



## The Woodrush Branch

### COVID Updates

#### Home Testing Kits

- Students received their third set of testing kits yesterday in school. If your child has been away or has not collected one – please see below (Household members – access to Free LFTs)
- We would continue to recommend tests are taken on Sunday and Wednesday Evenings if convenient.

#### REMINDER

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SHOWING SYMPTOMS OR YOU ARE AWAITING THE RESULT OF A TEST – YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE – MANY THANKS FOR KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE**

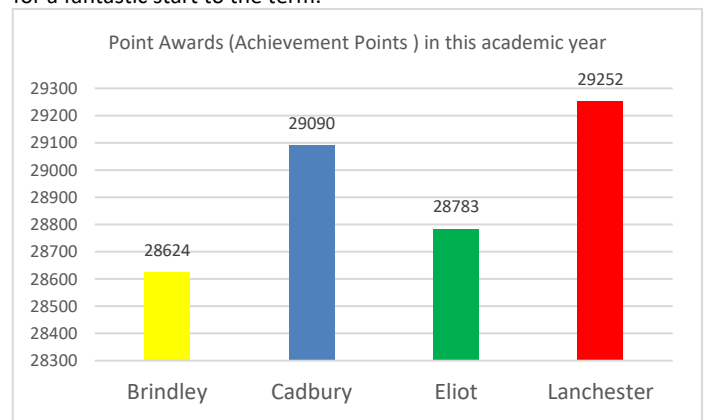
### Achievement Board

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
Henry H	William T	Aysha D	Tia HW	Athena HS
Joshan G	Alfie C	Kayne S	Joseph P	Emily H
Nathan R	Aiden T	Oliver B	Charlie S	James H
Max R	Grace B	Harvey G	Kyle A	Amie LB
Han X	Charlie B	Megan C	Charlize C	Charlie M
Harvey D	Edward C	Sky M	Dylan K	Calvin M
Eva L	Findlay MS	Dorje W	George M	Caitlyn MP
Amina S	Nicola C	Ellie W	Flynn P	Samuel N
Sophie S	Sky-L M	Will A	Dylan S	Harley P
Freya C	Mia C	Max B	Liam WD	Ethan T
Dorothy F	Ryan C	Gracie E	Haden C	
Tilly H	Sarah-J D	Alfie M	Saffron E	
Shaye H	Isaak G	Ruby W	Denao G	
Sixth Form				
Jacob H	Paige H	Luke P	Etta T	
Morgan H	Leah HM	Sophie S	Jacob T	

### House Achievement Competition

Lanchester are still out in front as we enter the last term. This week we have had just over 3000 achievement points awarded – well done for a fantastic start to the term.



### Supporting Woodrush Families – In-School Early Help

After the long periods of lockdown, we are aware that our families may need extra support to engage their child back in school. Lockdown has created a number of issues for children, and we are here to help. Below is a brief outline of where you can get support in school. Please contact us at school if you feel your child needs support [here](#) – alternatively seek information from our webpage [here](#).

