

# CONGRATULATIONS



A phenomenal amount of students awarded this week.  
Congratulations to all who have received their Headteachers Commendation.

Well done to you all.

# LGBTQ+

## HISTORY MONTH

February is LGBTQ+ History Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions, struggles, and progress of the LGBTQ+ community. It highlights key historical figures such as Marsha P. Johnson, Freddie Mercury, and Audre Lorde, whose work has shaped society. Student Leaders will be presenting a timeline of important historical LGBTQ+ events in assemblies next week. By learning about LGBTQ+ history we strengthen our virtues of inclusivity, tolerance and understanding. Each week we are celebrating a different member of the LGBTQ+ community to learn about their contributions to the world of Science, Sport, Music or the Arts.



Alan Turing was a visionary mathematician and codebreaker whose work laid the foundation for modern computing. During World War II, his groundbreaking efforts in breaking the German Enigma code saved millions of lives and helped secure victory for the Allies. Despite his immense contributions, Turing faced persecution for his identity as a gay man. Today, he is celebrated not only for his scientific achievements but also as a symbol of resilience and the ongoing fight for equality. His legacy continues to inspire advancements in technology and the pursuit of justice for all.

# CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

**MENTAL**  
*health*  
**MATTERS**



*Community*  
**Bake Sale Fundraiser**  
Woodbrook Vale



*Bring in cake and other bakes and buy them for 50p at break*

**Cake Sale**  
**Friday 14th February 2025**  
**50p per cake**

**All proceeds go to Rainbows**

Supporting  
**rainbows**  
Brightening short lives

## STRING INSTRUMENT LESSONS

We are exploring the possibility of offering lessons for stringed instruments such as the violin and cello. Please contact Mr Roffe ([nroffe@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:nroffe@wbvs.co.uk)) or Mr Hynes ([phynes@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:phynes@wbvs.co.uk)) if you may be interested.



## UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations from the Maths faculty to all participating year 9 and 10 students that sat this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, with a total of  
**17 bronze certificates, 5 silver, and 3 gold.**

A special mention from us as a school goes to Alfie Bridges as the best in year 10, Graham Barber for qualifying for the Kangaroo follow on rounds, and Srija Ghosh for not only qualifying for the Kangaroo follow on round, but she was best in school with a score no year 9 student has matched for at least 5 years! The students who certificated at each stage are:

### BRONZE

Jayden Crow  
Alexandra Flint  
Kandaci Fung  
Shay Noghan  
Faizan Bharmal  
Ellis Wong  
Isaac Mason  
Zain Abdul-Samhad  
Kamran Umarov  
Adam Hornsby  
Fergus Walters  
Will Ferguson  
Catherine Craik  
Ruben Walters  
Lara Hayward  
Tilly Authers  
Osayd Farooq

