



Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share what a fantastic start our students have made to the new school term.

Students have returned Woodrush Ready with positive attitudes, looking smart in their uniforms and fully equipped for learning. Lessons have begun productively and over 2500 achievement points have already been awarded. We are incredibly proud of our students.

Students have also responded positively and maturely to the changes regarding mobile phones. We have already seen a positive impact on attitudes towards learning and students who have taken part in spot checks have responded respectfully and politely.

Attendance Matters

Attendance has reached an excellent 98% this week.

At Woodrush High School, we recognise that students are more likely to attend regularly when they feel safe, valued, respected and connected to their school community. A strong sense of belonging is therefore an important part of our approach to promoting and improving attendance this year.

We will continue to work proactively to ensure that students feel welcomed, supported and encouraged to attend school every day. Our Inclusion Team will work closely with students and their families to understand any individual circumstances that may affect engagement, wellbeing or attendance.

If your child is absent from school, one of our Inclusion Leaders will telephone home each day to discuss the absence and identify any support that may be needed.

Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment is an important part of life at Woodrush. We encourage every student to participate in at least one enrichment club, helping them to develop new interests and enhance a wide variety of skills.

We have a fantastic enrichment programme available this term. Please click the link below to view the full programme:

Deputy Head(s): Mr D Monk, BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH; Mrs M Holtom-Brown, BA (Hons), GTTP, NPQH; Mr I Wright, BA (Hons), PGCE, MCCT, NPQSL

Headteacher: Mr J Barber, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH





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[Enrichment offer Term 1 2026 .pdf](#)

All clubs will begin next week. Students simply need to arrive at the appropriate venue on the specified day and time. Excluding Art Club - if your child would like to join art club please complete and return the form below (forms can also be collected from the Art department and student services):

[Woodrush Art Club letter Sept 2026](#)

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to building upon this excellent start throughout the term.

Kind regards

Mrs Holtom-Brown

Deputy Headteacher