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I just wanted to express my thanks to **Mr Sains** and **Miss Feeney** for their much appreciated support of the girls playing for Eton Manor Rugby Team this weekend. Mr Sains also made them some amazing posters with cartoon caricatures which are brill. We were so impressed! I know this is going above and beyond but it is really noticed and is another notch of encouragement for them to continue playing sports and being part of a team.

Year 7 parent

Dear Ms Murray, I just wanted to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness and dedication as my child's Head of Year. Your thoughtfulness in offering to schedule his Progress Evening meetings did not go unnoticed. The evening provided the recognition of their hard work and change in attitude that you had already observed. Thank you again for your support.

Year 11 parent

Dear Mr Sweet & Ms Pennington, a quick note to say such a huge thank you for including my child in the choir to perform at the Royal Albert Hall. What an incredible evening it was, so moving and absolutely tremendous to the power of music in that superb building. Thank you also for giving the choir such a wonderful experience as part of the Redbridge schools coming together. Wanstead had such a good spot and it was a privilege to see you all, we all absolutely loved it.

Year 8 parent

Dear Mr Chartorizhsky, thank you for organising Friday's trip to Ypres. My son really enjoyed it, and even at the end of a long day he was still full of enthusiasm and keen to tell us what he'd seen and done, particularly visiting the trench and handling some of the weapons (as well as going to a chocolate shop). I'm sure the experience will stay with him a long time and help strengthen his interest in history. I really appreciate the time and effort that goes into organising the trip and making sure it goes as smoothly as possible. Please also pass on my thanks to your colleagues who gave up their time to accompany the pupils.

Year 9 parent

A very brief note to share the really positive engagement we've experienced with the SENDCO team and specifically **Ms Dietze**. Our child's exam arrangement has been handled efficiently and professionally in just a few days and the communication has been great.

Year 11 parent

Dear Miss Hillman, this is the third time I have been fortunate to guide your school around the battlefields. Again, although I cannot speak on behalf of Anglia Tours, I am happy to comment in a private capacity. The group I worked with was excellent and they showed a real interest in the cemeteries and the museum we visited. They asked and answered a whole variety of questions.

In particular, the whole year group took part in a moving Act of Remembrance for the soldiers of World War One but also for a Wanstead soldier whose story I was able to recount to them. The whole group's behaviour during this Act of Remembrance was impeccable.

I would like to thank the staff for their leadership on this tour as well as the pupils' positive attitude which made it a very enjoyable tour for me to guide. I would also like to wish the school every success in the coming months as we move towards the examination season.

Ypres Tour Guide



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Dear Mrs Walker and Ms Gullefer, I wanted to say such a massive thank you and congratulations on the incredible dance shows last week. That you inspired and encouraged and empowered so many pupils to choreograph and perform their own dances was just phenomenal!!!

My daughter and her friends had been rehearsing for months after school together to put on the brilliant pieces. And I couldn't get over seeing them in the Uptown Girl, it was so joyful and fun and all the lifts and drops oh my goodness! I can't believe they had the confidence, it's really amazing!

The programme was so brilliantly put together with great lighting and fabulous music and the big set piece dances are INCREDIBLE!! It was such a treat to see the amazing Stranger Things dance as well as the others, wow wow wow. Loved the running across the stage and the cycling lifts, absolutely inspired.

Thank you so much for giving our children the tools and support to grow their talents and have such fun doing it, we are so proud and happy our daughter is at brilliant Wanstead with such amazing teachers. ”

Year 8 parent





Head of Year 7

Ms G White

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to commend our pupils for their continued engagement and positive mindset as they continue their Year 7 Wanstead High journey.

Spring has finally sprung and Easter has crept up on us and Year 7 have crammed a lot into a small space of time. I regularly visit lessons and speak to pupils and teachers and have seen excellent questioning and answering during lesson time as well as some very creative homework projects - I continue to be proud of their mature, polite approach.

A big shout out to the Year 7 pupils involved in the Rugby tournaments this half term, they represented the year group and school outstandingly! I adored watching the School Dance show and seeing our incredible Year 7s perform so professionally and with such enjoyment.

Well done to Year 7 for continuing to

take pride in your uniform; it makes a huge difference in our school community.

