



## The Woodrush Branch

### Worcestershire Poet Laureate 2021

- We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Abbie Lou in our Sixth Form who became the Worcestershire Poet Laureate for 16–18-Year-olds for 2021
- This year's competition saw over 100 entries with each applicant submitting two poems: one based on this year's theme 'adventure' and a second about anything at all.
- Hannah Perrott, assistant director for communities at Worcestershire County Council, added: "The Young Poet Laureate event is a wonderful annual tradition that celebrates the talent of budding young poets across our county. Well done to everyone who took part and huge congratulations to our overall winner Faith, and group winners Alana and Abbie-Lou. I look forward to seeing more of their work in the forthcoming year."
- Well done Abbie-Lou!



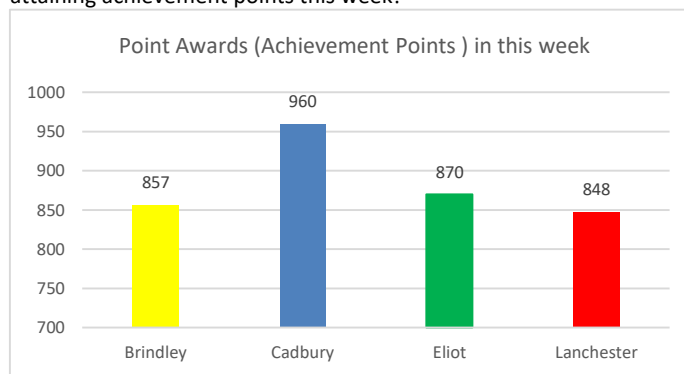
### Achievement Board

This week's achievement board shows the top achievers for the week – Well done to all!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Shaye H	Ayla G	Gracie H	Flynn P	Aaliyah L
Max R	Gabriel C	Harry G	Harley M	Jude B
Billy P	Kian W	Daisy H-S	Neve H	Zoe-Cait F
Macauley H	Zachariah T	Jessica A	Mason S	Harry F
Lydia F	Mia C	Elise D	Ella B	Daniel H
Elsie K	Emily D	Thomas P	Gabby C	Jodie H
Oakley S	Malachi R	James R	Joseph M-S	Caitlyn M-P
Ethan A	Abigail C	Ayesha D	Tyler S-S	Joseph M
Joseph H	Darcy D	Anthony H	Tristan D	Brandon U
Matthew P	Sarah-J D	Kaylee J	Ben H	Freya A
Saskia Q	Katie E		Rebekah L	Hannah B
	Lewis H		Evie M	
			Lucy T	

### House Achievement Competition

The Chart here shows Achievement Points just for this week, so we can start seeing who is making a real push for the House Championship! We can see that Cadbury have made big steps to catching Lanchester this week, so well done to all those in Cadbury attaining achievement points this week!



### Extra-Curricular Activities

We are pleased to announce that we can start Extra -Curricular Activities as of next week. All activities will remain in year group bubbles due to restrictions for COVID-19. As the term moves on, we hope to add more opportunities for students. If students wish to take part, they should sign up to an activity with the lead teachers or see their PE teachers to sign up to the different activities. Activities will take place after school from 3.15-4.15pm. Please bear in mind school transport does not run after these activities.

#### Creative Arts

- Art - Year 8 Mixed Media Art Project - Tuesdays CAM & HNO
- Dance - Year 8 Dance Club - Tuesdays LAB
- Music - Year 8 Music Technology Club - Wednesdays JSO
- Woodrush Has Got Talent (All Years) - Thursdays (sign up for an audition slot on the board in the music corridor from 4th May) SXC
- Musical Medley (All Years) – Different Night Per Year Group - Creating a musical scene, one musical per year group, audition for parts. Year 7 Mary Poppins, Year 8 Grease, Year 9 School of Rock, Year 10 We Will Rock You, Year 12 Les Misérables (sign up for an audition slot on the board in the music corridor from 4th May) Rehearsal dates TBC. SXC & JFR

#### PE

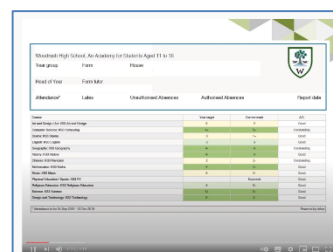
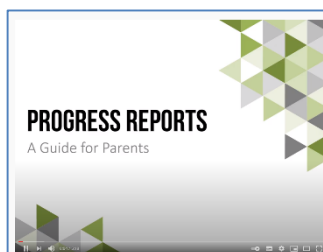
Year 7 - Thursday Nights – Football Basketball, Rounders, Athletics  
Year 8 – Wednesday Nights – Football, Basketball, Rounders, Athletics  
KS4 – Opportunities will be developed later in the summer term.

#### Coming Soon!

Further Extra -Curricular events will be taking place through the summer term including external visitors coming into school to deliver new opportunities for students to get involved in e.g., Handball, Martial Arts, Music Development and Recording to name just a few!

### Parent Guide to Reports

- Parents of students in year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 should have received progress reports by email this week.
- A video guide to our progress reports and how we set targets is available on the Woodrush Online YouTube channel or by following this link - [Parent Guide to Reports - YouTube](#)



## Parents' Evening – Year 9 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May (4pm-6.30pm)

- A reminder that in two weeks' time we have the Year 9 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud
- SchoolCloud offers video appointments of 5 minutes with your child's class teachers.
- We are opening SchoolCloud on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** for parents who wish to arrange appointments with their class teachers.
- To log on to School Cloud 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

- **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 10 HPV
- **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 8 (2nd HPV)
- **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 9 (2nd HPV)

### Other Key Dates

- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 9 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for bookings)
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – **TEACHER TRAINING DAY – THIS IS A NEW DATE, STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL.**
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Students receiving Pathways information in Aspire lessons that day and will receive their Pathways Booklet to take home
- **Wb Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 Pathways Week (Tuesday-Friday)** – Virtual Guidance Evening on GCSE and Vocational choices and Parents' Evening that week

## 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](#)