



WOODBROOK VALE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd May 2025

CONGRATULATIONS



What a great start to the term! Congratulations to all that have received a Headteachers Commendation this week!

Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence have truly shone, and this recognition is well-deserved.

FUTURE AWARD



SUPERSTARS



Well done to Bobby Hewitt and May Tomlinson who are April's Futures Award Superstars. Both have demonstrated their excellent character through the completion of all sections of the Futures Award. Bobby has evidenced his commitment to his health and wellbeing through his fitness plans and his ambitions related to his sport. He has also worked with members of his form to create displays and awareness of literacy and has developed his resilience whilst completing a challenging project in Design. May has demonstrated her determination, compassion and teamwork through the many pieces of work added to her award. Initiative and resourcefulness have been used to plan an itinerary for an inter-railing trip across Europe, civility shown when donating to food banks and grit and determination have been shown whilst caving and taking on night hike challenges. Well done to all who have been actively thinking about their character and virtues this month.



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

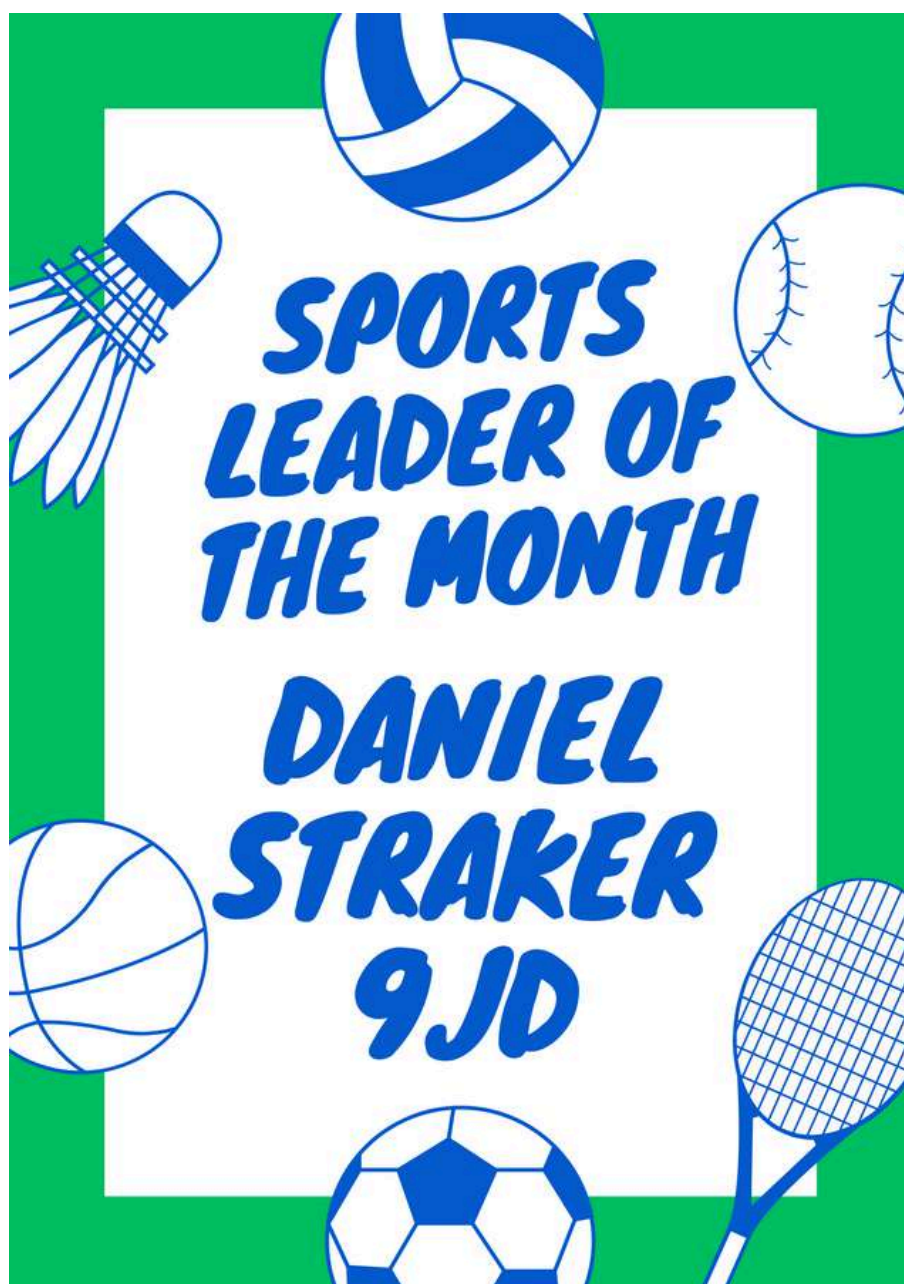


DETERMINATION

This week, we are focusing on the virtue of determination—the ability to keep going despite challenges and to work hard toward goals.