Please be reminded of our reward trip - we still need lots of parents to ensure the payment is made through ParentPay as well as the consent form which was linked to a Google form, you will see this on the original letter.

Wishing you a joyous and peaceful Easter holiday.

Well done, Year 7! Keep shining!



Head of Year 8

Ms D Cini

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to enter the Summer Term with our Year 8 cohort as they prepare to transition into Year 9. It is hard to believe they are already at this stage in their school career and it is wonderful to see them embracing new challenges and making strides towards the next phase in their education. They are supported by a fantastic tutor team who have worked hard to develop consistency and cohesion within the year group.

Our expectations for Year 8 are high, and as outlined at our Autumn Parent Event, we ask that pupils bring the best versions of themselves to the learning environment. Year 8 have received specific assemblies this term reminding them of behaviours which present a risk to pupil safety. These behaviours include play-fighting, wrestling, and incidents of pupils pulling down the trousers of others. Please remind your children that these behaviours are not acceptable and are a serious breach of our Behaviour Policy. Pupils engaging in these behaviours will be unable to attend our reward events occurring throughout the summer term.

We have a wonderful end of year trip to Thorpe Park to look forward to and further reward events for those pupils consistently doing the right things. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 8 pupils take part in sports events and fixtures, the dance show and the recent school council trip to parliament.

As you know, Mr Tann, who has been Head of Year since this cohort joined us in Year 7, is moving to a new school and will not be with us when we return after the Easter Break. We have appointed a wonderful new Head of Year, Miss Jacob, who will join us and lead the Year Group from September 2025. After the Easter Break, Miss Feeney, who many of you will know as an integral member of staff from our PE department, will step into the role of Associate Head of Year working alongside myself to support Year 8 for the rest of this academic year. We appreciate change can be unsettling; myself and the Year 8 tutor team remain consistent figures who have worked with your children over a period of time. Please do reach out if there is anything you need to discuss.

Have a wonderful Easter Break.





Head of Year 9

Ms C Murray

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring term is a short term but as we await the start of the Easter holidays it is surprising to realise that we are already two thirds of the way through Year 9. Next half term will see pupils completing courses and preparing for their GCSE studies. It was lovely to share and celebrate their progress at the Year 9 Progress Evening. Pupils have also taken on the advice given so I'm looking forward to the Summer Term when they will have more opportunities to shine!

This term the History department organised a Year 9 visit to the WW1 battlefields and memorials in Ypres, Belgium as an immersive and enrichment activity to enhance their curriculum teaching.

It also inspired pupils to practice their French as an added bonus!

I hope families were able to come and watch the Dance show which many Year 9s participated in. The effort, commitment and dedication they put into rehearsing for those performances is commendable so I hope you enjoyed the finished result as much as I did!

This term, perhaps due to the GCSE Options process, it feels like pupils are finding 'their subject' more and more deepening their subject knowledge and interest. It has been a pleasure to see.

Spring Term has definitely been short but oh so sweet with Year 9! I hope they and their families enjoy the holiday and have a very happy Easter.



Head of Year 10

Mr M Tinker

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

It has been an extremely busy time leading up to the Easter holiday but also a very much welcome one. There have been a lot of things going on in school and there have been some fantastic opportunities available for our pupils. They have continued to progress throughout the year and have made a fantastic start to their GCSE studies.

I wanted to say a big congratulations to all of the Year 10 pupils who successfully were involved in the recent Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. I know that the weather was not the best but you all championed the conditions and I received fantastic feedback.

We have had some great sporting successes for our Year 10 pupils including winning an Essex Rugby tournament to progressing to the next round of the District Shield in Football. We have had pupils attend a Premier League Football match as the official ball crew for West Ham United.

Congratulations to all of the Dance and Drama pupils who have been involved in performances related to their GCSEs.

The standard was very high and is a credit to all of the hard work and dedication pupils have all put in.

I have been very pleased with how the year group are progressing as a collective group. They have continued to demonstrate and develop many qualities and attributes which will undoubtedly help them when progressing through Key Stage 4. Both behaviour and achievement are continuing to improve which is a positive step forward in enabling the best possible learning environment. I am very pleased with what they have achieved so far in Year 10. It is not long now until they become Year 11 pupils and are entering the final year of their high school education. If they continue on this upwards trajectory they will undoubtedly be in a strong position come this time next year.