### SILVER

Olly Lockton  
Roxi Anderson-Cristea  
Dev Bhatt  
Emily Simpson  
Sam Thompson

### GOLD

Srija Ghosh  
Alfie Bridges  
Graham Barber

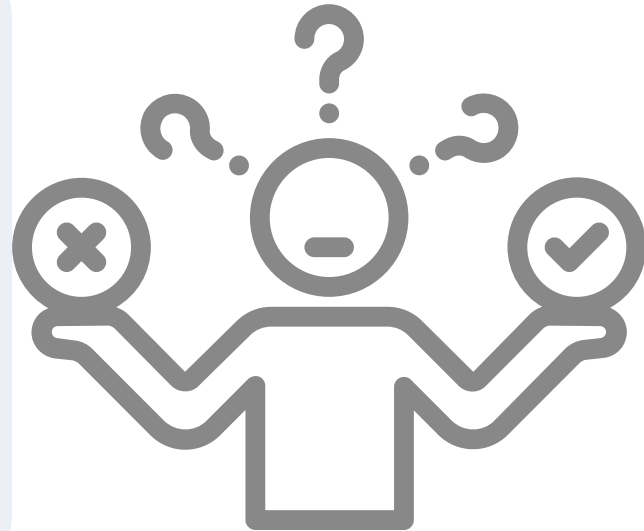


# VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

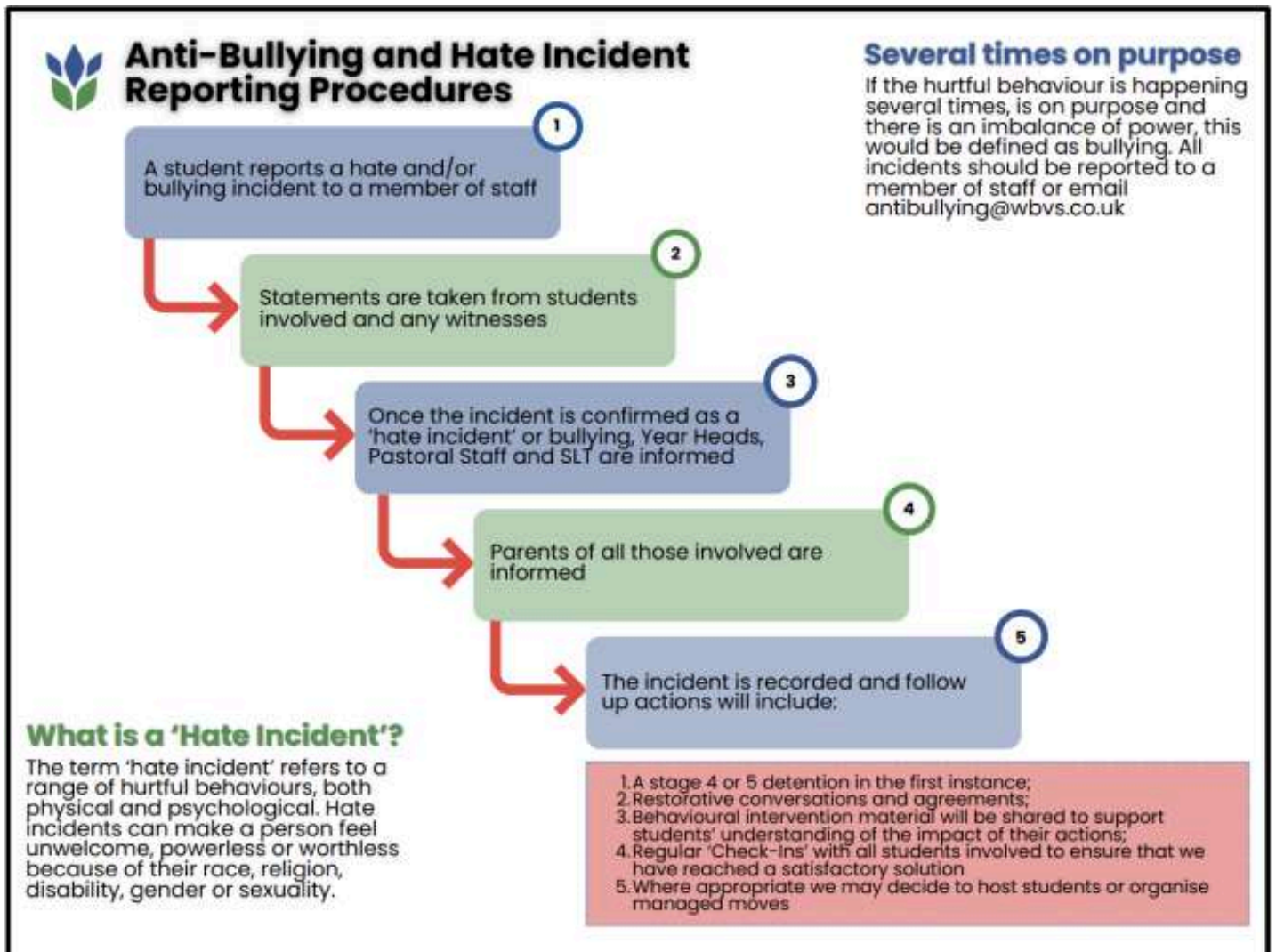
## JUDGEMENT AND REASONING

Judgment and reasoning are essential skills that enable us to make informed decisions, solve problems, and navigate complex situations. Strong reasoning allows us to think carefully about information, consider other people's points of view, and draw logical and fair conclusions. Good judgment helps us apply this reasoning to lots of different situations both inside and outside of school, ensuring fair and thoughtful choices. In an era of rapid information exchange, the ability to think critically and make good decisions is more important than ever, helping us to take responsibility for our actions and develop our strong sense of character. Well done to all those who demonstrated strong judgment and reasoning this week.

-Mrs Kell



## ANTI-BULLYING FLO CHART



## KS4 GIRLS BADMINTON



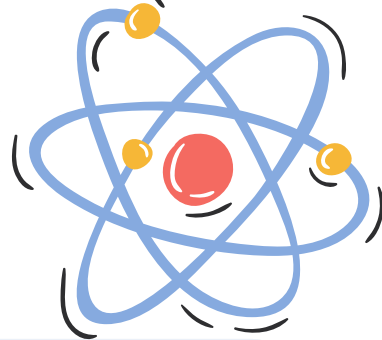
