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# WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

**Year 7 PGL Trip**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Year 8 Paris Trip**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Year 9 Poland Trip**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Year 11 Prom**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Year 6 Transition**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**DofE Silver Award  
Expedition**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
July**

# Congratulations



Congratulations all!  
A fantastic achievement.

Our students went above and beyond demonstrating the core values of our school even in the exceptional heat we have been experiencing!



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# WATER SAFETY

After the tragic events in May this year of multiple open water deaths, particularly among teenagers, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service would like to provide you with a Water Safety Video Presentation aimed at students from Year 7 to Year 13. The presentation is around 20 minutes long and should be shown in tutor/form time or in an assembly. It can be accessed by clicking the following link.



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# WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK IS HERE!

Woodbrook Vale would like to wish all our new Year 11's good luck as they embark on work experience next week. Students have been planning and preparing for this very important week since last December and we are delighted that nearly all have been successful in finding placements.

Work experience plays a vital part in our students self development and character. It provides an opportunity to see life outside school, bridging the gap between academic studies and the work place, and the chance to make links with industry professionals. Students gain valuable employability skills desired by employers when recruiting - there is currently a skills gap in the UK with young people leaving education without the correct skills for employment - work experience is one way of helping to reduce this shortage.

Woodbrook Vale staff will be visiting students on their placements next week - we are excited to see them doing some amazing things out in the workplace, and we thank all the employers who have offered our students such fantastic opportunities, and also parents who have played a vital part in this process.



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# WBV SPORTS LEADERS

ALEX CRAIK  
ATREYA SRIVASTAVA  
BORI BOKANYI-TOTH  
EMILY JUSTHAM  
EVELYN HICKS  
HASAN BHOJANI  
IHTESHAM ISLAM  
IQRA RAHMAN  
ISLA BUCHANAN  
JARED THIRLAWAY  
JOSH STRAKER  
LOLA SAMPSON  
MACY JACKSON-BERAREY  
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## Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award is a programme that helps students develop confidence, resilience, and life skills through four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical, and an Expedition. Students choose their own activities, begin in September 2026, and must submit an application planner by 3 July 2026. The programme includes a two-day expedition.

- Mr Matthews



[DofE Bronze Letter 2026](#)  
[Bitesize Bronze Planner](#)  
[Programme Ideas](#)

# SCIENCE

## CONUNDRUM of the WEEK

### Last Weeks Answer

Which all girl group released the single 'Biology' in 2005 -  
Girls Aloud.

How long does it take for light from the sun to reach the earth?



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## Achievements

Congratulations to Jemima, who recently competed with her cheerleading club, Wildfires, at the National Cheerleading Championships held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Jemima's team, Ignite, delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 1st in their category to become National Champions. They also achieved a Hit Zero routine, meaning they completed their performance without any deductions from the judges. What a fantastic achievement!

Well done, Jemima!



Congratulations to Olly Lockton who has qualified for the English Schools Track & Field Championships in July! Olly has been selected as one of 40 athletes to represent Leicestershire & Rutland at the competition which is held in Birmingham over two days.

Best of luck, Olly!





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## MEDICATION



Please remember if you are bringing medication into school for your child we can **only accept medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container** as dispensed by a pharmacist and include **instructions for administration, dosage and storage**. Over the counter medication, for example, paracetamol or ibuprofen, should also be in their **original packaging** so we are able to see dosage instructions on the pack. You will be asked to fill out a green 'request for administration of medicines form' in reception, please make sure this is filled out correctly so we can make sure we are giving your child the correct dosage. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Support Group for Parents/Carers of Children with ADHD

Support for  
parent's/carers of  
children with ADHD

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July



ADHD Connect - Parent/Carer support group, Loughborough

Join us in Loughborough for a friendly Parent/Carer Group to share, learn, and support each other!

Eventbrite / Jul 1



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# CAREERS

## LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE GIRLS ENGINEERING

This week a group of 24 Year 10 girls met at Loughborough College to experience what it would be like to study engineering and to find out more about career opportunities in the sector.

The girls had an introduction to engineering delivered by Nicola Stevens, Curriculum Head of engineering FE, which focused on opportunities for females in the sector, and how to overcome some of the barriers which in the past have often excluded women. Following this there was the opportunity to take part in some activities in the classroom, looking at aerodynamics and testing different shapes in a smoke tunnel to see the effect caused by drag, lift and turbulence.

The girls then moved on to the workshop for demonstrations of some of the state of the art machinery which is used by students on engineering courses



Engineering is an excellent career choice if you like to know how and why things work, have a passion for problem solving and enjoy working creatively. The sector covers a range of specialties with engineers involved in all aspects of designing, building and testing new technologies and products.

Some of the benefits of studying engineering at Loughborough College are:

Access to industry standard facilities including the electronics lab, fabrication and mechanical maintenance workshop.

Loughborough College also offer a unique Space Engineering Enhanced A Level programme in partnership with the National Space Centre and a range of Post 16 options including Level 2 BTEC, T Levels, HNC and BEng(Hons)

<https://www.loucoll.ac.uk/courses/engineering>





# CAREERS

## SUMMER OF 2026 STEM

YOUR FREE SUMMER OF WEBINARS!

THALES

AGE 13+

Join our summer series of STEM challenges, interactive workshops and sessions with the Thales team. Explore exciting careers, build new skills and test your problem-solving abilities.



28 JUL - 18 AUG 2026

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY | 11AM

Sam - Project Manager

REGISTER



TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST | 11AM

Julian - Underwater Systems Technical Director

REGISTER



TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST | 11AM

Addi - Software Engineer

REGISTER

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST | 11AM

Megan - AI Engineer

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Brought to you by



Join every session for the chance to have your challenge entry featured the following week!