I hope that you have a lovely and safe Easter holiday!



Head of Year 11

Ms R Gullefer

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support with the recent Challenge Week cycle and with all assessments that took place in both the exam hall and classrooms. The pupils' behaviour and preparation for these exams has been excellent and the pupils have shown a lot of focus and determination. Pupils should have now received their challenge week grades and results.

After the Easter break there is only a matter of weeks until the first exam. The full Summer 2025 exam timetable can be found on the school website under exams and results. Pupils have also been given an individual timetable to ensure they are aware of the dates of every exam.

I would like to remind all parents of uniform expectations. Mrs Martin sent out a letter in regards to this, however expectations are more important than ever especially with exams around the corner.

As part of JCQ guidelines, pupils need to be in full uniform. If not, a pupil may not be able to enter the exam. As a year group, myself, Mr Wood and Mrs Martin are working very hard to ensure that expectations are kept high to ensure pupils are punctual, are organised with all their exam equipment and are in full uniform on a daily basis.

A reminder that results day is Thursday 21st August. If pupils are away on results day, pupils can nominate someone else to collect their results on their behalf. Please email the exams team exam-sanddata@wansteadhigh.co.uk the name of the person who is collecting for you. That person will have to bring in ID if they are external. They will also be able to enrol for you, please make sure 6th form are aware of who will come on your behalf. If pupils are unable to find someone to collect their results on their behalf, we can email results but this may not be able to be sent through until the following day. We are unable to give results if you haven't emailed in, so please make

sure this is done in advance.

This year's Year 11 Prom will be held on Wednesday 9th July from 7.30pm to 11.30pm at the Prince Regent Hotel, Chigwell, IG8 8AE and will be a wonderful night to remember. Please ensure your child has arranged transport prior to the day of the event. Tickets are £42 and can be purchased only on ParentPay. The price of the ticket includes a mocktail, hot and cold buffet, treats, photo booth, formal photos as well as a DJ and dancing until late! Ticket sales will be closing on 23rd May 2025 at 3.00pm. If the circumstance arises that pupils are not allowed to attend prom due to poor behaviour between now and then, refunds will not be possible. Pupils' co-operation and behaviour at the venue needs to be exemplary.

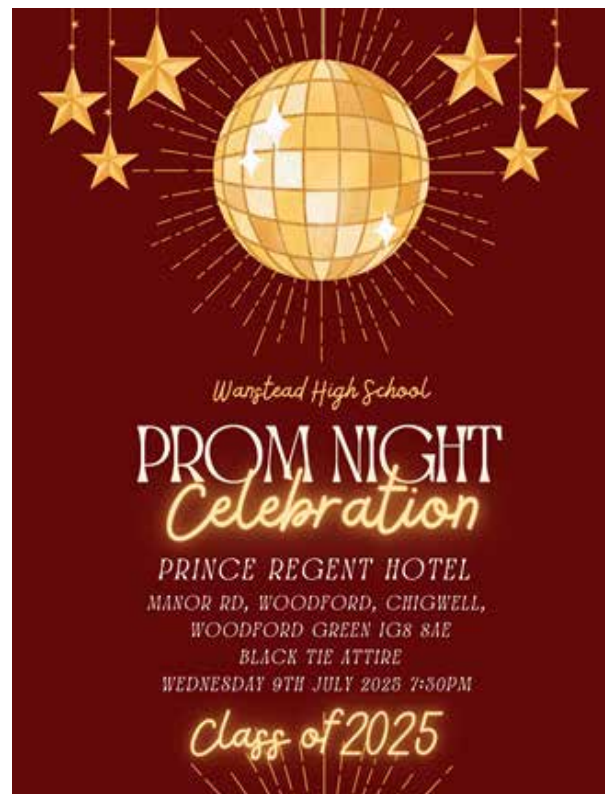
Please confirm your child's attendance to Prom 2025 by purchasing a ticket on ParentPay and filling in the consent form:

<https://forms.gle/A38zQqBmAyM-3D5Zp9>

Overall, I would like to thank all the pupils for their extremely hard work this term and I wish them all the luck in the next half term for their exams.

