



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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End of Term Arrangements

This term ends on **Friday 12 July**. In line with previous years, we are planning to allow students to leave a little earlier than our normal closing time of 3:00pm.

Lunch will be at the usual time on this day, after which students will return to their period 5 lesson. Classes will be dismissed at 1:30pm. Students are requested not to visit their ex-primary school on the way home.

Due to the early school closure, there will be no HUB after school on 12 July.

The Autumn term starts on **Thursday 29 August** for all students.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of property in the Student Office. Please ask your child to check at Student Office if they have lost any of these items. Any items that are not claimed by the end of this academic year will be donated to Rainbows.

Attendance Reward

The highest attending registration group last week was 8FK with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.28%. 8FK will have a reward breakfast next week. Congratulations to all members of 8FK.

Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Word of the Week

'Adore'

(To love something or someone deeply)

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

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Letters

All letters can be viewed on the school website:

www.wbvs.co.uk

Twitter

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and keep up to date with our latest news and information.



Year 11 Student Prom

It was an absolute pleasure and a delight to see the Year 11 students in all of their finery enjoying their prom in the early evening sunshine on Thursday 27 June. From the earliest arrivals on a horse drawn carriage, it was immediately apparent that this was to be a very special prom indeed. All students were beaming (perhaps with relief from finally finishing their exams) and it was a real privilege to see the confident, relaxed and sociable young adults that they have become. As has become accustomed with Woodbrook Vale proms, students arrived in a variety of imaginative and show stopping ways and the outfits can only be described as stunning. Well done to all in Year 11 for all you have given to Woodbrook Vale over the years. I hope you enjoy your summer and that in August you all achieve the results that your effort and determination deserve. Kind regards and best wishes.

Mrs Kell, Head of Year 11



Year 7 Students: Induction Days

Welcome to all our new Year 7 students who joined Woodbrook Vale on Thursday and Friday this week for their induction days.

A lot of exciting activities were arranged including a visit from the Happy Puzzle company.

We look forward to seeing our new Year 7 students at the start of the Autumn term on **Thursday 29 August**.

Governors' Awards

On Friday 28 June, Woodbrook Vale held two Governors' Awards ceremonies for students who had received at least 150 GOALS during the academic year. All students were presented with scrolls and medals from the Chair of Governors, Gavin Brown. We were delighted at the number of parents who were able to join us in the celebration. It is always wonderful to see so many smiling, proud faces. Congratulations to all involved.

Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher



Virgin London Marathon Challenge - Team Woodbrook

Three of our teachers have been fortunate enough to gain places to run the Virgin London Marathon in April 2020. They are running to support the charity Phab Kids. Phab Kids run projects to help children and young adults with disabilities to 'make more of life together' by running residential and activity breaks. If you want to read more about Phab Kids please visit www.phabkids.co.uk



Chris Worth

'I started running when my daughter Alana was first born. At the time I nearly weighed 17 stone and got out of breath just going up the stairs. My goal was to be able to play and enjoy doing exercise with my children, however I went one stage further and got the running bug. I've previously ran two marathons and one of my bucket list dreams is to run the London Marathon. I am really excited to have the opportunity to run for Phab kids.'

Peter Hayes

'I have applied to run the London Marathon for 10 years in a row and have never been accepted. This year I have been lucky enough to get a place! I have ran two half marathons but never the full marathon. I am a little daunted by the prospect of running 26.2 miles but excited about challenging myself. We teach students to challenge themselves and I hope that I can inspire some of our students to step out of their comfort zone! The training will be tough throughout the winter but with three children at home, I might enjoy getting out for a run!'

Sarah Anderson

'Like Mr Hayes, I have also applied through the ballot for the London Marathon several times. I have run 8 half marathons and have no idea whether I can run a marathon or not! However, I am going to commit to the training and attempt to show the students at Woodbrook Vale that resilience, grit and determination can pay off. Phabkids is a small charity that does an exceptional job. If you can support us then it would be appreciated by us all.'

If you would like to sponsor 'Team Woodbrook' then please visit their Just Giving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/team-woodbrook>



Year 10 Child Development

The Year 10 Child Development group has started their qualification by learning about child development and milestones of babies between the age of 0 and 18 months. We were delighted this week to put some of our theory into practice and that we were able to welcome two babies to our lesson! The Year 10 students enjoyed their interaction with the babies and their mums and were able to make comparisons of two babies and the differences between them. Thanks go to Miss Vaughan and Ava and Mrs McSweeney's daughter Hayley with her son Arlen. We very much enjoyed meeting you. Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher



Poems

Life is like a swing by Storm Casey, 8FK

*Life is like a swing.
I remember the times when I was let down,
When I had to face challenges alone,
It felt like no hope would knock at my door.
But I had to swing constantly to keep myself at the top.
At the top where everything is happy,
At the top where everything is fine,
At the top where dreams become a reality.
At the top where there is nothing to worry about.
The problem is,
No matter how hard you swing, you will always pass by the low ground.
But if there was no ground...
There would be nowhere to start from.
The low ground where problems lurk is a part of everyone's life and always will be.
Without problems to solve there would be no reason to keep on going.*

My Island by Lexi Woolley, 8TB

*You can travel to my island when you're down,
But you can share happy memories with it too,
My island will always support you,
My island is hope,
My island is bravery,
And if you are lucky you will be close to the island for many years,
But don't worry if you lose touch with my island,
My island is the light in your dark,
And the happiness in your sorrow,
My island is friendship.*

Year 11 Work Experience Week



Weekly 'Hot Job'

This week's 'Hot Job' is **Vet**.

They diagnose and treat sick or injured animals. This job is predicted to grow 5% nationally by 2023. If this is something your son or daughter might be interested in, you can find more information at [careerpilot.org.uk](https://www.careerpilot.org.uk) and see local job market information.

Careerpilot has information on over 800 jobs. Each job profile explains entry requirements and regional employment. It's a one-stop website explaining all the choices, qualifications, and courses available to 13-19 year olds. There's also a Parent Zone, with information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decisions about study and work.



Prom Gallery



Sports Day

