



## HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

What an amazing group of students we had this week to receive their Headteacher Commendation certificates! You have all worked so hard and we are really proud of you.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Independent Learning -  
<https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/>

All students have an individual username and password for this website. They may be set homework but they can also revise independently. There are sections on vocabulary and also exam skills for reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Well done to the current highest score in the school league table!

<b>1</b>	Bailey Libby	39200
<b>2</b>	Rabiczko Nicola	29900
<b>3</b>	Howe Katy	29200
<b>4</b>	Harper Lexie	28200
<b>5</b>	Newcome Rio	24200

## PARENT GOVERNORS

We will be advertising for two new parent Governors after Easter break, so please look out for the advertisement in the next newsletter if you think the role would interest you.

## GCSE DRAMA THEATRE TRIP

Woodbrook Vale GCSE Drama students were awed by a touring matinee performance of the Olivier-award-winning 'Life of Pi' at Leceister's Curve Theatre on Thursday 13th March. The book by Yann Martel, was adapted for the stage by Lolita Chakrabarti and premiered in June 2019 at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, before transferring to the Wyndham Theatre in London's West End in November 2021 where it went on to win Best New Play, Best Actor, Best Actor in Supporting Role, Best Lighting Design and Best Set Design in the 2022 Olivier Awards.

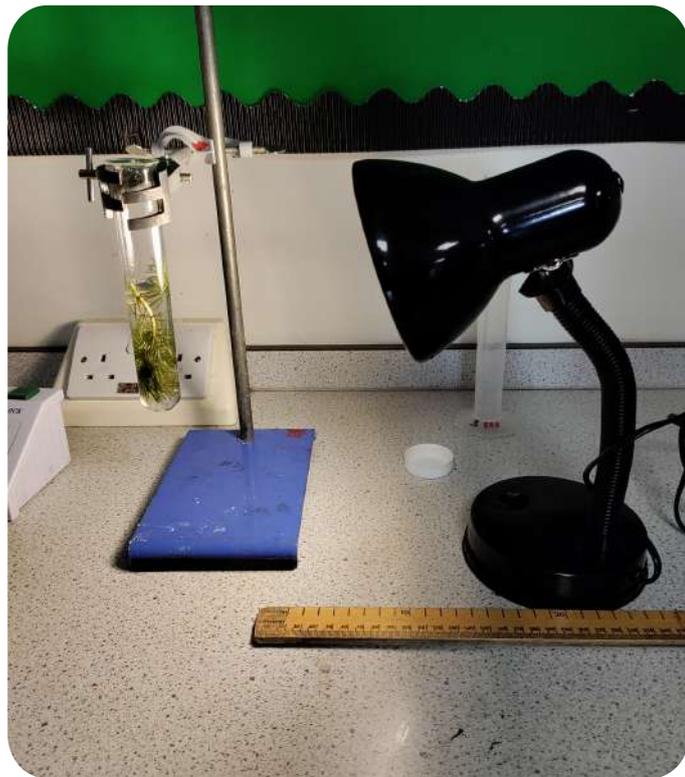


The story of struggling to survive the dangers of being shipwrecked and marooned at sea will inspire students' responses to the heavily-weighted Live Theatre section of the written exam where they review a recent experience of live performance.



With an abundance of jaw-dropping puppets, including a giraffe, a goat (named 'Buckingham'), a zebra (named 'Black and White'), an orangutan (named 'Orange Juice'), a hyena, a turtle, fish, butterflies, and of course, Richard Parker: the captivating tiger, there'll be plenty for Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students to write about.

'Life of Pi' is certainly an experience none of us fortunate enough to attend the trip will soon forget! Immensely enjoyable and highly recommended!



## HAPPY EASTER FROM SCIENCE!

It has been a short term but we have still managed to pack a lot in!

**Year 7s** have been learning about 'Inheritance and Reproduction' whilst continuing to develop their practical Chemistry skills in their 'Metal Reactions' topic.

The **Year 8s** have been looking at digestion! They all loved the digestion demonstration in class and have completed a complex practical into enzyme reactions - well done!

**Year 9s** have been continuing their start to GCSE Science with required practicals in Physics and Biology and they have been working hard towards end of topic assessments - keep up the good work!

KS3 have also taken part in British Science Week last week with assemblies, a poster competition and a workshop all around the theme of 'Time'.

At KS4, the year 10s are working their way towards the end of paper 1 topics with mocks coming up in June. Revision sessions will be starting closer to the time so keep an eye out for details in the school newsletter.

