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# WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

**DofE Bronze Expedition  
Skills Training**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**DofE Bronze Training Walk**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Paris Parents' Information  
Evening**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Year 7 Parents Evening**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Year 11 Prom Ticket  
Payment Deadline**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
NOON**

# Congratulations



Congratulations all!  
A fantastic achievement.

Our students went above  
and beyond  
demonstrating the core  
values of our school.



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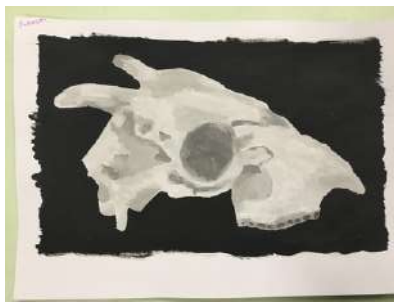
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# CREATIVE Faculty



## Year 9

Despite it being, for many, nearing the end of their compulsory 'creative' education, Year 9 have been exploring how to achieve tonal values in their observational recordings. Having previously used pencil and pen techniques they have moved on to paint mixing and application skills. The ability to observe subtle changes in tonal values and then to transfer this on to their work is not as easy as it may first well appear. Students are given the freedom to go from painting top tips to developing their own painting technique to encourage creativity, ownership and discovery.

Well done Year 9.





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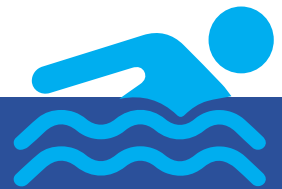


YOU WENT  
**ABOVE**  
AND  
**BEYOND**

### A message from a member of the community...

"I would like to inform you of an exceptionally honest and nice act by 2 of your pupils today when they found my wallet outside my bungalow on Park Road and rang the door bell to ask if it was mine? I didn't get their names but would like to thank them through the school for their honesty and thoughtfulness, they are a credit to the school and their parents!"

## Congratulations



Kevin Varga has qualified for the Swim England Summer National Championships in the 200 and 100 breaststroke - Well Done Kevin!



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# Kiran Marita Basketball Coaching

Since 2023 Kiran Marita's Basketball Coaching Sessions (Zenti Turtles) have been delivered at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy in Leicester. This has been a successful community program engaging those who enjoy basketball, yoga and wellbeing.

However, our program has grown and we are branching out to Loughborough. Please see below details on sessions for May and June 2026.



## When?



In May and June we will be hosting sessions for boys under 14 (School years 8 and 9) and under 16 (School years 10 and 11) looking to prepare for next season.



## Monday's



11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June | 19:30 - 21:00

Sports Centre at Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ



## Thursday's



14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> June | 19:30 - 21:00

Sports Centre at Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ



## Register



Simply scan the below QR code or use the link below to book your child's place. One session £8, month rates £6 per session, discounted rates for both months.



## About me.



I'm Kiran Wiltshire a Basketball England level 3 Coach and Referee, with extensive experience coaching across the East Midlands.

Previous clubs include:  
• Nottingham Hawks  
• Leicester Warriors  
• Leicester Riders  
• University of Leicester

Accolades:  
• Referee of the Year 2023 (East Midlands)  
• Referee of the Year 2023 (National)  
• Referee of the Year 2024 (East Midlands)  
• Finalist UK Coaching Awards 2024 for Community Coach of the Year - Children and Young People

"I'm passionate about helping boys and girls thrive in youth basketball! Due to high demand, I'm excited to expand my development sessions beyond Leicester and bring them to Loughborough, helping young players get ready for the upcoming season."



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## Prom Ticket Payment



# DEADLINE

Due to Beaumanor Hall needing to finalise numbers for their catering department we will need to bring the deadline for purchasing tickets forward to **10<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

You can purchase the tickets via your ParentPay account.  
**\*PLEASE NOTE ONCE THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED TICKETS CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE YOUR CHILDS TICKET IN TIME TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT\*.**

If you are having any problems with purchasing please contact the school so we can help.

## SCIENCE

### Last Weeks Answer

What are the key differences between igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks - Igneous are formed when molten lava or magma cools, and have a granular structure. Sedimentary are formed from the compaction of sand, silt, and organic material, are porous and often contain strata. Metamorphic are those that have been changed by heat and pressure underground, are crystalline and often contain foliation.

## CONUNDRUM of the WEEK

When performing electrolysis of an ionic substance to which electrode do the metal ions travel?





