



Woodbrook Vale News Sheet

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GCSE Exam Results

GCSE results day is on **Thursday 22 August**.

Year 10 and 11 students will be able to collect their results from the school from 10:00am to 12:00pm.



ATL Letters

Attitude to Learning letters have been handed to all students this week.

GCSE MFL

Some Year 10 GCSE students have been set assignments on www.vocabexpress.com to be completed by the start of the new term. They have been given individual usernames and passwords but may also need the school code UKWVHS. Learning this vocabulary is invaluable. Year 11 students would also benefit from revisiting any topic areas completed this year.

Are you going on holiday to France, Spain or a Spanish speaking country? Please encourage your child to speak in the local language, even if only to say 'hello'.

Why not teach yourself a few phrases on www.duolingo.com or www.linguascope.com (username: woodbrook, password: frenchisfab) or maybe a bit of Italian, German or Japanese?

Bon voyage!

Mrs Kitching, Teacher of MFL

Word of the Week

"Reminisce"

(To think about a positive memory)

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

Mr Sandhu, Teacher of English

Attendance Reward

The highest attending registration group last week was 7FK with an excellent weekly attendance of 98.28%. 7FK enjoyed a reward breakfast this week.. Congratulations to all members of 7FK.

Mrs Moreton, Attendance Officer



Message from the Headteacher

To my colleagues, students, parents, carers and governors,

A heartfelt thank you for the warm welcome I have received here at Woodbrook Vale School. It has been a most enjoyable half term, but also a very purposeful one in setting the course for the coming year. Students are clear about the expectations for uniform and we will be applying the policy rigorously so please be properly prepared for the return in August.

Students have also been very strong in their support for changes aimed at respecting the environment. Thanks to Miss Limbachia and her team, we now have recycling facilities around school and working with Mrs Newbold in the kitchens we have begun to cut down on plastic waste.

The student leadership programme has been launched this term by Mrs Moors and we look forward to sharing responsibility for the school with these new leaders of the future.

Preparations are underway for the new Woodbrook Vale Futures Award, led by Mrs Anderson, which will be launched with Year 7 in September. This will signal a new direction for Woodbrook in that we will be accrediting students for the work they do in Personal Development and extra-curricular activities.

Mr Hynes is leading further developments to the curriculum and the careers programme and I am particularly excited about the plans for staff training next year led by Mr Hayes. One of our speakers has been booked for a parent workshop in January, so look out for an invitation to an event based on 'Growth Mindset'. It promises to be quite inspirational.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to working with you next academic year.

Rachael Fraser



VIY

Last week, a group of Year 10 students took part in a project designed to teach trade and employability skills. The project was run by VIY (volunteer it yourself) where young people are mentored by professional tradespeople and challenged to complete a project which will benefit their community.

The students had a very enjoyable day and built three benches and a 'throne' which can be used for outdoor learning or for social times at break and lunch. VIY works in partnership with Wickes who provided all the materials and tools for the project.

Mrs Mcswiney, Careers Coordinator



Headteacher's Commendation Award

As part of our continued rewards programme at Woodbrook Vale School, we identify students who have gone 'above and beyond' what is expected of them, or have done something particularly worthy of recognition. Six students were awarded their Headteacher's Commendation Award on Friday 5 July. These students have been nominated by Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year. The commendations were presented by Mrs Fraser, Headteacher, to the following students:

- Maria Bena, 7FK
- Sienna Mason, 8HS
- Hemani Visavadia, 8MP
- Chloe Wignall, 9KH
- Jack Millard, 9SP
- Reece Warner, 10TG

Reasons given for the nominations included:

'Always supportive, kind and helpful and has shown resilience to catch up on missed work.'

'Always helps during parents' evening and a student who can always be relied on to take extra responsibility within the classroom.'

'Stepping up at short notice to give an amazing performance at the Governors' Awards Ceremony.'

'Superb commitment and motivation during work experience week.'



Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Applications 2019-20

Thank you to all students that have applied for the award. Successful applicants have received letters this week. Unfortunately due to extremely high demand I have not been able to offer all applicants a place. If you have not been offered a place there is a waiting list in the event that any students withdraw from the award.

Mrs Diaper, DofE Manager and Teacher of PE

Staff Updates

We are sorry to say 'Goodbye' to all staff leaving Woodbrook Vale this week but wish them all well in their new roles:

Dr Brownhill	Head of Faculty: Science
Mr Dawes	Teacher of Maths
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Mrs Raphael	Teacher of English
Mrs Rennie	Teacher of A&DT
Mr Ridding	Teacher of Maths
Mr Taylor	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Willis	Teacher of Humanities

We also look forward to welcoming our new staff in August:

Mr Ayres	Teacher of Maths
Mrs Hamilton	Teacher of A&DT
Miss Lennox	Teacher of English
Mrs Lomax	Teacher of Science
Mrs Mason	Head of Faculty: Science
Mr Matthews	Teacher of Science
Miss Oliver	Teacher of Science
Mrs Pack	Teacher of Science
Miss Smith	Teacher of Maths
Miss Wilson	Teacher of Maths

We also wish Mrs Holt and Mrs Kell our best wishes for their impending maternity leaves.

Heads of Year

Miss Harper	Head of Year 7
Mr Khan	Acting Head of Year 8 (covering Mrs Kell's maternity leave)
Miss Limbachia	Head of Year 9
Mr Thornton	Head of Year 10
Mr Grundy	Head of Year 11
Mr Burt	Assistant Head of Year

Mrs Anderson, Deputy Headteacher

Fund Raising

Woodbrook Vale is thrilled to receive a letter and certificate thanking the school for raising £587.92 for Red Nose Day 2019.

The amount raised can enable a community health volunteer in Kenya to support mothers and children for one year and seven months.

Thank you to students and staff who contributed towards this fund raising event earlier in the year.

Miss Limbachia, Head of Year 9



GCSE English Literature

Year 10 students have been creating visual aids to embed quotations and knowledge about Romeo and Juliet for their GCSE Literature course. Examples were colourful, artistic and well presented.

Ms Cellupica, Second in Faculty:English



Term Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term

School Opens
Half Term Break Monday
School Closes

Thursday 29 August 2019
21 to Friday 25 October 2019
Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term

School Opens
Half Term Break
School Closes

Tuesday 7 January 2020
Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020
Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term

School Opens
May Day
Half Term Break
School Closes

Monday 20 April 2020
Friday 8 May 2020
Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2020
Friday 10 July 2020