They are truly an exceptional year group and I am very proud of all they have achieved so far!

Thank you and happy holidays to you all!





Head of Year 12

Ms T van Beers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are very well and enjoying the delightful signs of Spring around us!

It was great to see so many of our Year 12 parents and carers at our Higher Education Evening on 25th March when we had an opportunity to go through ways of supporting your child with the post 18 application process to university. We were very fortunate to have a presenter from King's College London, who spoke about applying for competitive places and The University of East Anglia who explained student finance and funding. In addition, I spoke about the university application system and demonstrated Unifrog, our post 18 'destinations platform'. The full presentation from the evening, including parent login details for Unifrog, will soon be available on our school website under the Sixth Form tab.

The sun was shining for our UCAS Discovery Fair trip to the ExCel, London. I am very proud of our Year 12 cohort, whose behaviour was exemplary. Pupils left the fair with university goodies, tote bags, mugs and pens but more importantly many of them took the opportunity to have chats with university ambassadors, sign up for open days and have their questions answered.

Last week we had a double session of First Aid Training with 'fireman Danny' as we like to call him. The training was split into two sessions - the first part was about understanding what our bodily responses might be to medical emergencies; the second part was focused on CPR and defibrillation. Danny, who was due to be back on firefighting duties later that night, gave up his day to teach our year group to be in a position to help others, a wonderful thing. I hope it inspires the year group to undertake further training in first aid in the future.

You should, by now, be in receipt of your child's Term 2 report. Please speak with them about their grades, discuss whether they feel they are on track and what their next steps might be. In our Learn to Learn lessons, we have been inputting predicted grades into Unifrog's 'UK Universities Tool' to begin to explore the range of undergraduate course possibilities that might be available to them. I have suggested pupils start to sign up for university open days using [Opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com) so they can begin to compare destination options.

The Summer Term of Year 12 will prove to be a busy one as our pupils start to refine ideas for post 18 pathways. We will have set sessions where we will support your child to register on the UCAS portal and link their application to the school.

We will also have practical personal statement writing sessions.

For those pupils not wishing to apply to university, we will be organising an alternative programme of events in the summer term to include guest speakers from apprenticeship schemes, gap year and volunteering organisations.

The Year 12 mock exams will be held from 11th June. Pupils need to understand that their summer mock examination results will help inform predicted grades, along with a review of progress throughout Year 12. Pupils must prepare for these appropriately, work hard for their mock exams and class tests to establish their credentials for their applications, particularly if they intend to apply for competitive courses or Russell Group universities.

I would, however, also like to encourage pupils to make time over the holidays to relax, spend time with family and friends and generally recharge batteries so they can tackle the last term of Year 12 with gusto on their return.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and restful Easter break.



Head of Year 13

Mr M Hamza

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, our Year 13 pupils are entering a crucial phase of their academic journey, with final A Level exams fast approaching. It is essential that pupils remain focused, making full use of independent study sessions alongside their taught lessons.

Attendance and punctuality remain key priorities, as missing class time can significantly impact progress and exam preparation. So, it is imperative that pupils attend all lessons and adhere to their timetable. I also encourage pupils to ensure they have a revision timetable to support them in preparing for their exams. Pupils have been given their exam timetables, which should help them plan around this. Additionally, not forgetting to look after their nutrition and sleep patterns to ensure they can maximise their preparation.

In addition, student finance applications are now open, and I strongly advise those planning to attend university to apply as soon as possible to ensure their funding is in place. This includes tuition fee loans, maintenance loans, and any additional financial support they may be eligible for. More information and applications can be found on the Student Finance England website. It is also important for pupils to regularly check their UCAS portal and university emails, as institutions may be sending updates regarding offers, accommodation and enrolment requirements. Prompt responses to university communications will help avoid any delays or missed opportunities. <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

The deadline for purchasing the Year 13 Yearbook is fast approaching, with the online shop closing on 20th June. Our unique ID for orders is 27595YR13, and books can be purchased from Fizz. Yearbooks are a wonderful way to capture the many memories made during the sixth form years, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I encourage all pupils to secure their copy before the deadline. <https://www.fizz-yearbooks.co.uk/>

I hope you and your families have a restful and well-deserved break over the Easter holidays. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in these last few vital months.