The KS4 Girls Badminton team consisting of four year 10's, Catherine Craik, Priscilla Si, Anushka Odedra and Roxi Anderson-Cristea, did Woodbrook Vale proud on Thursday night in the North Charnwood area competition. All four girls played with determination, flair and resilience. In earlier games, the singles and double teams were unbeaten, as the evening progressed the competition got tougher but the girls kept battling, showing fantastic team spirit. The team finished a close second place after a nail biting last couple of matches. Well done girls you were a credit to the school!

– Mrs Blaze

**COULD ANY OF THIS LOST PROPERTY  
BE YOUR CHILDS? PLEASE ASK THEM  
TO CHECK AT STUDENT OFFICE**

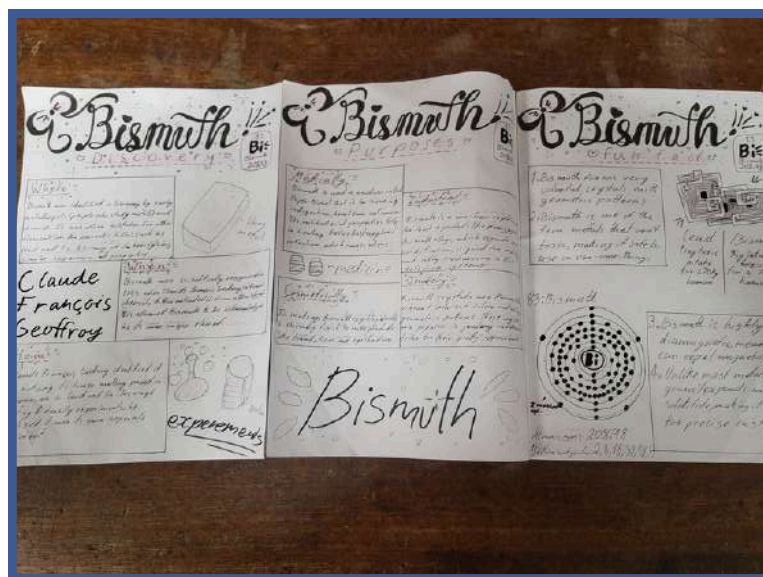


## HAPPY HALF TERM FROM SCIENCE!



### YEAR 7

This term, the year 7s have been investigating sounds and how we hear, including an experiment where they stuck their fingers in their ears and listened to sounds transmitted through a coat hanger and some string! Others ventured outside to measure the speed of sound as part of their lessons! They have also been continuing to extend their knowledge on particles by studying elements, compounds and mixtures. 7GF have been attempting GCSE Chemistry concepts in their lessons and Mrs Johal's classes have produced some lovely research posters on how elements were discovered.