# CAREERS

## WOODBROOK VALE CAREERS PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Dear parents and guardians

At Woodbrook Vale we aim to provide a solid careers offer to our students. Last year we achieved The Quality in Careers Standard which reflects the hard work and commitment of the careers team, teaching and support staff. However it is vital that we constantly monitor and evaluate our careers programme and we greatly value your input as parents and carers.

If you could kindly complete the following survey this will provide us with helpful feedback as to how we can continue to improve our offer to your young people.

Thank you,  
Mrs Mcswiney



*The link will close on the 30th of June.*

## PORSCHE APPRENTICE VEHICLE TECHNICIAN

Porsche Centre Leicester has an exciting opportunity available for an Apprentice Vehicle Technician to join their talented team.

If you have a keen interest and enthusiasm for automotive vehicles and the automotive industry as a whole then click the link to find out more



### Porsche Apprentice Vehicle Technician

Apply online for Porsche Apprentice Vehicle Technician jobs in Leicester at CVLibrary.co.uk





# Woodbrook Vale Clubs

## Woodbrook Vale Clubs – Autumn Term 2025-26

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 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	October 2025	ongoing
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 1	September 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan '26
	Drama – Theatre Tech Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years – flexible session limited no.s	3 – 4 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Wednesday	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	KS4 Documentary Club	Miss Vaughan	Years 10 & 11	12.30 - 1.10 pm	Room 5	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	School Production Rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	3 – 4.30pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan 2026
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Friday	Drama Production Choreography	Mrs Hopkinson	Choreography Team	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan '26
	School Production	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	3 – 4 p m	Drama Studio	May 2025	ongoing

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## Homework Club

### A safe, supportive environment

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





# SCIENCE REVISION

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10s!**  
**SCIENCE MOCK REVISION STARTS FROM AFTER HALF TERM!**

**AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS (addressing tricky topics and misconceptions)**

Monday 1st June: **BIOLOGY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 8th June: **CHEMISTRY** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

Monday 15th June: **PHYSICS** 3pm @Lab 1/2/3

**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS →**  
Every week until the end of mocks

	COMB	TRIPLE
TUES LUNCH	Chem Lab 2	Chem Room 23
WED LUNCH	Bio Lab 1	Bio Lab 3
THU LUNCH	Phys Lab 2	Phys Lab 3



## Upcoming Sports Fixtures



### Athletics

All years  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Sign up in the sports hall!

### Boys Cricket

U12  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

U14  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

U15 (T20)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### Girls Cricket

U13  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

U15  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May



## Woodbrook Vale Sports Clubs



Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Badminton	Year 10	Lunch 12:25-1pm	Sports hall
Tuesday	Girls Football	KS3	After school 3-4pm	Field
	Boys Futsal	Year 7 & 8	After school 3-4pm	Sports hall
Wednesday	Basketball	All years	Lunch 12:25-1pm	Sports hall
Thursday	Athletics	All years	After school 3-4pm	Field
Friday	Badminton	Year 11	Lunch 12:25-1pm	Sports hall





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Entry price includes  
**FREE T-Shirt & Refreshments**  
£20 adults / £6 child

# CHARITY BIKE RIDE 2026



**SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**9am START**



**Join us!**

Alpine House Surgery are hosting their Charity Bike Ride for a second year. This time, to raise funds to support two wonderful local hospices, LOROS and Rainbows. Both charities do incredible work giving care and providing support for children, adults and their families during their time of need.

All abilities welcome! Our figure 8 route will cover 54km of the local area. A shorter route of 22km is available by completing the first loop only. We have also introduced a smaller route this year of 11km for families and children aged 10 and over (must be competent cyclists). All children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

ROUTE MAPS AVAILABLE FROM ALPINE HOUSE  
[www.alpinehousesurgery.co.uk](http://www.alpinehousesurgery.co.uk)

Donations (via Just Giving) in addition to the Registration fee, if you are being Sponsored for the event or wish to donate to either or both Charities, please scan the relevant QR code below. Any donations appreciated even if you are NOT taking part in the event.