School Fund: Parental Contributions

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to contribute to the School Fund. So far, we have raised £8,881.06 for the main school and £3,787.29 for the 6th Form. Your generous support is invaluable, particularly in these challenging times. These contributions enable us to fund important projects that directly benefit our pupils.

How You Can Help

We suggest an annual contribution of £60 for the main school and £50 for the 6th Form, though any amount you can afford is greatly appreciated. Your contributions have a direct impact on your child's education and well-being.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Innovate: The School's Catering Company

Pupil Dinner Money Accounts

Please ensure your child's dinner money account is kept topped up regularly. While we will not deny your child a lunch, Innovate does not offer a credit service, so there must be sufficient funds to cover any snacks or meals.

Year 11 and Year 13 Pupils

As Year 11 and Year 13 pupils prepare to leave in the summer, please ensure that their dinner money accounts have a minimum balance. Refunds for balances under £5.00 will be processed as one payment to the school and not to individual accounts. Dinner account refunds will be processed via ParentPay, with a list of eligible pupils sent to Innovate by 13/06/2025, and refunds completed by 11/07/2025.

Daily Spending Caps

Some pupils already have a daily spending cap on their accounts, which would have been set at the request of their parents. However, we've noticed that some pupils find it difficult to manage their allowance across break and lunch, often running out of funds before lunchtime. We encourage parents to discuss their expectations for

their child's daily spending. If your child does not currently have a spending cap or if you feel their existing cap needs adjustment, we can set or modify the cap to help them stay within budget. Please contact the school at whs@wansteadhigh.co.uk to request any changes or to add a cap to your child's account. You can also reference the menus and price list available on the school website to guide your discussions with your child.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact [admission-sandawards@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:sandawards@redbridge.gov.uk)

New Menus

The updated menus will be available from the Summer term. Enjoy!

School Communication: Edulink

All parents and carers should now have an Edulink login, which is used for all communication from the school. With Edulink, you can:

- Check your personal details
- Check your child's details
- Monitor your child's attendance and behaviour
- Track achievement and consequence points

If you have any issues with accessing your Edulink account, please email whs@wansteadhigh.co.uk

New Bike Shed

The PTA has generously donated funds for a new bike shed located within the school perimeter, on the upper playground. The new shed provides a secure and convenient place for pupils to store their bikes. We encourage pupils arriving early or using the breakfast club to wheel their bikes through the main entrance.

PTA Support

Link to PTA website: <https://sites.google.com/ptawansteadhigh.co.uk/preloved-uniform/home?authuser=0>

The PTA continues to be a tremendous support for the school, funding various initiatives across departments. Here are just a few of the items they have helped fund:

- Geography: A high-quality Nikon 11 Pro camera to support fieldwork and NEA research for A Level Geography.
- Library: New, up-to-date books to create a thriving space that encourages literacy across all year groups.
- EAL: Flash Academy Software to support our growing EAL cohort in improving English skills.
- PE: Spare PE kits to support pupils

PreLoved Uniform

Home Purchase Uniform Donate Uniform News & Progress Mailing List

We collect and sell good quality, preloved uniform at extremely reasonable prices (up to 50% cheaper than RRP!) and are proud to be the only Redbridge secondary school participating in the School Uniform Bank Scheme.

All money raised goes towards the PTA's vital Build a Better Wanstead High Campaign and all items rehomed are saved from landfill.

Click [HERE](#) to see how to donate any unwanted, outgrown uniform and click [HERE](#) for details on how to place orders online and see dates of our upcoming pop up shops.

Thanks for supporting the WHS PTA PreLoved Initiative.

Lucy & Kerry - Team PTA PreLoved
preloveduniform@ptawansteadhigh.co.uk

REDUCE RECYCLE RELOVE

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

PAY LESS FOR PRELOVED

who cannot afford or have appropriate kit, ensuring all pupils can participate in extra-curricular activities.

- Drama: A design resource pack to support the inclusion of design elements in the curriculum for GCSE pupils.
- SEND: Reader pens to assist pupils with dyslexia or those who struggle with reading, both in lessons and exams.
- Whole School: A new, secure bike shed to provide safe storage for pupils' bikes.