### YEAR 8

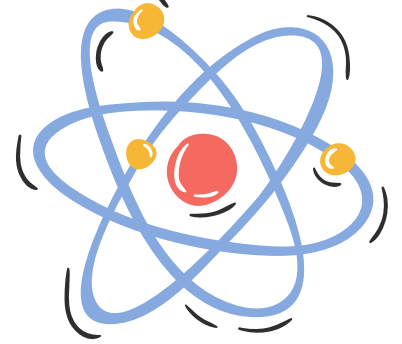
Year 8s have been learning about heating and cooling. They have investigated how temperature doesn't change when a substance melts, investigated the difference between conduction, convection and radiation; and advised Bear Grylls on what to wear on an expedition to the Antarctic. With their other teachers, they have been investigating separation techniques where they carried out the distillation of cherry coke and chromatography.

### YEAR 9

Our new year 9 classes have settled into their new groups well and revision guides have been ordered and distributed to help with their new GCSE level lessons. In Physics, students have been learning about energy stores. They have investigated the energy changes in a swinging pendulum using simulation software and calculated how much energy is transferred in various exercises! In Biology, it's been all about the required practicals with classes completing the microscopy and osmosis practicals, developing new practical and analysis skills.

### YEAR 10

Year 10 have been continuing their progression through the GCSE syllabus with lots of Chemistry practical work especially. 10S1 Biologists have started their Bioenergetics topic, enjoying practicals investigating photosynthesis and respiration practicals are coming up in the next term.



## YEAR 11

And last but not least, year 11s are currently working their way towards their March mock exams. Teachers and students are working hard to finish topics such as Genetics, Electromagnetism and Earth's Resources across the Sciences. Mrs Dale's 11S1 Biologists had great fun modelling variation through monster making - check out the pictures! Mr Hynes' 11S3 Physicists have been mastering Fleming's left hand rule with some interesting hand gestures in class! Revision sessions are being well attended at lunch and after school too which is fantastic to see - see the newsletter for details.  
Keep up the hard work year 11s!



In other news, primary school outreach has seen Mrs Dale visit Mounfields and Beacon this term to carry out Physics practicals. These have been a great success with lots of excellent work from students involved.

Have a restful holiday and we look forward to the (short) half term when you come back.

The Science Department.

## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday 1st February, the Cross Country County Championships took place at Ratcliffe College, with several students from Woodbrook Vale competing and finishing with fantastic times. Congratulations to the following students for their success in their races!

### JUNIOR GIRLS:

Jodie Powell – 3rd place  
Lola Rooney-Lee – 12th place

### INTER GIRLS:

Ellie Morley – 5th place  
Beth Morley – 7th place



### INTER BOYS:

Olly Lockton – 2nd place  
Max Muddle – 7th place



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS



**TUESDAY**  
Room 6 at 12:25pm  
**ENVIRONMENT**



**MONDAY**  
LAB 2 at 12:25pm  
**LGBTQ+**



**THURSDAY**  
Room 9A at 12:30pm  
**WELLBEING**



**WEDNESDAY**  
Lab 2 at 12:25pm  
**COMMUNITY**



**THURSDAY**  
Room 4 at 12:25pm  
**DIVERSITY**



MAKE YOUR  
VOICE HEARD

## MFL LANGUAGE LEARNING AND HOMEWORK



[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) is a useful website for reinforcing vocabulary and students can work on it independently at home if they wish.

For all students the username = woodbrook password = traveltheworld

Students will also be given an individual username and password for the language learning site [www.languagenut.com](http://www.languagenut.com), this password works for both French and Spanish.

For both sites there is an app which can be downloaded.

## SPARX MATHS

We are excited to launch Sparx Maths, our new online homework this week. Students have been logging in, following the tutorials and practicing questions this week ready for the first official homework. Homework will be set on a Thursday, and due by Wednesday 8am.