Safeguarding and Wellbeing				Student Support and Development			
Mental Health and Wellbeing		Looked After Children	Youth and Community	Social and Emotional Development		Special Educational Needs	Family Support and Engagement
<b>Mr Monk</b> Deputy Headteacher – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Senior Leader for Mental Health and Wellbeing Youth MHFA Champion	<b>Mrs Peters</b> Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Youth MHFA Champion	<b>Mrs Francis</b> Year 7 Progress Leader – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) / Lead for Looked After Children	<b>Ms F Parker</b> Business Director – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) / Youth and Community	<b>Mrs Holton-Brown</b> Assistant Headteacher – Attitudes to Learning / Senior Leader responsible for Looked After Children	<b>Mrs Robbins</b> Lead Head of Year	<b>Mrs Stafford</b> SENCo	<b>Mrs Gittins &amp; Mrs McCarthy</b> SEND Family Support
Provision in School							
Mr Monk is the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school and the Senior Lead for Wellbeing and Mental Health.  If your child is experiencing severe Mental Health issues always contact your GP in the first instance. You can also make referrals to CAMHS (Child and adolescent mental health support) or we can support that referral.  We can support students who are experiencing poor Mental Health and Wellbeing with programs and interventions in school.	Mrs Peters is a Deputy Safeguarding Lead and our Mental Health Lead. She provides a wide range of early intervention including mentoring and small group workshops for students needing support for their wellbeing and Mental Health. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-esteem/body image</li> <li>Self-harming</li> <li>Eating disorders</li> <li>Anxiety and stress</li> <li>Bereavement Support</li> <li>Relationships</li> <li>Parental Support</li> </ul>	Mrs Francis is a Deputy Safeguarding Lead and our Lead teacher for Looked After Children. She coordinates support for students who are currently in local authority care or have previously been in care. We ensure that we work closely with families to offer support and structure to overcome any difficulties. This includes specific guidance and support for or LAC students.	Miss Parker is a Deputy Safeguarding Leads and supports work in the Woodrush Community Hub and Youth Centre as well as setting up summer schools for our most vulnerable students.	Mrs Holton-Brown supports the behaviour and attitudes to learning of students within the school. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing support for students not engaging in school</li> <li>Behaviour Support Plans</li> <li>Working with external agencies to provide support for students.</li> <li>Supporting students in alternative provision</li> </ul>	Mrs Robbins supports our pastoral team by providing bespoke packages of support for students to ensure their attitudes towards their learning improves. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restorative support for students</li> <li>Behaviour workshops and conferences</li> </ul>	Mrs Stafford leads and co-ordinates provision in our SEND department. In Student Support, students can receive one to one and small group academic interventions, screening for learning and behavioural needs, ADHD support, AHD support, emotional and social interventions, co-ordinated external support, and numeracy and reading programs. Ruby our therapy dog is also used to support students.	Mrs Gittins and Mrs McCarthy work closely with families whose children have learning needs or need social and emotional support. They closely liaise with families to ensure support is in place and offer support staff to ensure the right support is in place for these students.

## Uniform

- Now shops are open for parents and carers to purchase uniform, our expectation is that all students follow our uniform policy through the summer term.
- This includes PE Kit where students on their PE day should arrive in Woodrush PE kit and not alternative sportswear.
- Students should be in the school PE hoody for PE and black tracksuit bottoms or black woodrush leggings not alternative tracksuits.
- Many thanks for your support with this.

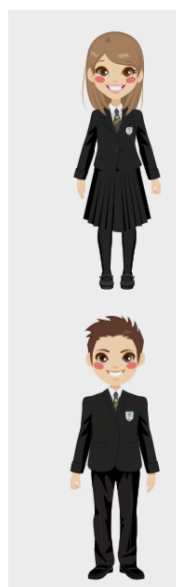
### Uniform List

#### Key Stage 3 boys and girls:

- Black trousers or skirt with the Woodrush logo
- Plain black or natural coloured tights and black ankle socks, not knee high socks (for girls)
- White shirt, long or short sleeved
- Key stage 3 clip on tie with house colour
- Black V neck sweater
- Black blazer with school badge
- Black fleece with school badge and (optional item as outdoor coat or PE item)
- Plain, black polishable shoes

#### Key stage 4 boys and girls:

- Black V neck Sweater
- Black blazer with school badge
- Black fleece with school badge and (optional item as outdoor coat or PE item)
- Plain, black polishable shoes



#### PE Kit for Boys:

- One pair of sports trainers
- Football boots
- Two pairs of Black shorts
- School PE Polo Shirt
- School Rugby shirt
- School PE hoodie or Plain black sweatshirt/fleece
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black football socks
- Shin pads
- Gum shield (optional)

#### PE Kit for Girls:

- One pair of sports trainers
- Black School PE skirt or shorts
- School PE Polo Shirt
- School PE hoodie or Plain black sweatshirt/fleece
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black football socks
- Black sport socks
- Shin pads
- Gum shield (optional)

## Year 11 Key Assessments

Please find below a list of the year 11 key assessments taking place next week.

Date	Subject (s)	Time	Duration
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Combined Science Triple Science - Chemistry	11:55am	1 hr
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Maths	9:05am	1hr
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	History Geography	10:20am	45mins 40 mins
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	English Literature	11:55am	45mins
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Combined Science Triple Science - Physics	11:55am	1hr

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



- We have now been given the go-ahead to conduct the final phase of year 11's Bronze Award.
- A letter will be sent to all year 11 parents this week to outline the dates for students to undertake their reduced format expedition.
- Dates
  - Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June – Practice / training days
  - Thursday 8th and Friday 9th July – Qualifying Expedition
- Information regarding the year 10 awards will be given later in the summer as we receive more information outlining the final format for that cohort.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Student Vaccination Dates

- Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April - Year 9 (missed double vaccinations)
- 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](#)