**REGISTER HERE**

To book your place, please scan this QR code



100% OF ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN OUR TWO CHARITIES



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Risk factors for Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Tips for Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Thriving with ADHD in school



ADHD and sleep



Reframing ADHD



Girls and ADHD



ADHD – order out of chaos



Growing older and changing ADHD symptoms



The importance of sleep



Tips to support sleep optimisation



To watch the videos, scan these QR codes



## Upcoming Events

2026

BOOK NOW

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MARCH 28

### Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

APRIL 11

### Diet/Food and Menopause

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED



APRIL 25

### Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

MAY 09

### Cancer Neurodiversity Group

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED



MAY 23

### Safe Steps- Road Safety Project

St Peter's Church- 11.00am to 1.00pm BOOKING REQUIRED

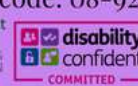
If you would like more information or would like to join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with our sessions:

[www.neurodiversitysupport.org](http://www.neurodiversitysupport.org) / [admin@neurodiversitysupport.org](mailto:admin@neurodiversitysupport.org)

Mobile: 07957 377 770/ 07934 591 061/ 07398 997 187

To donate: Neurodiversity Support CIC

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 11-4PM

At

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SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

♥ - AND - ♥

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER.



RIDES AND GAMES



ENTERTAINMENT



FOOD



STALLS

A great day out for the whole family – and for your furry friends too!

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Mental Health Support  
Teams in Schools



Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

## Looking for NHS advice on mental health for children?



Find information, advice and support on mental health and emotional wellbeing on the Health for Kids website.



To be referred for mental health support, speak to your child's teacher or mental health lead.

Find more support at:  
[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/  
bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren)



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# A PARENTS GUIDE TO



## WHAT IS SPARX MATHS?

Sparx Maths Homework is an online learning platform that creates personalised maths homework for students aged 11-16.

We believe that practice makes perfect, so each week, your child's teacher selects the topics that have been taught in class and we build a personalised set of questions to match your child's current level of understanding.

Our aim is for all children to strive for 100% completion of their homework.

By consistently using Sparx Maths, your child can build a solid foundation in maths and achieve their full potential.

## WHY IS MY CHILD ENCOURAGED TO DO WRITTEN WORK AS WELL AS ONLINE?

We believe that written work is essential in supporting your child's understanding of maths and to help them create positive habits.

Sparx provides bookwork checks to encourage your child to do written work when they're answering questions in Sparx Maths. These checks remind students to write down the question and their working, which is helpful if they get stuck as teachers can see where they are going wrong. We advise your child to do this work either in the back of their exercise book or at your discretion, a notebook dedicated for their maths work.

## HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LOGIN TO SPARX MATHS?

- Search for 'Sparx Maths student login' in google search engine
- Click on Student Login
- Type Woodbrook Vale School into the select your school box
- Then click on Woodbrook Vale School and press continue
- Now select Log in to Sparx using Google
- The student's username and password are the same as they use to login into the computers in school

## WHAT IF MY CHILD IS REPEATEDLY GETTING AN ANSWER WRONG AND CAN'T COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK?

Sometimes when your child is completing their homework they might keep getting an answer wrong which prevents their homework from being complete. To help with this, we encourage your child to watch the helpful support video for that question and if they are still stuck, then they can use the new question swap feature which will give them an easier question to attempt. They can use this feature three times in each homework. If your child needs further help after this then we would encourage them to ask their teacher for support before the homework deadline.

## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR SPARX MATHS HOMEWORK?

We believe your child can answer all of the questions correctly in their homework, but we know there may be times when they struggle, so how can you support your child with their homework?

Our top three tips for you and your child when using Sparx Maths...

- Encourage them to tackle it on their own
- Nudge them to use the support videos
- Suggest that they start early to give plenty of time for help if they need it.

## WHAT IS XP?

- Sparx XP or 'Experience Points' is an effort based points system that we as a school will use to support and inform a reward scheme.
- Pupils can go to the Independent Learning tab and find topics and activities at any time. This will also be so valuable to aid any revision for examinations and assessments too.
- Students earn XP when they complete a task or win a reward game.
- Tasks from different homework types earn different numbers of points, for example students can earn more XP if they complete XP Boost and Target homework tasks compared with Compulsory ones.
- Students go up a Sparx level for every 10,000 XP they collect.
- They can be encouraged to increase their number of XP by completing all of their XP Boost and Target homework.
- Certificates are awarded for levels attained.
- There will be prizes awarded termly for the pupils with most XP points and most improved XP points.

## IN CONCLUSION

Teachers select topics that have been taught in class. Sparx Maths builds a personalised set of questions. Students complete their homework online. Teachers monitor homework so they can motivate and support students. Parents can monitor homework using Go4Schools and receive an email from Sparx before homework is due. Teachers receive powerful insights each week with the pupils attainment.

If you require any more information then please go to <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/> or contact your child's maths teacher.