Need somewhere in school to complete your homework? Come to room 13 on a Monday or Tuesday lunch and use the chromebooks there, or attend the usual homework club.

Parents / Carers – Sparx will tailor questions to the level of your child if they complete the homework independently, using the videos to help if needed. For more information on Sparx, following this link  
<https://sparxmaths.com/parents/>

We look forward to students earning lots of XP points by completing their homework on time and achieving 100%!

-Mr Bruce

**I LOVE MATH**

## HOMWORK CLUB

Looking for a quiet and supportive space to get your homework done? Come along to the Homework Club in the school library every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Open to students from all year groups, the Homework Club is the perfect place to focus on your assignments, study, or catch up on work. There's no obligation to stay for the entire hour—drop in for as long as you need!

Whether you're looking for a peaceful environment to concentrate or need some guidance with your tasks, the Homework Club is here to help. We look forward to seeing you there!

## YEAR 11 SCIENCE INTERVENTION SESSIONS

**FRIDAY AFTERSCHOOL 3-4PM**  
**STARTING FRIDAY 17TH**  
**JANUARY**

LUNCHTIME REVISION  
CONTINUES ON TUESDAY  
(PHYSICS ROOM 25),  
WEDNESDAY (BIOLOGY  
LAB 3) and THURSDAY  
(CHEMISTRY LAB 4) AS  
USUAL.

	Room		Topics
17-Jan-2025	Lab 2	Lab 1	C6
24-Jan-2025	Lab 3	Lab 1	B5
31-Jan-2025	Room 25	Lab 3	P5
7-Feb-2025	Lab 2	Lab 1	C7
14-Feb-2025	Lab 3	Lab 1	B7
<b>HALF TERM</b>			
28-Feb-2025	Room 25	Lab 3	P6
7-Mar-2025	Lab 2	Lab 1	C8
<b>MOCKS W/C 10TH MARCH</b>			
14-Mar-2025	Lab 3	Lab 1	B6

## SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE

UPDATED SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE AS OF MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY



# Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Badminton	KS3	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Table Tennis	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Gym
Tuesday	Pickleball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Netball	Year 7 & 8	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court/Sports hall
Wednesday	Badminton	Year 10	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
Thursday	Basketball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Netball	Year 9/10/11	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court/Sports hall
Friday	Badminton	Year 11	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall



## Sports Fixtures



### Badminton

#### KS3 Boys

Training: Monday lunch  
Fixture: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

#### KS3 Girls

Training: Monday lunch  
Fixture: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

#### KS4 Boys

Training: Y10- Wednesday lunch / Y11- Friday lunch  
Fixture: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

#### KS4 Girls

Training: Y10- Wednesday lunch / Y11- Friday lunch  
Fixture: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

### Girls Football

#### Year 7/8

ESFA U13 Cup for New Teams: Round 2  
Fixture: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January away vs John Ferneley College

#### Year 7

Fixtures: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

#### Year 8/9

Fixtures: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Keep an eye on the bulletin for information on how to sign up.

## YEAR 11 AUTUMN TERM INTERVENTION 2024/25

Intervention has started for Year 11s to support them in preparing for mock exams and their GCSEs. Well done to all Year 11s who have already been attending. Any questions, please speak to your teacher, or the Head of Faculty in the first instance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	ADT	Physics	Biology Geography/History /Sociology  English (invite- starting after half term)	Chemistry	
After School	Maths (Invite)	French (speaking)  ADT Food (Invite)	Spanish	I Media  ADT  English (invite - starting after half term)	Science (invite)

**Health and Social Care** - please speak to Mr Moore about completing coursework.

**Invited Students** - your teacher will inform you if you have been invited. You are expected to attend these. Attendance will be check and followed up. If you are unsure, speak to your teacher in the first instance.

