



The Woodrush Branch

Mental Health Awareness Week – May 10th – 16th 2021

Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week** in the UK and the theme this year is 'Nature'. We will be encouraging students to take an active role in this, and we will also be dedicating time in our Aspire Lessons this week to discuss issues as well as watch a play created by 'theatre-online.co.uk' that supports students looking after their own Wellbeing and Mental Health. The play has the theme of 'How Are You?' and explores the issue of mental health in young people in a sensitive and engaging way. It considers:

- **Changes in Friendships**
- **Pressure around School work and Exams**
- **Family Tensions**
- **Anxiety.**

We hope all students will benefit from discussing these issues and how they can get help and support both in school and externally.

What you can do for Mental Health Awareness Week

During Mental Health Awareness Week, the Mental Health Foundation offer several tips to be more involved. They are asking you to do three things:

- **Experience nature:** take time to recognise and grow your connection with nature during the week. Take a moment to notice and celebrate nature in your daily life. You might be surprised by what you notice!
- **Share nature:** Take a photo, video or sound recording and share the connections you've made during the week, to inspire others. Join the discussion on how you're connecting with nature by using the hashtags #ConnectWithNature #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek
- **Talk about nature:** discuss in your family, workplace and community how you can help encourage people to find new ways to connect with nature in your local environment.

For more information about this year's Mental Health Awareness Week visit [Mental Health Awareness Week 2021](#) or join the conversation on social media using #ConnectWithNature and #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek



Achievement Board

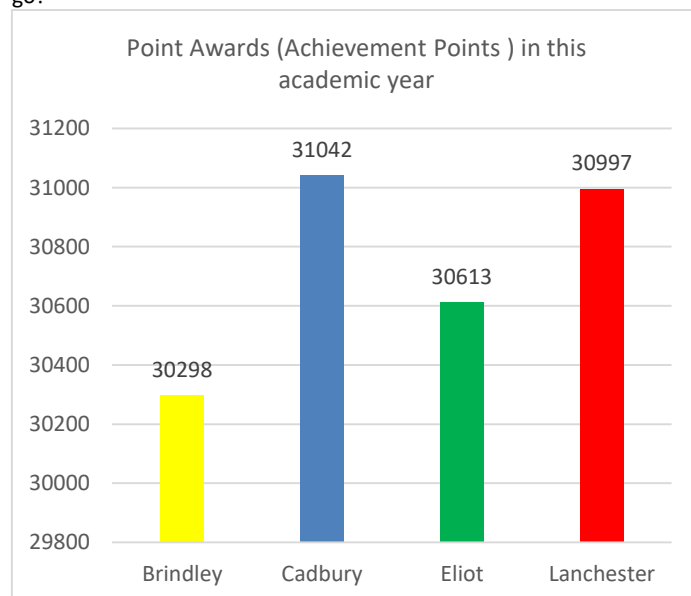
This week's achievement board shows those students making the most improvement this week – There have been some students making huge improvements. Well done to all!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Kean A	Matthew H	Miles D	Joseph B	Lucy R
Nirujah S	Loui H	Amelia A	Saffron E	Jacob B
Harry L	Bailey R	Ella H	Tom G	Emily H
Holly L	Millie T	Lily-Kate T	Caitlin A	Grace L
Max B	Charley B	Zak A	Tommy B	Samuel N
Tilly H	Harry C	Finlay B	Stephen D	Cory W
Cassie K-C	Liam M-D	Milly D	Max F	Julianne A
Dylan M	Kacey W	Maxwell J	Reece G	Kye B
Daniel P	Grace B	Abbie M	Kerri H	Dillon B
P-F Diamond-X	Archie D	Anaya PH	Callum M	Harley B
Jessica S	Hayden D	Olivia P	Shahin S	Miya B
Ava S	Abigail F	Tyreece S	Emma S	Thomas C
	Samy H	Jake T	Erin W	Corey D
	Jaiden H	Lilly W	Theodore W	Zaimah D
	Evie H	Sophie W	Willow W	Caitlin E
	Cayden J O	Thomas W		Lanie G
	James P			
Sixth Form				
Emily B	Charlie F	Jacob H	Paige H	Leah HM
Fab B	Tilly G	Morgan H	Matthew H	Ben S

House Achievement Competition

Big news in the House Championship Achievement Awards in that Cadbury have now overtaken Lanchester!! Lanchester who have been leading all year are now just below Cadbury, after 2 good weeks of accumulating achievement points by them. Well done, Cadbury.

