



WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Pride In Achievement

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write with some updates for this week.

12-15 Covid-19 Vaccinations (First and Second Doses)

The School Age Immunisations Service (SAIS) will be in school on **Friday 4th February** to carry out vaccinations for students aged 12-15 who have parental consent.

They will be administering first and second doses for students in years 7-11 aged 12-15 who have not yet these, and whose parents would wish them to have this in school.

For students to be eligible for their second dose, it needs to be 12 weeks since their first dose. All students who had their first dose at school in October are therefore eligible, but please do check the dates if your child had their first dose elsewhere.

Parents must consent to these vaccinations. This applies even if you consented previously for your child to have their first dose in school. No vaccinations will be given (first or second doses) without this new parental consent in place.

To give your consent, please complete the electronic form [HERE](#). Paper consent forms are no longer accepted. This form must be completed by Monday 31st January.

Please read the letter from Gladys Xavier, Director of Public Health, London Borough of Redbridge, [HERE](#). You can read about the Covid-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds from the NHS [HERE](#).

16-18 Covid-19 Vaccinations (First, Second and Booster Doses)

When the School Age Immunisations Service (SAIS) are in school on **Friday 4th February**, they will also be able to administer first, second and booster doses to 6th Form students at the end of the day during a walk-in clinic.

Sixth Form students are able to consent themselves, and so no parental consent is needed. We will ensure that Sixth Form students are aware of this as we approach next Friday, but please do also let your child know about this opportunity.

Covid-19 Control Measures and Face Coverings

At Woodbridge, we have comparatively high take up of first dose vaccinations amongst students. I believe that this has contributed to us being able to maintain a near-normal operation in recent months, when other local schools have had to send year groups home due to staffing disruption, or have suffered from very high levels of student absence. I therefore urge you to take advantage of the opportunity for your child to receive their second dose at school next week.

Under advice from the London Borough of Redbridge and taking into account local case rates, I have also made the decision to retain the current situation where we are requiring all students to wear face coverings in classrooms and corridors for at least another week, until 4th February. We will then review the situation. Please ensure your child has a reusable face covering to wear in school.



SIMS Activities – Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a convenient new way for you and your child to view and sign-up to our extra-curricular activities through 'SIMS Activities'. You can access SIMS Activities through the SIMS Parent App that hopefully you already have access to. Alternatively, you can access SIMS Activities from any internet-enabled device, including desktops, smartphones and tablets at <https://parent.sims.co.uk>

In SIMS Activities, you will be able to:

- Instantly sign up to activities and provide consent
- Keep track of what activities you and your child have signed up to
- Be notified instantly of any updates to activities (such as delays, cancellations or any changes to activity details)

Students will be invited to attend these clubs by their teachers via SIMS Activities after they have been to the club once. Their initial attendance is required so that staff can send an 'invitation' within the system. You will simply need to open the SIMS Parent App, click on 'Activities' and then accept the invitation. Our full suite of events and activities can be found on the school website [HERE](#) (Students can also view activities via their form room noticeboard, and in the Sports Hall foyer.

Participation at extra-curricular events is one of our school priorities, and we would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend at least one event or club per week. To further encourage students to engage with these opportunities, we will soon be introducing a reward/loyalty system for student participation. All clubs and activities at Woodbridge are free to attend.

If you have any queries about extra-curricular activities, please contact Daniel Mahoney, Extra-Curricular Co-ordinator (dmahoney@woodbridgehigh.co.uk).

KS3 End of Year Exams

All students in KS3 (Years 7-9) will have an exam in each subject at the beginning of the Summer Term – after the Easter holidays. These exams did not take place last year due to pandemic disruptions, but we will reintroduce them from Summer 2022.

These end-of-year exams reflect the changes which have already taken place in the GCSE examinations. In most GCSE exams the majority of the marks available will come from the final exams at the end of year 11 and not from coursework or 'non-examination assessment' (NEA). This means that to perform well at GCSE, your child will need to be able to sit a significant number of examinations in one block, revising and pacing themselves appropriately for this one opportunity to achieve their best possible grades.

The end-of-year exams in KS3 are designed to help students develop the skills and habits of taking exams seriously, revising well and being organised. They will then be able to approach exams in year 10 and year 11 with confidence.

This year, KS3 end-of-year examinations in each subject studied in years 7, 8 and 9 will take place from 25th April until 20th May 2022. Students will be receiving detailed information from each of their subject teachers about the date of their exam, the length, and the areas to revise.

Time will be spent during morning registration and assembly to plan for revision and support student to get organised for their exams. Resources shared with students will also be available for parents on our KS3 Padlet (details to follow).

Examination results will be shared with students and parents on Friday 1st July 2022. Students will receive their results in an envelope and parents will be emailed the results.

And Finally

What a busy week so far! There is so much going at Woodbridge, but the thing that is certain is that there are so many happy and kind students to be seen around the place every day. While I was doing the queue for first lunch at the end of last week, I saw two students with lollipops. I asked where mine was, and they said they didn't have any left, and were really sorry. Of course, I wasn't bothered... it was just a joke to break the ice. The next day, however, they came back to the queue and both gave me a lollipop, because I had said I wanted one the day before. Truly the Woodbridge Way... Woodbridge kids are the best there are.

I send my best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hogan', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Steven Hogan
Headteacher