## WOODBROOK VALE CLUBS

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	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 10/11	12.30 – 1.10 pm	Art 1/2/workshp	September 2024	ongoing
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	October 2024	ongoing
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS3 & KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2024	ongoing
	Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 3	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 10/11	3 – 4 pm	Art1/2/workshop	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
Wednesday	Games & Chess Club	Mr Ayres	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 15	September 2024	ongoing
	Arts Award	Mrs Philippou	Year 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Art 1	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept staff	Year 10/11	3 – 4 pm	Art 1/2/workshop	September 2024	ongoing
Friday	Careers Club	Mrs McSwiney	Years 7 & 8	12:30 – 1:10pm	Room 3	September 2024	ongoing

**FREE**

## PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

FREE CITY FOOTBALL SESSIONS | TERM TIME ONLY



SCAN ME

**MONDAY**  
HINCKLEY, GREEN TOWERS, LE10 0DZ  
SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 9 | 11 - 14 YEARS | 16:00 - 17:00  
SCHOOL YEARS 10+ | 15 - 18 YEARS | 17:00 - 18:00

**WEDNESDAY**  
LOUGHBOROUGH, CHARNWOOD GOLF & LEISURE COMPLEX, LE11 5AD  
SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 9 | 11 - 14 YEARS | 16:00 - 17:00  
SCHOOL YEARS 10+ | 15 - 18 YEARS | 16:00 - 17:00

**THURSDAY**  
LOUGHBOROUGH, CHARNWOOD COLLEGE, LE11 4SQ  
SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 9 | 11 - 14 YEARS | 17:00 - 18:00

**FRIDAY**  
SYSTON, WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY, LE7 1LY  
SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 9 | 11 - 14 YEARS | 15:30 - 17:00  
SCHOOL YEARS 10+ | 15 - 18 YEARS | 15:30 - 17:00



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [KICKS@LCFC.CO.UK](mailto:kicks@lcfc.co.uk)  
SIGN UP AT [LCFC.COM/KICKS](https://www.lcfc.com/kicks)

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## HALF TERM CAMPS

**FEB 20**  
10:00-16:00  
EXPERIENCE BEING COACHED BY LIGHTNING'S BETH COBDEN, NAT PANAGARRY, AND JODIE GIBSON!  
AGES 12 - 16  
SIR DAVID WALLACE HALL, LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY  
**£45**

**FEB 21**  
10:00-16:00  
DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE COACHED BY LIGHTNING STARS, ALICE HARVEY AND BERRI NEIL!  
AGES 12 - 16  
SIR DAVID WALLACE HALL, LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY  
**£45**

**FEB 21**  
10:00-13:00  
A SHORTER, FUN-FILLED HALF TERM CAMP  
AGES 8 - 11  
SIR DAVID WALLACE HALL, LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY  
**£25**

## CHARNWOOD COMETS HALF TERM NETBALL CAMP

**WHEN: Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th Feb**  
**WHERE: Charnwood College Sports Centre**  
**TIME: 9 - 3pm**  
**WHO: School years 7-10.**  
**£15 PER DAY/ £25 FOR BOTH DAYS**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**Charnwood College**  
Broadening Horizons

For more info contact: [cwatts@charnwoodcollege.org](mailto:cwatts@charnwoodcollege.org)

**FREE**

## PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM EVENTS



FREE | COMPETITIONS | PRIZES | WORKSHOPS | YOUTH VOICE

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES	AGE
Friday 14 February	<b>GIRLS NIGHT OUT</b> King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL	4:00pm - 7:30pm	School Years 7+ (11-18 years)
Monday 17 February	<b>E-SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL	10:00am - 1:00pm	School Years 3-6 (8-11 years)
		1:30pm - 4:30pm	School Years 7+ (11-18 years)
Wednesday 19 February	<b>CFA X Kicks Youth Summit</b> King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL	1:00pm - 5:00pm	School Years 10+ (15+)
Thursday 20 February	<b>CITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT</b> St Margarets Pastures, LE1 3EA	1:00pm - 5:30pm	School Years 7-9 (11-14 years) School Years 10+ (15-18 years)
Friday 21 February	<b>COUNTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT</b> Loughborough University, LE11 3TU	2:00pm - 5:30pm	School Years 7-9 (11-14 years) School Years 10+ (15-18 years)

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# Teenage Vaccinations

Boost your protection against serious diseases with the:



**3-in-1 teenage booster**



**MenACWY**

All young people in year 9 are being offered the free, safe and effective vaccines.