Last but not least, our hardworking and committed Year 11s continue to prepare for GCSEs. Their attitude in class and their dedication to attending revision session (both at lunch and afterschool) has been very impressive. We are really proud of the efforts you are putting into Science success. Keep it up! Not long to go now!

In the community, primary school outreach continued at Outwoods Edge primary school last week with the year 6s making fruit batteries and learning all about voltage. Well done to all involved!

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone in April.

The Science Department.



## END OF SPRING TERM MESSAGES

### YEAR 7

At the end of the spring term, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible academic, sporting and character achievements that you have displayed throughout the year.

Your kindness, resilience and willingness to support one another have been the highlights.

Whether it's offering a helping hand to a classmate in need or demonstrating empathy and understanding, your actions have exemplified the ethos of our school community. During lessons your confidence and use of initiative continues to grow. Many of you have also achieved outstanding levels of extra-curricular success in areas ranging from martial arts, cricket, dance, drama, volunteering, sailing and more!

Well done to all of you who know that every day without fail you come to school and always try your best. As we head into the summer term, let's carry forward the spirit that you show daily. Wishing you all a wonderful break filled with joy and relaxation. See you all refreshed and ready for another fantastic term ahead!

**Mrs Kell – Head of Year 7**

### YEAR 8

Well done to Year 8 for another successful half term. Despite it being short there has been lots of great achievements to celebrate such as, assemblies, Futures Awards and a very competitive £10 challenge. I will look forward to welcoming you back after a restful holiday for the final 7 weeks before we become year 9s!

### YEAR 9

Well done to all of Year 9 on another big term. From GCSE Options, sporting successes and exciting school trips – now just 7 weeks until you start your GCSE's! Have a restful and enjoyable Easter break ready for more hard work in the Summer Term.

### YEAR 10

It has been a whirlwind over the past 4 weeks with mock exams, work experience placements and coursework to complete. Even though it has been a short term it has nevertheless been a hectic one. I have been incredibly impressed by the attitude that was shown during the recent mock exam. I have also been impressed with the extra curricular participation across a variety of trips recently. Next term will be an intense one with many more challenges ahead such as work experience and more mock exams. I want to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter holidays with your friends and family.

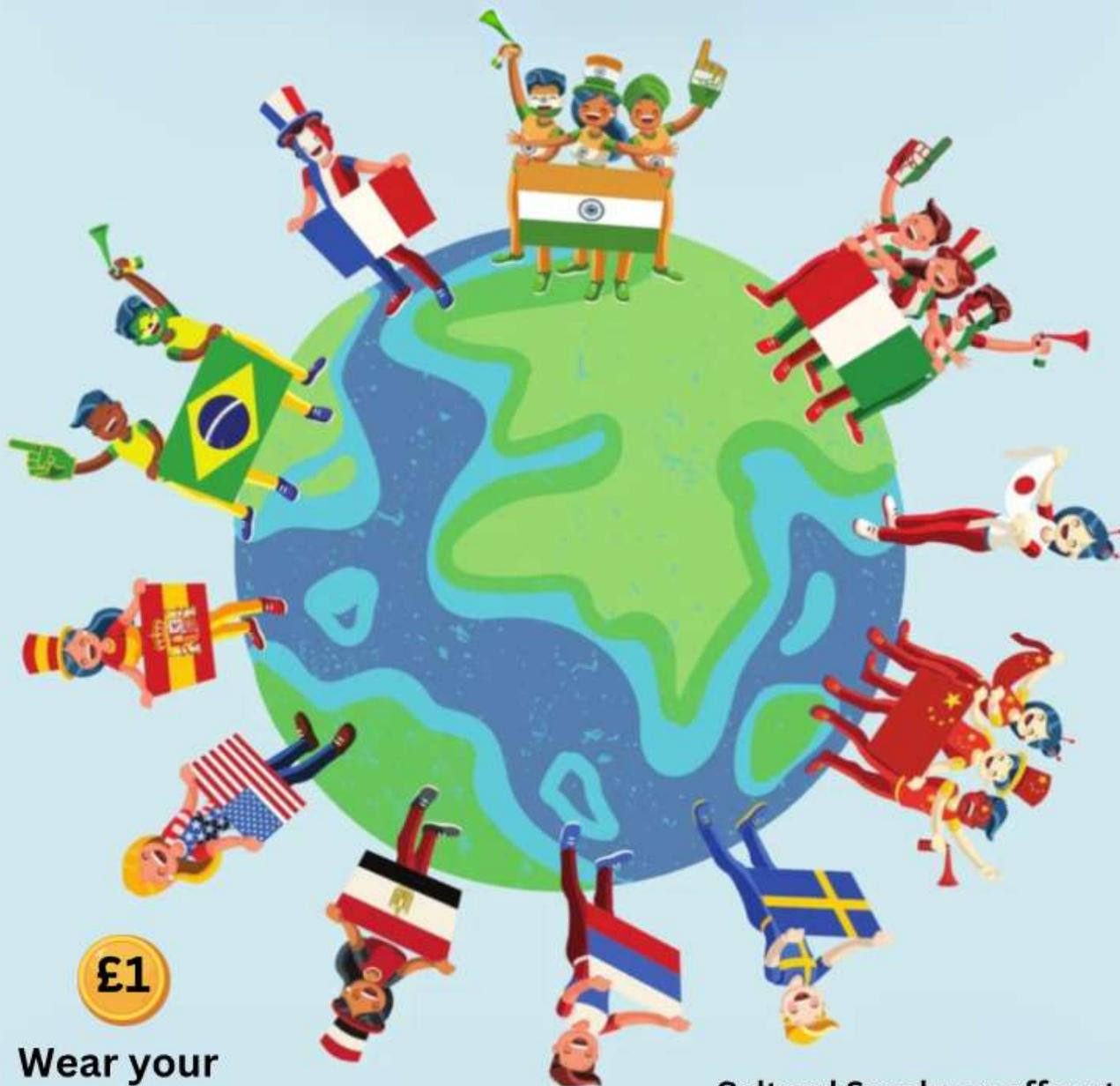
On behalf of Year 10, I would like to wish Mr Grundy the best of luck in his new job and thank him for all the support he has offered me personally as a Head of Year.

**WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR COMIC RELIEF AND HUMANAID**



**WOODBROOK VALE  
SCHOOL**

# **CULTURE DAY**



**Wear your  
cultural clothing!**

**Cultural Snacks on offer at  
break time in the Drama Studio!**

**Thursday 18th April 2024**

## GOODBYE YEAR 11

Year 11, thank you and goodbye. You are my third Year 11 cohort in my 9 years at Woodbrook Vale and you are definitely in my top 3! I know some of you much better than others, and there will be many achievements I have not even known about, but what I do know is that you all have the potential to go on to be a great success in whatever you choose to do. You have all individually changed and grown so much over the last few years and it has been, for most of the time, a pleasure to see and be a part of this small part of your lives. I am sad that I won't be here for when you leave Woodbrook Vale, but you have a great team of form tutors who will continue to guide you through until you do leave.

For life after Woodbrook Vale, I hope you embrace every opportunity you get. Be kind and treat other how you would want to be treated. Be the change and go find your adventure. For the here and now, get your heads down and be as ready as you can for what is to come after Easter. Go and get the best GCSE results you can. After all, they are the keys to your future.

All the best,

**Mr Grundy - Head of Year 11**



## YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL MASTERCLASS

On Friday 8th March, which also happened to be International Women's Day, a group of 10 Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Charnwood College to participate in a football masterclass as part of the Barclays Girls' Football School Partnership's "Biggest Ever Girls Football Session". It was a great afternoon and it was lovely to have the opportunity to mix with students from Charnwood College. If you're interested in playing Football, come along to our KS3 Girls Football club on Monday's after school. All abilities are welcome. We have lots of exciting things planned for the summer term with our newly trained Girls Football Activators; Lucy, Izzy, Lauren, Kelsey, Freya and Catherine.

Year 10

# WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

## Business Networking Event

1st - 5th July 2024

**Apply now!**

### If you have an interest in:

- ✓ Event Management
- ✓ Marketing Communications
- ✓ Business

### Positions Available

- ✓ Event Management
- ✓ Marketing Communications
- ✓ Graphic Designer

### What is the aim of the week? What will the week involve?

Aiming to strengthen businesses in our local community by organising, planning and executing an exciting networking and social event here at Woodbrook Vale.



**Register your interest:**

[mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk)

## CLUBS AND INTERVENTIONS - SPRING TERM 2024

Here is a timetable showcasing what clubs and interventions we have on offer during the spring term. If you have any queries please email [office@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:office@wbvs.co.uk).

