



The Woodrush Branch

Woodrush Back-To-School Uniform Shop

- In the summer holidays we wish to run a **'Back-to-School Woodrush Community Uniform Shop'** that will hopefully stock used uniform that parents can come and collect free of charge.
- We are therefore asking our parents and carers to donate uniform which is in a good condition such as blazers, ties, trousers, and shirts, as well as PE uniform that are no longer used or needed.
- We will collate and ensure the uniform that is donated is clean and in a good condition to be used by other families.
- We will then invite families over a couple of days in the summer holidays to collect whatever uniform they wish – all free of charge. (Dates to be confirmed).
- When collecting uniform, we would like uniform clearly labelled in a bag with the gender and approximate age of the child written and clearly visible on it.
- We are going to request that uniform is sent into school over the following weeks, during form time, so we have time to collate and sort:
 - **Year 7** – Bring Uniform wb 21st June.
 - **Year 8** – Bring Uniform wb 28th June.
 - **Year 9** – Bring Uniform wb 4th July.
 - **Year 10** – Bring Uniform wb 11th July.
 - **Year 11 and Sixth Form** – wb 18th July – Drop Ins
- We will send information to all parents in the weeks leading up to the summer holiday about when parents can come and collect uniform.

Mobile Phones and Social Media

- As mentioned in previous editions of the Branch we have an **increased concern over the appropriate use of mobile phones in school.**
- We are thus **reviewing our bell-to-bell policy of no mobile phones** in school.
- Over the coming week we will be discussing their use in school and their appropriate use of social media with students and will be expecting our policy of 'Bell to Bell' – no mobile phones, to be adhered to.
- Unfortunately, this may mean we continue to inconvenience parents to collect repeat confiscations and where needed will ask students to hand in phones at the start of each day if any student fails to adhere to what is expected.
- **Please discuss with your child how they are using their phones and what social media they access.** You may be surprised at what content they are regularly accessing without your knowledge. Time spent away from mobile devices can also support improvements in your child's wellbeing.

Music Achievements

The following 3 students are in the finals for Solihull Rising Star this Saturday, we wish them all the best of luck and we're sure they will be magnificent! Well done!

- Paige L Y9
- Dylana R Y9
- Alicia G Y10



Also, a big congratulations to Ben H Y9 has passed his grade 1 violin with Merit which is a great achievement.

Billy Wood

I'm Billy, I left Woodrush in 2019 after studying music at GCSE and then BTEC. I've continued to pursue music whilst at university, producing from my bedroom with just a laptop and a mic. I've released an EP 'Fake Cinema' and a few other songs under the artist's name William Wood and had my two recent singles played on BBC

radio! If you have a dream in music, keep at it because you don't know where it'll get you. Click the link to have a listen - [William Wood - Fake Cinema \(Audio\) - YouTube](#)

His music is available to buy and download on Spotify and Amazon Music

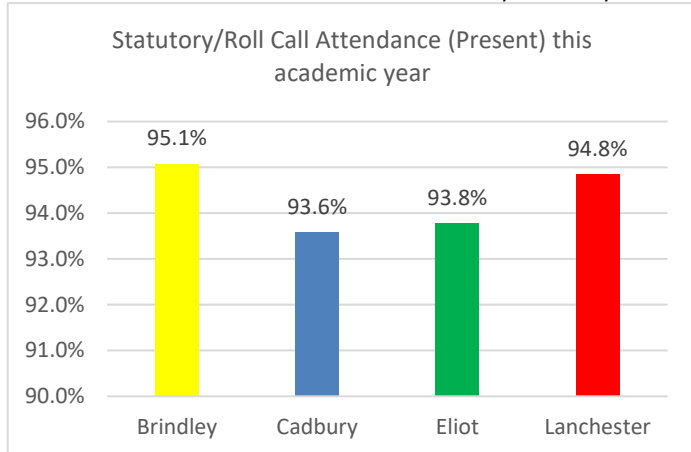


Lateral Flow Test Distribution

- Students will again receive their **next batch of home testing kits on Wednesday 16th June.**
- We just wanted to remind all our parents and carers of how important it is to continue to administer these over the coming weeks.
- We are all aware of new variants that are appearing and even though restrictions have been lifted and we are now in closer contact with more people in our communities, it is vital we play our part in **limiting any new transmission.**
- **By taking Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), we can do this.** Taking a test is quick and easy and supports us in keeping our school COVID free. This will therefore limit students having to isolate over the coming weeks.
- **Please support the school in ensuring your child takes a LFT twice a week – Sunday and Wednesday Evenings are recommended.**
- Information on taking these tests is found at the bottom of this page.
- Many thanks for your ongoing support with this.

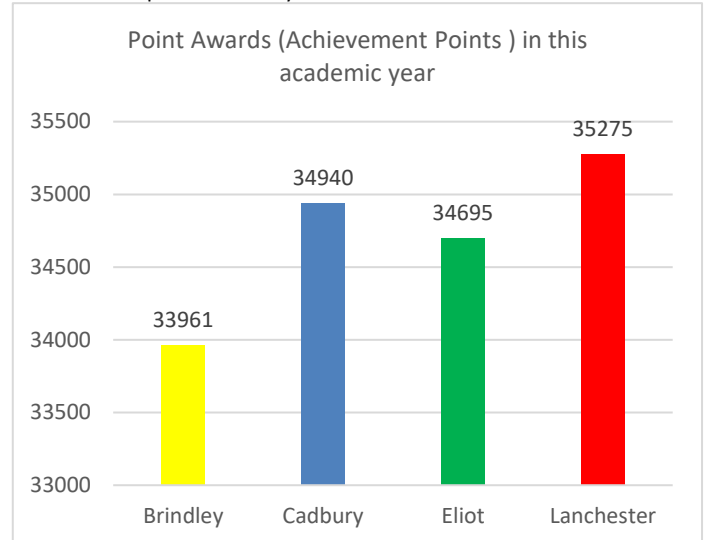
Attendance

Well done to Brindley who, in such a difficult year, are almost maintaining our expectation of students being here 96% of the time. We still have 161 students who have 100% attendance – this is fantastic! Well done to all who have not missed anytime this year!



Achievement Points

Achievement points for the year so far!



Reminder - Free School Meals – Are you eligible?

I am not sure if my child could have free school meals – how do I find out?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after the atop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can qualify for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

How does it work?

1. Checking whether you qualify, and registering is quick and easy – do it online at: [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://cloudforedu.org.uk)
2. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that is great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.
3. If you do not want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.

Dates for Your Diary

Year 8 Pathways

- **Deadline for Subject Choices** – Friday 17th June

Transition – Year 6 to Year 7

- **Transition Virtual Week** – wb 5th July – **Parents' Webinars this week**
- **Transition Day for Year 6** – Wednesday 7th July

Other Key Dates

- **DofE Bronze Practice Days (Year 10)** – 21st & 22nd June
- **Year 11 'Boost' to 6th Form** – Wb 28th June & 5th July (Further detailed information will be sent to parents)
- **Year 9 Photography trip** – Tuesday 29th June
- **Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day** – Wednesday 7th July
- **DofE Bronze Expedition Days (Year 10)** – 8th and 9th July
- **Festival Week & Sports Day** – wb 12th July
- **End of Term** – Wednesday 21st July

Examination Results Days

- **Tuesday 10th August** – Year 13 A-Level Results Day (730am-12pm)
- **Thursday 12th August** – Year 11 GCSE Results Day (9am-12pm)

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](#)