Parents and carers: please fill out the consent decision form online using the QR code or by visiting: [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk)



Please note young people may be allowed to self-consent to the immunisations on the day if the service does not receive a parental or carer consent decision.



Contact the School Aged Immunisation Service

 [lpt.sais@nhs.net](mailto:lpt.sais@nhs.net)

 0300 3000 007



## TeenHealth Drop in's and Appointments:

Woodbrook Vale School work alongside Teen Health and welcomes Mindy, Young Peoples Wellbeing Officer, to Woodbrook Vale School.

Mindy will be available every Thursday to work with student's on the following:

- Confidence and Self Esteem
- Emotional regulation/self-care
- Mental Health & emotional wellbeing
- Body Image
- Friendships

## Arranged drop in's: Period 1 and Period 2 every Thursday

If you would like an appointment with Mindy, please see Miss Briers in the inclusion room.

## Drop in's:

Mindy will be available for a chat on Thursday mornings during break time. She will be located in the Head of Year Office between 10:25am-10:45am.

## Referrals

Self Referral – Students can access the Teen Health service by completing the [Teen Health 11-19 Referral Form.](#)

## Refer your child:

If you would like any further information about Teen Health or you would like to make a referral for your young person, please contact Miss Briers (Student Welfare and Behaviour Assistant) on [lbriers@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:lbriers@wbvs.co.uk)

All referrals must have consent from the young person. Please click the link if you would like further information - <https://teenhealth.org.uk>




# SUPPORT SERVICES

All numbers are available 24/7

## CENTRAL ACCESS POINT

Call for urgent mental health needs or when you are in crisis. This number can be also used by friends or family.

 **0808 800 3302**

## SAMARITANS

A free, **completely confidential** number to call when you need to talk to someone.


 **116 123**

They also have an email service:

 **JO@SAMARITANS.ORG**

## SHOUT

A free and confidential **text messaging** support service.

 text **"SHOUT"**  
to **85258**

## CHILDLINE

 **0800 1111**

The ChildLine website is for young people OF ALL AGES! It has message boards and lots of resources on a range of different topics that can affect your mental health.



 **WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK**

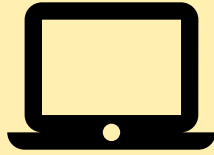
They also have a 1-2-1 counsellor chat feature where you can access support.



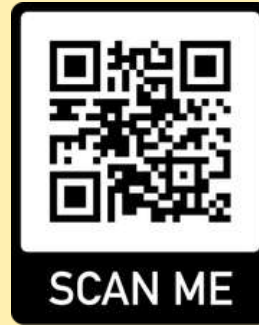
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## HARMLESS

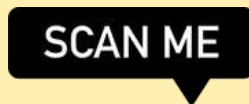
Harmless is a centre dedicated to self-harm and suicide support and prevention.



Their website is full of resources for anyone needing support as well as friends and family members.



[WWW.HARMLESS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.HARMLESS.ORG.UK)



They offer face-to-face sessions to anyone in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. They have a self-referral form on their website.

## TELLMI

Tellmi is a safe, anonymous **app** where you can talk about absolutely anything.

From anxiety to autism, dating to depression, self-harm to self-esteem.



[WWW.TELLMI.HELP](http://WWW.TELLMI.HELP)

## YOUNGMINDS

The YoungMinds website is full of advice and information for young people and family members to help look after mental health.



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[WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK)

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