It shows there is still plenty of time to catch up with 10 weeks left to go!



Attendance Summary

- It has been a few weeks now since we have returned to school on 8th March. Below is a table indicating the attendance of students since our return and the last two weeks leading up to our return.
- You can see that we have an attendance level above other schools nationally at the moment (95.8%) and we are slowly working back towards our expectation that all students are here at least 96% of any academic year. In a very unusual year, this is a great achievement, especially as small groups have had to isolate during this time, and we would like to thank our parents in ensuring students have returned safely and well to school.
- For those families where your child may still be experiencing difficulties in returning, we can offer support to ensure their attendance levels improve. Please contact jdavies@woodrush.org (attendance officer) who will be able to support you in improving your child's attendance.
- In recent weeks we have been out to see a number of our families to support better attendance in school and nearly all students have made a successful and a full return to school. Well done!

	W23 22 Feb 21	W24 1 Mar 21	W25 8 Mar 21	W26 15 Mar 21	W27 22 Mar 21	W28 29 Mar 21	W30 19 Apr 21
Pupils	914	914	915	915	916	916	916
School attendance	5.4%	5.6%	96.0%	93.9%	94.3%	92.5%	95.8%
FFT national attendance	9.4%	8.8%	80.0%	92.1%	90.2%	89.4%	93.4%
Difference	● -4.0%	● -3.2%	● +16.0%	● +1.7%	● +4.1%	● +3.2%	● +2.4%

Green circle = attendance is above the national attendance. Red circle = attendance is below the national attendance.

Reminder - Parents' Evening – Year 9 – Thursday 13th May (4pm-6.30pm)

- A reminder that next week we have the Year 9 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud.
- SchoolCloud offers video appointments of 5 minutes with your child's class teachers.
- We opened SchoolCloud on **Monday 3rd May** for parents who wish to arrange appointments with their class teachers.
- To logon to SchoolCloud Please go to our School Website and click on the SchoolCloud Link – [SchoolCloud - Woodrush High School](#)
- Making appointments is easy and straightforward – instructions are also found on our website here - [download.asp \(woodrushhigh.worcs.sch.uk\)](#)
- If you wish to make an appointment with the Year 9 Head of Year Mr McDowell or our SENCo Mrs Stafford, please contact the school directly and we will be able to arrange an appointment with them if they are available.
- **Please do not make block bookings of appointments if you do not wish to see all teachers, as this fills appointment times that other parents and carers may want to use. Many thanks.**



Dates for Your Diary

Student Vaccination Dates

- **Monday, 17th May** - Year 8 (2nd HPV)
- **Friday, 21st May** - Year 9 (2nd HPV)

Other Key Dates

- **Thursday 13th May** – Year 9 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud (Monday 3rd May for bookings)
- **Monday 7th June – TEACHER TRAINING DAY – THIS IS A NEW DATE, STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL.**
- **Thursday 27th May** – Students receiving Pathway's information in Aspire lessons that day and parents/carers will receive virtual guidance on GCSE and Vocational choices
- **Thursday 10th June** - Year 8 Parents' Evening

COVID Support Information

Taking Tests and Reporting Results (Information)

- **Instruction booklets** for how to administer the test and to record the test results can be found here - [Your step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Instructional Video** - [How to do a COVID-19 Self-Test \(rapid antigen test\) - YouTube](#)
- **Reporting Your Result 'Wonde'** – You will have received an email with an individual link for your child - Click the link in your invitation email. In the window that opens, click 'Submit test Result'. Complete the form and submit your result. You will then be directed to submit your result at NHS track and Trace - [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Household members and childcare bubble - access to free twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)** - With the return to school for pupils, adult household members of children and young people in nursery, school, or college and those who have formed a childcare bubble, can now access free Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for twice weekly testing at home.
- Adult householders or your childcare bubble can obtain test kits (or be tested) in the following ways:
 - through your employer if they offer testing to employees.
 - by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Local test sites are now dual sites PCR testing in morning and LFT testing or collection in afternoon - open from 1.30pm to 7pm [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)
 - by ordering a home test kit online: [Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
 - To book an LFT at a local test site, visit this link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) I do not have symptoms | Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) I do not have symptoms | Worcestershire County Council](#)

