good deal for these calculators, and it is unlikely that we will be able to find them again at this price. Once these are purchased we will source some more to sell, but the price is very likely to rise. Therefore, they will be sold strictly on a first come, first served basis.



Please note: If your child already has a scientific calculator then there is no need to purchase another one, so please ignore this item on ParentPay.

Mr Foote, Head of Faculty: Maths

Word of the Week

'Loathe'

(To hate, or feel disgusted by something)

Can you use the Word of the Week in a sentence?

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Farewell

As you know, I am leaving today to begin a second headship at an 11-18 school in Derbyshire.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to staff, students and parents who have supported Woodbrook Vale and myself over the past 6 years.

This is a fabulous school and I leave with many fond memories.

Good luck to all of you for the future.

Best wishes

Gary Peat, Headteacher



World Autism Awareness Day

Many thanks to students and staff who brought in cakes on Tuesday 2 April as part of World Autism Awareness Day. Cakes were sold to the whole school at breaktime. There were so many that a second cake sale was necessary on Wednesday! A total of £184.48 was raised and will be forwarded to Leicestershire Autistic Society who provide lots of support to local families.



Personal Development Lessons

PD lessons scheduled for the week commencing

Monday 23 April:

Year 7: Diversity & British Values-Identity

Year 8: Rights and Responsibilities-The right to protest.

Year 9: Rights and Responsibilities: How politics affects me.

Year 11: Revision

Please discuss the topics we are covering in PD lessons with your child.

If any issues are raised that you would like us to be aware of, please contact your child's form tutor.

tellbytext

Woodbrook Vale offers a system for students to report bullying called tellbytext. If a student would like to report that they are being bullied, they may:

- text 21153 and their message to 07781474660
- leave a voice message at 0845 2258230
- report online at www.tellbytext.com



Library Books

Late book slips are sent out regularly via tutor group wallets. Once a slip has been received, students should return their books to the Learning Centre as soon as possible. If a book is not returned after three reminders, a letter will be sent home requesting parents'/carers' assistance in ensuring the book is returned. Should a book be lost, the student needs to see Mrs Smith in the Learning Centre and the book should either be paid for or replaced. This will enable us to maintain good stock levels in the library, for the benefit of all students.

Letters

All letters can be viewed on the school website: www.wbvs.co.uk

Attendance

The highest attending registration group last week was 7CB with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.93%. 7CB enjoyed a reward breakfast this week. Congratulations to all members of 7CB.
Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Poetry Club

Poetry club runs every Friday lunchtime and is attended by a group of Year 7 students. We read and discuss poems that we like and decide on a theme that we can write a poem about for the following week. Examples include the sky, love, spring time.

All Year 7's are welcome to join the club, bring their lunch, relax and enjoy reading some poetry.

Mrs McSwiney, HLTA

A poem by Naomi Sandford, 7CL:

There's a Stranger

*There's a stranger in the forest but who could it be?
The fish in the pool or the sloth in the tree,
The bees and birds in the skies so free,
There's a stranger in the forest destroying what you see.*

*There's a stranger in the forest but listen and you'll hear,
The beaver's constant working and the monkey's cheer,
The tiger's roar so loud and clear,
There's a stranger in the forest disturbing what is hear.*

*There's a stranger in the forest but listen to the song,
Of beetles scuttling wildly and the snake so long,
The lion's shadow as it passes so strong,
There's a stranger in the forest who's doing wrong.*

*There's a stranger in the forest who's not normally there,
They're different from the frog and ever running hare,
They're different from the insects and hibernating bear,
There's a stranger in the forest who's not willing to share.*

*There's a stranger in the forest but who could it be?
Not the fish in the pool or the sloth in the tree,
There's a stranger in the forest and now I see,
There's a stranger in the forest and that stranger is me.*

Year 11 Reward

On Friday 29 March, a group of Year 11 students were treated to lunch and an afternoon of bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Leicester as a reward for attending intervention sessions and having a positive attitude to learning throughout the term. A great time was had by all.
Miss Holmes, HLTA Year 11 Focus



Cartoon Art Workshop

A group of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a Cartoon Art workshop on Tuesday 2 April led by Karen Rubins, a comics creator and illustrator living and working in London.

The students who had been chosen to take part have all demonstrated talent and interest in cartoon art. They had a very enjoyable and informative day learning techniques for creating characters, narrative structure and storytelling through comics.



Apprenticeship Workshop

Students from Years 10 and 11 were invited to attend an Apprenticeship Workshop this week delivered by Ask Apprenticeships.

Information was given about the different types of apprenticeships available after Year 11 and Year 13 and how to apply and to receive alerts of suitable positions.

Students were able to consider the types of skills that employers are looking for and the benefits that apprenticeships can often offer over full time education.

If parents would like more information there are some excellent free resources and advice to be found by following this link:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/>

Mrs McSwiney, Careers Coordinator

Leicester College Taster Day

A group of 45 students from Years 9 and 10 attended a brilliant taster day on Wednesday 27 March at Leicester College. The students were able to choose various workshops:

Artistic Make Up

The students reproduced fake bruises and scars which are used in TV and film productions.

Media

A group of students produced a music video.

Dance and Acting

This workshop resulted in two superb performances.

Childcare

The group were involved with real babies!

Travel and Tourism

Uniform Services

The taster day introduced the students to possible further education courses and future career options.