The PTA is also considering additional requests, with updates to follow in the next Heron Homelink.

In addition to fundraising, the PTA was instrumental in organising the Centenary celebrations in September and support many school events, including providing refreshments at shows and social gatherings. Most recently, the PTA contributed to the success of Wanstead's first Iftar, an event organized by staff and 6th form pupils. The PTA made a donation towards the cost of putting on the event, helping ensure its smooth and successful execution.

The PTA also runs a pre-loved uniform team, which includes a pop-up shop located in a container adapted for this purpose in the Leisure Centre car park. This hardworking team revitalizes pre-loved uniforms and works closely with local

businesses that generously support their efforts. The team provides an invaluable service to our school community, offering affordable uniform options to families while promoting sustainability.

The PTA welcomes new members and continues to be a valued part of our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support — you make our school better!

Bringing the Past to Life

Ambassadors on a Mission to Inspire Pupils

The History Department are always looking for new ways to inspire and enthuse our pupils, while also developing their historical skills and understanding. This is why we have launched a new initiative – History Ambassadors.

This will be a small but dedicated group of Key Stage 3 pupils from across Years 7, 8 and 9. The pupils will focus on both

developing their knowledge of a wide variety of historical topics through regular meetings where they will be researching and sharing presentations on areas of history not covered in the curriculum and showing off the best of the department through their dedication to the quality and presentation of their work in lessons as well as taking part in events

such as open evenings. They will also be getting involved in regular trips and activities – the first of these will be a visit to the Wanstead Grotto in May to explore careers within archaeology, historical restoration and heritage. Watch this space for more on our Ambassadors!

By Mr P Chartorizhsky



Lights, Camera, Move!

This term our annual dance showcase took place in the school Theatre.

The theme of this year's show was movies and TV shows and the pupils have been working tremendously hard during their lunch times and after school to create their own dance to fit the theme. The quality of what our pupils created was outstanding and this year the show felt like a real celebration of not just their ability to perform but also to choreograph and be highly creative.

The show days started with a Primary Dance Festival where 100 pupils from 5 local primary schools took part in workshops led by our dance teachers and Duke of Edinburgh

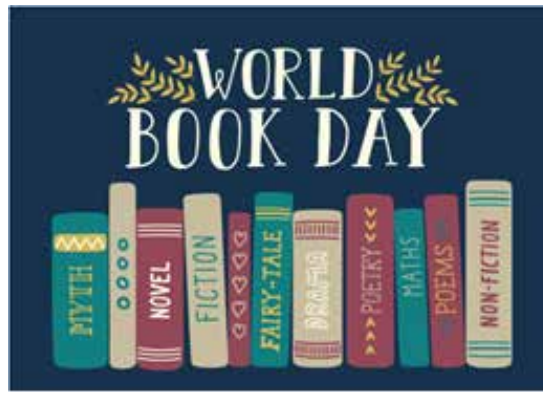
dance volunteers from Years 9 and 10. The primary pupils then performed their own dances before watching our dress rehearsal. The pupils were a great audience, clapping along and cheering which really prepared our dancers for their first evening show. The second day included performances to the whole of Year 8. This was chance for our Year 8 pupils to be inspired and support with their own dance lessons, watch what the department creates during extra-curricular activities as well as create a sense of community by supporting their peers.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch the evening shows and the lovely feedback we received; we are

very glad you enjoyed it. Thank you to Ms Gullefer, Ms Harper and Mr Wess for all their amazing work during the show week and we already can't wait to see what the pupils will create for next year!

By Ms R Walker





Unlocking Imagination!

Tutor Groups were Transforming Classroom Doors for a World Book Day competition

Over the last 2 weeks, tutor groups have worked as teams to decorate their classroom doors to celebrate either their DEAL book, or a favourite book of the form group.

There have been some excellent and creative efforts to really demonstrate the story, character or imagery created in the stories on our classroom doors, and they have certainly got people discuss-

ing books and reading!

The top 3 tutor group efforts will be revealed in achievement assemblies very soon! Thank you to tutors for encouraging and organising forms in their efforts.

Here are some of the doors – can you guess the titles of the books?



