



The Woodrush Branch

Well done year 10!

- A huge well done to all year 10 students who have completed their end of year exams over the course of this week.
- They have conducted themselves brilliantly, especially considering this was their first time sitting exams in formal conditions in the sports hall.
- We also must say well done for the preparation that students had put into their revision. All week we have seen students revising and preparing in their free time and within their lessons.
- Although many showed nerves at the start of the week, all settled into the routine of formal examination conditions, which bodes well for their mock exams in the spring, and their formal exams next summer.



National Tutoring Programme

- This week a small group of year 7 and year 10 students have benefited from the start of the National Tutoring Programme in school.
- Attendance to these after school sessions has been fantastic this week and we hope this continues over the next 3 weeks.
- It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the students engaging with online tutors, receiving support for their maths that will give them confidence going into the next academic year.
- The Government have recently announced the NTP will continue in the autumn term, and we hope to see many more students benefit from both maths and literacy consolidation in the future.



Looking to the Future! Italy Ski Trip 2023

- We are currently planning to launch the biannual **ski trip to Falcade in Italy for February 2023** in September.
- We have decided to look at February 2023 in the hope all would have settled with international travel by then and that people will be able to travel safely to different locations around Europe.
- We thought it would be good to give parents and students some information here so we can anticipate interest for the launch of the trip.
- We would like anyone who is interested in the trip to complete a very short MS Form [here](#) so we can gauge any interest there may be. We recognise that this trip is expensive and of course in the current climate we appreciate there may be some worry for parents and children with international travel.
- The cost of the trip is approximately £1200* (subject to change based on numbers) and we would have over 12 months to collect money in instalments (*£120 discount to students on FSM). In the event of cancellation, the cost would be covered through ABTA for issues related to COVID-19.
- This is always a fantastic opportunity, and we hope it sparks interest for all students in years 7-10 next year.



COVID Updates

- Just a quick reminder regarding expectations around children who may be showing symptoms for COVID-19.
- If your child is **displaying any COVID 19 Symptoms, please do not send them to school** and isolate any siblings. **The same applies if a positive Lateral Flow Test occurs.**
- In both instances your child should **go for a full PCR test** at an appropriate testing site.
- If the **test returns positive your child must self-isolate for ten days** and school will plan for work to be set via MS Teams.

School Sports and Creative Arts Festival Week

- On **Wednesday 14th July** we will be hosting and **celebrating 5 days of sports and creative arts in school.**
- This will involve an inter house sports competition with similar events that will be seen at this summer's Tokyo Olympics! Each year group will compete in their houses in a range of individual and team events. Sports include, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, rowing plus many more and our desire is for every child in the school to take part in at least one activity.
- Sports captains have been selected by the PE department and the students are arranging all the teams, ready to compete.
- During the week we will also be celebrating students' performances in the **'Woodrush Got Talent' Competition** – and students will have the opportunity to vote for their winner during the week!
- We hope the weather will be with us, so we can enjoy some of the activities we have missed so much over the past two academic years.
- The organisation allows us to maintain year group bubbles to ensure the activities run safely.

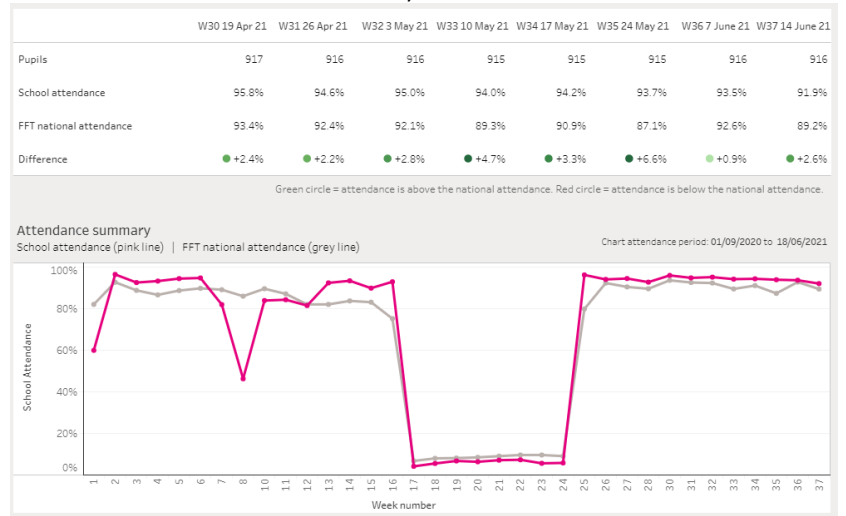
Leading Achievers this Week

Achievement Award winners this week! These students showed the biggest increase in achievement points from the previous week – well done all! However special mention must go to Reece G-O in year 7 who has achieved an amazing 42 achievement points this week, added to the 30 he achieved last week – well done Reece!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Laithan-J R	Leah B	Kayne S	Eddie C
Darcy C	Esme K	Robbie R	Millie B
Charlie Y	Jessica B	Eryn W	Lilly B
Thomas J	Lily C	Evie H	Jessie G
Reece G-O	Sarah-J D	Matthew T	Sophie H
Joshan G	Sophia T	Charlie K	Jayden H
Niall H	Millie T	Dan S	Daanish A
Faye T	Lucy J	Max B	Kai A
Georgia F	Connor K	Elise D	Joseph B
Eva L	Preston N	Sophie F	Elijah C
Billy P	Lily-M P-W	Anthony H	Gabby C
Max R	Millie T	Zach M	Tristan D
Joseph T	Nicola C	Izzy P	Leah H
Benjamin W	Mirza, Zara	Naryan R	Esther H
		Matthew S	Isaac K-H
		Jamie S	Thomas M
		Freddie W	Lucy T

Attendance to 14th June 2021

We can see that the whole school attendance has been very good under the circumstances this year. The school's attendance (pink) has been above the national attendance (grey) when school has been open, which is a fantastic achievement! Well done to everyone! The school's attendance for the year is at 94.3%, well above national rates of attendance in secondary schools.



We continue to monitor all attendance across the school and will support those families and students who struggle to meet the expectations we set. We hope next year gives us all a better chance of being in school, learning. If you do require support with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Davis (jdavies@woodrush.org) for support.

Dates for Your Diary

Transition – Year 6 to Year 7

- Transition Virtual Week – wb 5th July
- Year 6 Parents' Webinars – Thursday 8th July 4-5pm

Other Key Dates

- Year 11 & Year 13 Lunch Pad Programme – Wb 28th June & 5th July
- Year 9 Photography trip – Tuesday 29th June
- Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day – Wednesday 7th July
- DoF Bronze Expedition Days (Year 10) – 8th and 9th July
- Festival Week – Sports and Creative Arts Celebration and House Competition – wb 12th July
- End of Term – Wednesday 21st July

Examination Results Days

- Tuesday 10th August – Year 13 A-Level Results Day (7.30am-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](#)