Determination is important because it helps develop resilience, confidence, and a strong work ethic, all of which are essential for success in school and life. At home, parents can support this virtue by encouraging perseverance through difficult tasks, praising efforts and modeling determination in their own lives. Simple actions like setting goals together, creating routines, and celebrating small successes can help us all learn that persistence pays off and that setbacks are part of the journey. Well done to all who have used determination this week. Remember determination can be evidenced under the resilience section of your Futures Award.





Daniel is always happy to support wherever he is needed and is always willing to step out of his comfort zone in his role as a Sports Leader, whether it be to lead an activity or officiate an event. At the recent Cross Country event, Daniel impressed organisers with his confidence to pace the races and his proactive attitude which helped make the event a success. Additionally, he has positive and strong relationships with his fellow Sports Leaders, and has good teamwork skills which are demonstrated during discussions and activities. During Schools' Football Week, he officiated matches to a high standard, proving to be a reliable member of the team. Daniel interacts well with younger children, he is able to make them smile and feel comfortable in what they are doing, and is a positive role model for those in front of him.

Well done Daniel!

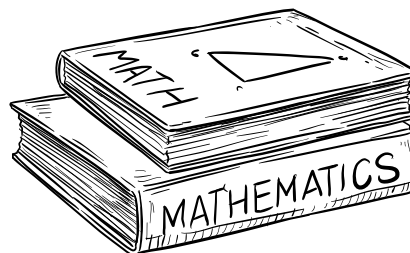


UKMT JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

'Well done to Srija Ghosh and Graham Barber for taking part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge follow on rounds earlier in March, they each did brilliantly! A special well done to Srija Ghosh for achieving a Bronze Certification in the challenge!'

- Mr Ayres

Congratulations



GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY



For the current coursework project Year 10 Photographers have been researching and analysing a range of Photographers such as Gillian Wearing, David Wilman and Hassan Hajjaj. The students have developed their own ideas and outcomes to communicate an area of Identity based upon their critical understanding of the sources. The students have really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones with exploration of different photo shoots and editing styles.





UK PARLIAMENT SCHOOLS OUTREACH TEAM

Before Easter our Year 7's had a fascinating assembly style talk delivered by Malcolm Smith from the UK Parliament schools outreach team. The lively interactive assembly provided a broad understanding of how UK Parliament works, the roles and responsibilities of our MP's and the members of the House of Lords. Students also heard how they can get their own voices heard by signing up to UK Government petitions, and how their lives are affected by decisions made in Parliament.



The assembly builds on the knowledge that our Year 7's have been developing in their PD lessons, about the history and work of UK Parliament. Mr Smith was very impressed with students' knowledge and behaviour and made a point of saying - "The Y7s were a real credit to the school and I thoroughly enjoyed talking to them and answering their questions"

THE WOODBROOK CLOTHES SWAP SUCCESS

In the last week before Easter, the Eco Team hosted its first ever Clothes Swap. This involved students bringing in items of clothes they no longer wear to swap for other items brought in. The aim is to reduce clothes waste and the impact of fast fashion.

Over the two days, over 140 items were brought in and swapped by 52 staff and students. This far surpassed our expectations of the event and has inspired the team to host some more events in the coming term.

Thank you to all staff and students who supported the event.

