



WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Pride In Achievement

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write with a very brief update as we reach the end of term.

The Sound of Musicals

If you had a ticket for the final night of our musical extravaganza last Friday, you will have seen me do my best to celebrate all that the amazing cast, band, crew and staff did to make such a thing possible. The joy and love on that stage was palpable and the students will remember that night forever. Thank you for supporting it as parents, and thanks must go again to those staff who get nothing extra for making that happen. If anyone ever tries to cut Drama and Music at Woodbridge, get protesting! What you saw on Friday is what Woodbridge is about, and I am very, very proud.

Fundraising

It has been excellent to see student engaging with fundraising this week for our House charities and also for charities supporting refugees from all parts of the world. Once again, they have shown that they are kind, thoughtful and want to do things to help others. What an amazing group of kids.

Staffing News

We say thank you and best wishes to a number of staff who leave at the end of term. Mohsina Khalid leaves the Learning Support Assistant team, and Kate Connolly and Lorraine Walters leave the administration team.

Rachael Woodstock leaves us as Teacher of Business, and Shirley Bramble leaves her post as Teacher of Music. Both are taking up new posts as they pursue their careers.

We are joined by a number of new support staff after Easter. Sadia Ali joins us as Exams Officer, Hazel Afford and Claire Coomber will be our new Sixth Form Administrators, and Nadia Gauzee joins the Finance Team. We are also joined by two new LSAs, Jessica Prior and Melina Martin.

We have made some key internal appointments in recent weeks. Christine Jaeggi will be Head of Business and Economics, Caroline Moore will be our permanent Associate Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Lucy Birch will be permanent Year 7 Co-ordinator and Matthew Beckett will be Year 12 Co-ordinator. Matthew takes over from Rubina Bemath who we thank for her work in that role on a temporary basis over the last year. We have also appointed Francesca O'Callaghan to the role of Student Responsibilities Co-ordinator. Congratulations to all these staff.

We have made a number of excellent appointments to the teaching staff for September. I will update you on those later next term. Across all appointments, support and teaching, new staff are excited to be joining Woodbridge. Thank you for supporting that by sending out positive signals about the school in our local community.



School Newsletter

Please make sure you check out this term's newsletter. There are lots of photos, reports and information about everything that has been happening at Woodbridge this term. Grab yourself a cup of tea and click [HERE](#) to read it.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

The postponed Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 21st April. This means that the school will close to all students at 13:25 on that day to allow teachers to conduct appointments with parents beginning at 14:00.

Key Stage 3 and Year 10 Exams

Exams will begin for students in years 7, 8 and 9 week beginning 25th April. Please see my letter from two weeks ago for more information. Students will be informed by their teachers when their specific exams for each subject will take place.

Exams for year 10 will begin from Tuesday, 3rd May. These will be formal exams in the hall. Students will be issued with their individual exam timetables in due course.

Start of Term

The first day of term will be Tuesday 19th April. All students will begin school at 08:35 on that day.

And Finally

As we go into the break, we reflect on everything that we have achieved this term and this year. This is a tough time for kids. They have huge hopes for the future, they want social justice, equality and just a better society for them and their families. But they wonder why that is so hard for some adults, when it seems so simple to them. They want an end to war and to suffering. As I have said before, that optimism and hope is the energy that drives us. It reminds what matters – those kids, and the legacy that we leave behind by educating them. It is a genuine privilege every day.

Over the break, some families will be celebrating Easter, and others will begin the holy month of Ramadan. There are lots of other festivals at this time of year. Whether you are celebrating or not over the break, I send my very 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 it.

Steven Hogan
Headteacher