Calling all students aged 13+!

This summer, **Thales** is hosting a series of exciting **STEM workshops** designed to engage, inspire, and spark curiosity about future careers in science, technology, engineering, and maths.

What to expect:

- Inspiring **guest speakers** sharing real-world STEM insights
- Hands-on **challenges** to test your skills and creativity
- Opportunities to **learn, explore, and connect** with industry professionals

Each workshop includes an interactive challenge for you to complete and share with the team—so you can put your learning into action!

Whether you're already passionate about STEM or just curious to explore, these sessions are a great way to discover where a future in STEM could take you.

Don't miss out—get involved this summer!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 10 Work Experience

Channel 4 Work Experience is ready for you!

[4Skills](#) | [Work Experience in Creative](#)

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MESSAGE US TO FIND OUT MORE!





# 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





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Mental Health Support  
Teams **in Schools**



Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

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



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



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

Find more support at:

[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/)  
[bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth](https://bit.ly/YouandYourMentalHealth)

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# COMETS NETBALL CLUB

## BRING A BOY SESSION

### WE ARE SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON MENS AND MIXED NETBALL.

### JOIN US ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 6-8PM AT CHARNWOOD COLLEGE.

Sessions will be led by:

Tom Halfhide – England mens netball player  
Neil Smith – Nottingham Forest Pathway Coach  
Sol Wright – Lboro' mens netball player and  
England trailblazers player.

Come and learn from the best!



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come along with a Comets  
netball player!

**Spaces are limited!**



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### How Parents Can Access This Support:

Families do not need a school referral to access these specific early intervention programmes.

Parents can self-refer directly by visiting the NHS LLR Self-Referral Portal which can be accessed from our website [The Early Intervention Service \(EIS\)](#) | [The Relationships Centre - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland](#)

# Early Intervention Service

Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support for children and young people, and their parents/carers, living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



## Flourish

Our Flourish groupwork programme is for children and young people aged 8-17. It aims to equip young people with a better understanding of mental and emotional health, coping strategies and emotional resilience through a range of creative and engaging interventions.

The programme runs for 6-8 weeks, groups are separated by age range and tailored to better fit the needs of each age group.

## Prosper

Our Prosper programme is a 3-hour Zoom session for parents/ carers of children experiencing anxiety. Our Prosper deliverers support parents to understand anxiety and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

## Children and Young People's Counselling

A safe space for children and young people aged 8-18 to talk about challenges they're facing one to one with a trained counsellor, and learn better ways of coping.

## ADHD support

We offer support to young people and their families where there is diagnosed or suspected ADHD. Our practitioners work with young people to support them in understanding ADHD and how this can impact them in their daily lives, and explore better ways of regulating their emotions. We also offer workshops for parents/ carers, supporting them to understand ADHD and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

## Heads Up

The service is made up of two organisations: The Relationships Centre and Heads Up, and offers a range of support interventions for children, young people and parents/carers. You can find information on the services offered at Heads Up here:

[www.headsupleicester.org.uk](http://www.headsupleicester.org.uk)

To access this, you will need to be assessed and referred by your GP or you can complete a self-referral to see whether The Relationships Centre is the best fit for you:  
[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/)



The Relationships  
Centre





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challenges  
& colour  
fun

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activities,  
refreshments  
and stalls

Family fun  
run. Medals  
for all  
entrants

Walk, run  
or jog 5km  
or finish  
at 2.5km

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, LE11 4SQ**

Scan the QR code  
to book your tickets

*Fun starts from 10am*  
*Raising funds for LWA*  
*Registered charity 1121923*



Adult: £15  
Child: £12  
Under 5: Free  
1 ad + 1 ch: £25  
Team of 4: £55

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheLoughboroughColourRun2026>



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# GET SORTED DAYS

SAVE  
THE DATE

## What is the day for?

- ★ Opportunity to meet our Lead SEND Curriculum Co Ordinator's who will be working with you if you have a learning support need or an EHCP
- ★ Meet our Welfare Team who support our students with Inclusion, wellbeing and mental health needs
- ★ Access help and support to help you to understand any Summer Tasks that have been set by your tutors at Pre Programme Days in June
- ★ Access Bus Travel and Finance support information
- ★ Share copies with us of medical evidence and reports used for exam access arrangements
- ★ Ask any questions

**IGNITE Melton**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
10.00<sup>am</sup> - 11.30<sup>am</sup>

**Brooksby College**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
1.00<sup>pm</sup> - 2.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Loughborough College**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
10.30<sup>am</sup> - 12.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Stephenson College**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
10.30<sup>am</sup> - 12.30<sup>pm</sup>

(BOOKING INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW)

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**OPEN DAY**

# **LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July  
1.30pm – 5pm**

**Are you a complete beginner, a rusty racket holder, or a regular player looking to meet others – Come to our open day!**



- **Free Coaching Sessions** – Qualified coaches will run free mini sessions for kids and adults
- **Free Play & Family Friendly Tennis:** Just turn up and play
- **Fresh Food & Bar** – Tasty food & drinks

**FREE ADMISSION – no need to book**

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LOUGHBOROUGH EMMANUEL

# FALCONS

# U15

YEARS 10 (OR 9)  
WHO WANT TO  
PLAY UP A YEAR

# NEW PLAYERS WANTED

FOR THE **2026/27**  
SEASON



**LEAGUE:**  
DIVISION 4 (PROPOSED)



**HOME GAMES:**  
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE



**MATCH DAY:**  
SATURDAY MORNINGS



**TRAINING VENUE:**  
RAWLINS ACADEMY 3G



**TRAINING:**  
THURSDAY 7:30PM - 8:30PM

COME ALONG TO TRAINING,  
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AND HAVE A TRIAL.  
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