Thanks

Mr Burt and Mrs Kimber

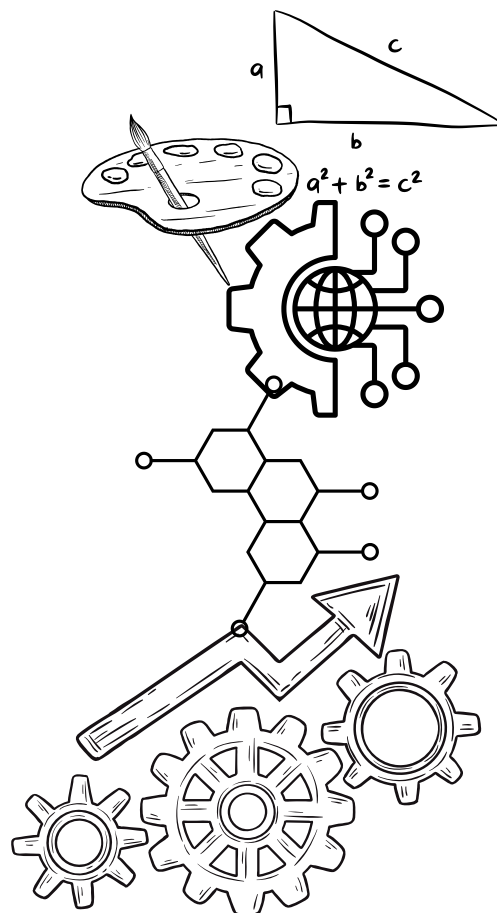




INTRODUCING THE STEAM TEAM!

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new after-school STEAM Team club for students in Years 7 to 9! Starting on Tuesday 6th May, the club will run every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 3:50pm in Lab 2, and offer fun, hands-on challenges that bring together Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths. Each week, students will collaborate, get creative, and solve real-world problems in imaginative ways. Our first challenge? Designing and building rubber band racers—who can make the fastest or furthest-travelling car using only elastic energy? Whether you're a budding inventor, an artist with a love of experiments, or just curious to try something new, the STEAM Team is the perfect place to explore, create, and innovate.

For more details, speak to Mrs Eddy, Mrs Barber or Mrs Atton—we can't wait to see what you'll build!



YEAR 11 ART & DESIGN SHOWCASE



Year 11 Art & Design students end of course showcase -.

Tuesday 10th June
4-6pm. Location
Art 1 and Design.



Last weeks answer:

During the process of digestion what happens in the small intestine - digested food is absorbed into the blood stream.

This weeks conundrum question:

What is the purpose of a titration?

SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE

UPDATED SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE AS OF MONDAY 28TH APRIL



Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Athletics	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Field
Thursday	Netball	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court
Friday	Cricket	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Field



Sports Fixtures

SPORTS FIXTURES MAY 2025



<u>Cricket</u>		
U13 Girls Tuesday 6 th May		U15 Girls Tuesday 13 th May
U12 Boys Thursday 8 th May	U14 Boys Thursday 15 th May	U15 Boys (T20) Thursday 22 nd May
<u>Athletics</u>		
U13 & U15 Wednesday 7 th May		U17 Wednesday 14 th May
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



MFL LANGUAGE LEARNING AND HOMEWORK



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.languagehut.com, this password works for both French and Spanish.

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

SPARX MATHS

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

HOMEWORK 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!



GIRLS RUGBY

u12's u14's u16's u18's

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

-  SEPARATE GIRLS CHANGING ROOMS
-  ACCESS TO QUALITY COACHES
-  SEPARATE TRAINING AREAS
-  5 PITCHES
-  KIT BUNDLES
-  FREE HIRE OF CLUBHOUSE FOR
SOCIALS, FUNDRAISING ETC.
-  END OF SEASON TOUR

MEET & GREET 4TH MAY 12-2PM

**TOUCH RUGBY STARTS WEEKLY
AT SYSTON WED 4TH JUNE 7PM.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**



Contact us now!

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**JOIN
US**





COMETS NETBALL CLUB

MONDAYS AT CHARNWOOD COLLEGE

U9s & U11s: 6–7pm
U12s & U13s: 7–8pm
U14s & U15s: 8–9pm

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

**COME AND JOIN
LOUGHBOROUGH'S NEWEST
JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB!**



cometsnetball25@gmail.com





TEEN HEALTH SUMMER!



Have some fun this summer with Teen Health! Spend time chilling out, get involved in our activities or take the chance to have a chat with our wonderful wellbeing officers.

ACTIVITIES	EVENT DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts and Crafts• Games & Activities• Snacks• Information and advice• Meet up with friends• No referral needed!• Open to all aged 11-19	MONDAY 11TH AUG 12-3PM
	MOUNTFIELDS FAMILY HUB, EPINAL WAY, LOUGHBOROUGH LE12 3GE

FREE!

Speak with your school's health and wellbeing officer to find out more, or visit our website using the details below:



For more information or to make a referral to the Teen Health 11-19 Service visit

www.teenhealth.org.uk





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

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.

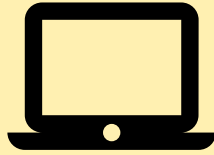


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HARMLESS

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

SCAN ME



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

YOUNGMINDS

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



SCAN ME

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