Day	Club	Staff Member	Year Group (s)	Time	Room	Starting Date	End Date
Monday	Christian Union	Mr Lewney	All Years	12:30 - 1.10 pm	Room 15	January 2024	ongoing
	Air Hockey Club	Mr Matthews	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 25	January 2024	ongoing
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	January 2024	ongoing
Tuesday	Adobe Club	Mrs Eddy	Years 8 & 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	DICT	January 2024	ongoing
	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS3	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	January 2024	ongoing
	Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 3	January 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 11	3 – 4 pm	Art1/2/workshop	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
	School Production	Mrs Hopkinson/ Mrs Kitching	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Drama Studio	January 2024	Feb 2024
Wednesday	Games & Chess Club	Mr Ayres	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 15	January 2024	ongoing
	Arts Award	Mrs Philippou	Year 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Art 1	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept staff	Year 11	3- 4 pm	Art 1/2/workshop	January 2024	ongoing
Friday	Careers Club	Mrs McSwiney	Years 7 & 8	12:30 – 1:10pm	Room 3	February 2024	ongoing
	School Production rehearsals	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Drama studio	January 2024	Feb 2024

## YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION

Friday afterschool revision sessions continue after the Easter Holidays. Sessions are open to all and are general revision, not specific topics. Mrs Dale's Thursday lunchtime Chemistry revision will also be running with a focus on C3 – Quant Chem for those interested in this tricky topic.

Friday 12th April	General Rev	
Friday 19th April	General Rev	
Friday 26th April	General Rev	
Friday 3rd May	General Rev	
Friday 10th May	General Rev	BIO PAPER 1 EXAM AM
Friday 17th May	General Rev	CHEM PAPER 1 EXAM AM
Friday 24th May	No revision	

## YEAR 10 SCIENCE REVISION

Science mocks will be held for all year 10s at the end of June. To help students prepare, lunchtime revision sessions will be running from the first week back after Easter until the exams.

- Physics sessions will be held in room 25 on Tuesdays.
- Biology sessions will be held in lab 1 on Wednesdays.
- Chemistry sessions will be held in lab 4 on Fridays.

All welcome! Starting revision early will have a huge impact on attainment and confidence! We look forward to seeing you!

## SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE UPDATE

Here is a timetable showcasing what sports clubs are on offer.

If you have any queries please speak to a member of the PE department.

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Basketball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Girls Football	KS3	After school (3-4pm)	Sports field
Tuesday	Badminton	KS3	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Dance	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Gym
	Netball	KS3	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court/sports hall
	Athletics	All years	After school	Sports field
Wednesday	Badminton	KS4	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Table Tennis	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Gym
Thursday	Pickleball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
Friday	Volleyball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall

## EASTER BASKETBALL CAMP

### Week 1:

Mon 25th March: 10am-4pm

Tues 26th March: 10am-4pm

Wed 27th March: 10am-4pm

### Week 2:

Wed 3rd April: 10am-4pm

Thurs 4th April: 10am-4pm

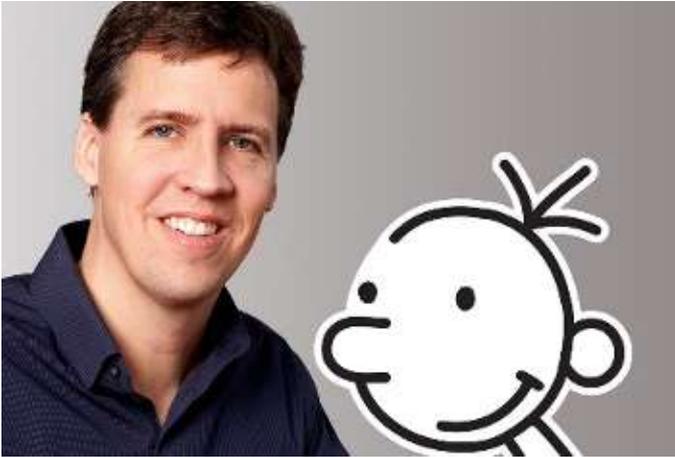
Fri 5th April: 10am-4pm

7-16 Year Olds

£100 for both weeks, £50 for one week or £20 per day.

Location: New Victory Hall - Loughborough University, LE11 3QF

[Click here to book](#)



## SPOTLIGHT ON AUTHORS

Diary of a Wimpy Kid author Jeff Kinney didn't grow up wanting to be a children's author. His dream was to become a newspaper cartoonist but he wasn't able to get his comics sold.

Jeff Kinney was born in 1971 in Maryland and attended the University of Maryland in the early 1990s. It was there that Jess ran a comic strip called "Igdoof" in the campus newsletter. He knew he wanted to be a cartoonist.