Science in Action

Year 7s Experiment, Explore and Innovate!

Our Year 7 scientists have been getting stuck into some thrilling experiments at Science Club this term. The club offers pupils a chance to explore key scientific concepts through hands-on activities that spark curiosity and develop problem-solving skills.

From igniting methane bubbles to launching rocket bottles, pupils have seen science come to life in exciting and unexpected ways. They've investigated colour-

ful chemical reactions in flame tests and put their engineering skills to the test by designing balloon-powered cars, which were then raced to see whose design was the fastest. Each session encourages teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking, helping pupils build confidence in their scientific abilities.

The club is ably supported by a team of dedicated Year 8 pupils, namely: Amaya, Thomas, Oisin, Zara and Menaal who

assist with activities and offer guidance to their younger peers. Their support has helped to create a welcoming and collaborative environment, where Year 7s can learn, experiment and make new friends.

We look forward to trying more exciting experiments in the new term!

By Ms S Younas



Picture 1 - Zara, Xander, Enam and Adeeva

Picture 2 – Zafira, Emilia and Maria

Picture 3 – Blythe and Brooklyn



Picture 4 – Kayla and Brooklyn

Picture 5 – Thomas

National Careers Week

Strategies for Success



week (coming up in the Summer term!).

Years 7-9 all had exciting careers focussed lessons with follow up activities posted in Google Classroom for pupils to reflect on and even discuss with their families.

All year groups had specific sessions in form time around careers which much like the Personal Development lessons, were scaffolded with resources for further reflection and discussion away from school.

Our schools careers advisor was on hand at break and lunchtimes to discuss with pupils any questions or ideas they had and also acted as an introduction into the 'Prospects' service that the school uses for individual careers interviews throughout Key Stage 4/5. Pupils were able to fill in a flyer about their future career interests which will be in the form of future interventions, information and displays around careers.

If you would like to know more about the extensive careers offer and programme at Wanstead High, please check our website.

By Mr L Wood

Throughout National Careers week (3rd-9th March 2025) there were a plethora of fantastic activities and initiatives going on for the pupils at Wanstead High School!

All year groups had bespoke assemblies focusing and reflecting on their interests

and motivations as well as their future happiness and how this relates to future career and life choices!

Year 12 had further information and direction around Work Experience and Year 10 were introduced to careers exposure

School Council Update

Exciting Changes Ahead

The School council has had another busy term! As a group we have met 5 times with various agendas. Pupils have discussed the canteen and the suggested changes which have already been implemented including a change and variety in daily meals as well as the removal of single use plastic water bottles which are currently being phased out!

The school council also attended the Houses of Parliament completing a tour and learning the history of the building. The fascinating day was concluded by having an audience with Calvin Bailey MP for Wanstead and Leytonstone. The pupils asked Calvin a variety of questions concerning both the school and local area, many of the concerns raised have already been actioned demonstrating the

power our young people have!

Calvin and his team were so impressed with the school council that he has promised to respond in writing to all those that asked questions as well as attend a future school council meeting at WHS!

The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and their families. They will be meeting with the Senior Leadership Team



after Easter to give feedback on their plans for the Summer term and we are expecting some big changes to cement the legacy of what they have already achieved this year, so stay tuned...

By Mr L Wood



Can you Help with our Progression Week?

All families were written to recently inviting parents and carers and their contacts to volunteer for our Progression Week. We have the Careers Fair & Mock Interviews (8th & 9th July respectively) and need anyone from the world of work to volunteer their time! We are hoping to

build on the success of previous years and make this year's event the biggest yet!

Are you from an interesting career background? Could your experiences be useful to our pupils? Do you have friends, family or contacts that could also help? If

so, please volunteer by registering on the following link: <https://forms.gle/u8rb-WQeJrYA3JcGi6> or contact Mr Wood for more information.

By Mr L Wood



Year 10 Drop Down with Queen Mary University's SPITE Project

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All of Year 10 had a further one-off drop down session led by Queen Mary University's Legal Team. The SPITE project has been set up to inform young people

about the legalities of image sharing and works to further combat Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB). The one hour sessions were well received by all with some pupils articulating how shocked they were about the statistics and facts they

learned! This was clearly a very important and relevant session further strengthening our existing links with one of London's top universities.

