

WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Pride In Achievement

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of my first term as headteacher, I am writing to thank you for your ongoing support of the school and of the young people we serve – your children. You will know that it is only through your support and partnership that we are able to continue to work with our students to enable them to achieve the very best possible examination outcomes, and grow into the very best people that they can be. This is my ultimate aim for every Woodbridge student, and I am grateful for your support in achieving it.

I include below some reminders on school procedures and practices that will help us to run smoothly. Please take careful note of these. I also attach our Parent Charter for your reference.

Lateness to School

Our gates close at 8.35am and registration starts promptly at 8.40am. The reason for this 5 minute gap is because it can take students some time to reach their registration from the gate, and if they arrive at 8.40am they are likely to miss at least the first few minutes of registration. I am grateful for your support in ensuring that students arrive on time to school. Those arriving after 8.35am will receive a detention the next day.

Meetings with Staff

Please make an appointment if you wish to meet a member of staff. Email addresses for each subject department can be found on the school website. If the matter is urgent and of a serious nature, you should contact the Year Co-ordinator in the first instance. Please do not arrive at reception and expect to meet a member of staff without an appointment, as it is unlikely that they will be available to see you immediately and this can cause frustration for all concerned.

Achievement Points

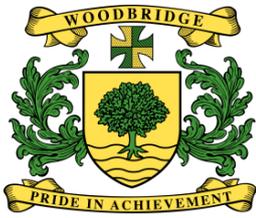
We have had the first group of students receive their Bronze Awards for reaching 60 Achievement Points. This is an amazing achievement, and I have seen each of these students individually to present them with their certificates. They have also received vouchers for you to spend as a family. You receive an email each time your son / daughter receives an Achievement Point – please do congratulate them!

Behaviour Points

Behaviour points are issued following a warning within a lesson, or immediately outside of a lesson for transgressions of the school's Code of Conduct. Parents receive notification of these via email. Three behaviour points in one day lead to a next day detention. We are currently working on providing direct contact details for members of staff issuing the behaviour point within the email that you receive, so that you can seek further details from them if required.

Exclusions

I have excluded a number of young people for fixed periods this term for physical aggression. I want to make it very clear to them and their parents that physical aggression of any type within school cannot be tolerated. I would like all parents to be aware of the fact that a fixed-term exclusion will be the outcome that students can expect should they engage in fighting or other physical aggression within school, and I would expect parents to be supportive of this. Please speak to your children to make them aware of this fact.



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Knife Crime

We will be holding workshops and events in the new year with years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to educate them on the dangers of knife crime. This is an increasingly serious issue facing young people in London, and it is of the utmost importance that we all seek to do all that we can to reduce the danger that our children face. In particular, please speak to your son / daughter and tell them that should they have any information about anyone that might be carrying a knife, they should tell an adult immediately. Simply sharing information could, in some way, save the life of a young person.

School Events

We have much to celebrate this term. So many events have taken place that have demonstrated the wide-range of opportunities that we offer our young people – these have included our Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evenings, our work for Care4Calais (including fifteen staff visiting Calais to take donations), our amazing Christmas Concert, a school visit to the Cologne Christmas markets, a number of enterprise fairs, many sporting events in which we have been victorious, our fabulous PTA quiz night, the Black History Month conference with a number of former students visiting, Duke of Edinburgh Award presentations, various charity events led by students, and so much more. I am so proud of our young people and their participation in these events – and of parents for supporting them. Please see our school newsletter for lots of photos and more information.

Examination Outcomes

You may have seen that the provisional school league tables have now been published with information on the 2018 examination results. These show us to be in the 'Above Average' category for our GCSE outcomes. Our school is not only about exam results, of course, but they play an important role in ensuring that young people have choices in their lives, and so I am proud of what we have achieved. I expect us to recruit strongly to year 7 in September 2019. We remain a popular school in the local community and these results further serve to reinforce that reputation. I am grateful to all the staff who supported last year's year 11 to achieve their results, and who continue to do so this year!

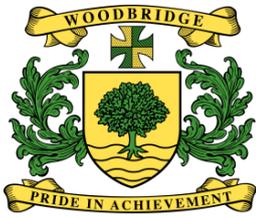
Staffing Update

We say a fond farewell to a number of members of staff at the end of this term or early next term and give our best wishes to those who are beginning maternity leave:

Paige Larkin	Head of History	Moves to a post as Assistant Headteacher in a local school
Joanna Skrzypkowiak	Teacher of English	Moves to a school in Basildon
Jill Arthur	Finance Assistant	Retires
Hafza Yusuf	Art Technician	Moves to a post in a local college
Hannah Masterman	Teacher of D&T	Moves to a post in Manchester in February
Nicola Waddilove	Teacher of Maths	Started maternity leave in December
Natasha Brock-Carey	Head of Music	Started maternity leave in December
Nasira Karbhari	Teacher of Maths	Starts maternity leave in January
Nazish Choudhury	Head of RE	Starts maternity leave in January
Kylie Jackson	Teacher of English	Starts maternity leave in February

Congratulations to the following staff who have been appointed internally:

Moyra Whelan	Head of History
Helen Bartlett	Head of Biology



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Edgar Walker	Teacher of English
Avis Rutman	Art Technician
Joe Arday	Pupil Premium Champion / Every Child Matters Co-ordinator
Zakiyah Rawat	Pupil Premium Champion / Every Child Matters Co-ordinator
Rebecca Gleeson	Pupil Premium Champion / Every Child Matters Co-ordinator
Amy Gold	Extended Project Qualification Co-ordinator
Laura Ennis	Life Studies Coordinator
Jonathan Edwards	Head of RE (maternity cover)
Lewis deFreitas-Archer	Head of Music (maternity cover)
Marc Nagra	KS3 Maths Co-ordinator (maternity cover)
Shilpa Shahid	KS3 English Co-ordinator (maternity cover)
Lijulin Barnes	KS3 English Co-ordinator (maternity cover)

We welcome the following staff who will be joining us in January:

Humaira Malik	Teacher of Maths
Madeleine Kat	Teacher of English
Lesley Brown	Teacher of English
Jude Simon	Teacher of Music
James Meagan	Teacher of History
Emilia Baczek	Teacher of RE
Kulvinder Jandu	Finance Assistant

Start of Term

Term starts for all student at 8.35am on Tuesday 8 January. We look forward to seeing all students then.

And Finally

Thank you once again for all of your kind words and support of the school over the last term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, should you be celebrating it, and a very Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that you have some time for rest and peace over the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Hogan
Headteacher