However, Jeff was not successful getting his comic strip picked up after college, and in 1998 he started writing down ideas for Diary of a Wimpy Kid, which he hoped to turn into a book. Jeff worked on the book for six years before publishing it online on fun brain.com in daily instalments.

In 2006, Jeff signed a multi-book deal with published Harry N. Abrams, Inc. to turn Diary of a Wimpy Kid into a print series. The First Diary of a Wimpy Kid book was published in 2007 and became an instant bestseller. Just a year later, more than 100,000 copies were in print in the United States alone. With each subsequent book, in-print numbers continue to grow both in the U.S and abroad. There are now more than 290 million copies of the series in print worldwide.

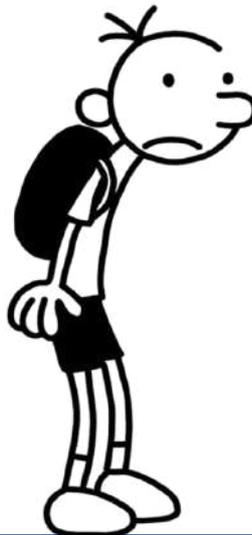
The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series has been a permanent fixture on the USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly bestseller lists. The series has remained on the New York Times bestseller lists since the publication of the first book, for more than 775 weeks total, and more than 350 on the series list. The books are currently available in 84 editions and in 69 languages.

Since initial publication in 2007, the series has gone on to win many regional and national awards around the globe including two Children's Choice Book Awards and six Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards for Favourite Book. Jeff Kinney was also named one of the Time Magazine's most influential people in the world.

Jeff is the creator of Poptropica, which was named one of the Time's 50 Best Websites. He spent his childhood in the Washington D.C area and moved to New England in 1995. Jeff lives with his wife and two sons in Massachusetts, where they own a book store, An Unlikely Story.

### Why not try reading?

- ▶ **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**
- ▶ **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules**
- ▶ **Diary of Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw**



## SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



### **CAMRYN CARTER**

Camryn Carter (7AK) competed in the AJA Closed Nationals for judo on Sunday. She competed in the under 50kg category, had 2 matches and won both. She has secured a place on the AJA National Squad to go and compete for the team in Holland in May.



### **LUCY DEAN**

Lucy Dean (7AK) has performed over 3 different shows in the last 3 weeks.

Lucy has performed 2 shows in Aladdin with Rare Productions as well as 3 performances of the Wizard of OZ with LAOS at Loughborough Town Hall. She has also performed 5 performances in the Addams Family with Starlight at Rawlins College.

Well done Lucy for managing to perform all of these excellent shows, as well as attending rehearsals and keep up with your homework!

# SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

**Before**



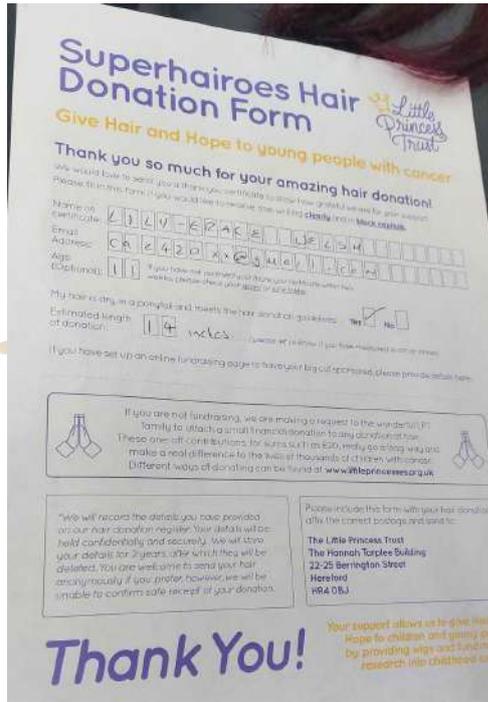
## LILY-GRACE WELSH

Lily-Grace (7AE) has been growing her hair for a while to donate to the Little Princess Trust.

This wasn't a sponsor, Lily-Grace's family send a £20 donation to help towards the cost of making a wig or hair piece.

Lily-Grace donated 14 inches of hair, weighing 38 grams. She is so happy to have supported this charity and everyone is really proud of her!

**After**



## RUBY CARTER

Ruby Carter (8SS) has been nominated for the Leicestershire Lord Lieutenant Young Peoples Award 2024 for her outstanding bravery and courage. She is one of sixteen young people selected across four award categories, chosen by a panel of judges from over 70 nominations which were received by the public.