



The Woodrush Branch

COVID Updates

- **Lateral Flow Tests** – Please continue to ensure students are taking lateral flow tests that have been provided by school. Although restrictions have been eased in the community, we wish to play our part limiting the spread of infection. If you do not have any lateral flow tests at home, please contact us at school and we can provide students with them.
- **Wearing of Masks in the Community** – We have been asked by several local businesses to remind students that they will need to wear a face covering if they wish to visit local shops on the journey to or from school. Students and other residents are not allowed to enter stores unless exempt, so please help the local community over the following weeks.



Year 8 Pathways

- **On Thursday 27th May, Year 8 students will be having an Aspire day looking at their choices for their next stage of school.** Students will be able to explore choices available to them and will be given a presentation about how to go about making choices.
- **The parents' information booklet** will also be made available on this day so parents can look at each of the available courses on offer. Please use this booklet over half term to discuss pathway choices with your child.
- **On Thursday 10th June we will be hosting our Year 8 parents' evening.** This will be an opportunity for all parents to speak to their current teachers but also speak to subject leaders of courses they may wish to follow.
- **SchoolCloud will be open to book appointments from Friday 28th May.** We will send out information next week about how to book appointments but also how to make appointments with subjects they do not currently follow, although all subjects' teachers will be able to give you information and the suitability of courses through the related subjects they currently take.



Social Media Accounts

- **Please refer to the letter sent to all parents on Friday 21st May regarding the Appropriate Use of Social Media.**
- It has come to our attention that there are several accounts that have been set up with the sole purpose of making defamatory comments about members of staff at Woodrush. As with student welfare, we also ensure the welfare of our staff is of paramount importance in our school community.
- It is a criminal offence to make defamatory remarks about people on social media platforms and as stated in our home school agreement.
 - *"In serious cases, the school will consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Moreover, if any issue of cyber bullying is reported to the school where one child or parent has used a social networking site to publicly humiliate or negatively target a student or member of staff in the school then the school will approach this as a serious issue of school bullying."*
- **We have thus reported the abuse to the police** who are currently investigating those accounts. The accounts have also been reported to the relevant social networking sites.
- Please support us at Woodrush, and most importantly the staff at Woodrush by ensuring your child does not follow these accounts and does not like, share, or comment on them. We hope you can appreciate the concern we have for this activity and thank you for your support in this matter.

Achievement Board

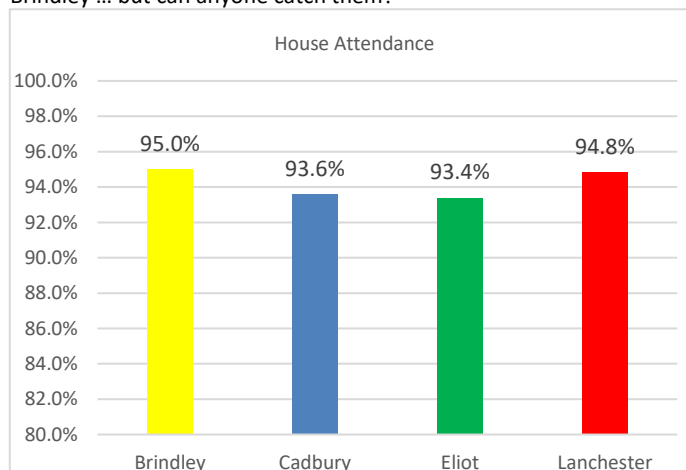
It is great to see so many new names on the achievement board this week. Top Achievers this week are...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Isabella S	Shay d	Matthew K	Scarlett L	Raquel L
Joshan G	Honey k	Jayden P	Evie M	Aaliyah L
Leila W	Carys C	Matthew T	Leo W	Harrison B
Holly C	Sky-L M	Gracie E	Theodore W	Cameron P
Ava N	Lily A	Daisy HS	Kira J	Lola B
Aimee W	Benjamin N	Jack J	Isaac KH	Dillon B
Emmie F	Harry S	Joseph F	Thomas SP	Miya B
Stephan MK	Joshua C	Ben B	Laura S	Billy H
Theo-J WB	Millie T	Harvey G	Alice B	Benjamin L
Gracie C	Samy H	Alfie M	Bethany B	Maya P-H
Chloe C	Caitlyn N		Ella B	Eleanor W
Dorothy F	Zachariah T		Samuel C	Julianne A
Hayden H			Eddie C	
Matthew P			Scarlett L	

- Next week we will be celebrating top the top achievers for the Half Term

House Attendance Competition

As part of the House Championship, attendance is also an element we celebrate. Although this has been a difficult year for attendance, we still maintain our high expectations, so please support us through the summer term in ensuring your child attends school. Well done Brindley ... but can anyone catch them?



Dates for Your Diary

Student Vaccination Dates

- **Friday, 21st May** - Year 9 (2nd HPV)

Year 8 Pathways Information

- **Thursday 27th May** - Year 8 Pathways ASPIRE Day, Video presentation and Pathway's booklet available for parents.
- **Thursday 10th June** - Year 8 Parent's Consultation Evening

Other Key Dates

- **Friday 28th May** – **Half Term Holiday Starts**
- **Monday 7th June** – **TEACHER TRAINING DAY – STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL.**
- **Tuesday 8th June** – Students Return to School

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](#)