By Mr L Wood



Redbridge Creates

Forty-five members of the school choir performed a wide range of music fantastically in early March at the Royal Albert Hall as part of 'Redbridge Creates'.

Many other current and former pupils also played in the symphony orchestra accompanying the choir at this huge and memorable performance involving over

1000 pupils from across the borough.

By Mr I Sweet





Year 9 History Battlefields Trip

At Wanstead High, we believe that the study of History should continue outside of the classroom. We were therefore very keen to extend the Year 9s knowledge, understanding and experience of the World War I unit by providing an opportunity for 100 pupils to travel to Belgium for a day in November in order to learn more about British soldiers' experiences on the Western Front.

The trip went very smoothly. All Year 9s were engaged in all the activities, displayed exemplary behaviour and did Wanstead High proud! Following our early morning departure and Eurotunnel crossing, we visited some war cemeter-

ies – two allied ones and a German one, where pupils learned about some individual soldiers' stories – to put a personal dimension to the conflict – and took part in a remembrance wreath laying ceremony. This was followed by a visit to a trench recreation and a museum where pupils learned more about what it was actually like for young soldiers on both sides of the conflict and had a demonstration of the uniform and equipment used throughout the war. Finally, there was a chance to stop off for some dinner and visit a Belgian chocolate shop in the centre of Ypres before boarding the coach back to the tunnel and returning to

Wanstead by midnight after a very long day!

We would just like to thank all the staff involved in planning and running this trip – both the administrative staff and the teachers, who gave up their whole Friday evening (and in many cases the Saturday – as it took almost a whole weekend to recover). We would also like to thank all the parents and carers for ensuring their children were dropped off and picked up on time, and for being very patient with us while we planned the trip. We are looking forward to having more of these trips in the future!

By Mr P Chartorizhsky

Unforgettable Netball Experience at the Copper Box Arena!

Wanstead High School was brimming with excitement as pupils and staff showed their unwavering support for local netball team, London Pulse. Our cheers and chants resonated throughout the stadium, perhaps contributing to the team's impressive 78-42 victory.

The pupils were in awe as they witnessed the exceptional skills and athleticism of the players. The game was a showcase of elite netball, and many couldn't help but marvel at the towering presence of

Goal Shooter, Liv Chine. Watching such high-calibre athletes in action was truly a memorable experience for everyone present.

The day was made even more special by Mr Wood, who orchestrated a surprise greeting from London Pulse's star defender, Funmi Fadoju. The pupils were thrilled to meet her, taking advantage of the opportunity to get their tickets and team tops signed. Selfies with the star were a highlight for many, creating lasting

memories of the day.

The pupils' exemplary behaviour during the event deserve commendation. Their enthusiasm and respect added to the positive atmosphere of the day. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Miss Feeney, Mr Wood, Mr Holdbrook, and Miss Hayes for accompanying the pupils and ensuring a smooth and enjoyable outing.



Celebrating Success

Highlights from our latest Achievement Award Winners Ceremony

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Maths	Cecilia	Yahya	Oscar	Ayesha
Further Maths				
Economics				
English	Emma	Khushleen	Robyn	Carmen
Literature				
Language and Literature				
Science	Jack	Margot	Ayaan	Amy
Biology				Selin
Chemistry				Millie
Physics				Laurel
History	Jack	Becca	Erin	Inaaya
Classics				
Geography	Hannah	Theodore	Dylan	Ayla
Resistant Materials	Harry	Max	Solomiia	Nelson
Graphics	Brian	Ernie	Callum	Ayesha
Art	Khadijah	Bailey	Jeanna	Kayla
Photography				
Textiles	Milo	Elsie	Sienna	Olivia
Food & Nutrition	Sara	Millie	Annabelle	Barsa
Dance	Lottie	Ella	Sylvie	Maeve
Drama	Heidi	Ernie	Erin	Zakariya
Music	Lavinnia	Mika	Milan	Grace
Spanish	Zaf	Myles	Taroob	Katie
French	Enam	Isam	Ella	Emily
Media				Amber
Computing	Adelina	Eliana	Jacob	George
RP	Ryan	Jaya	Mia	Fariha
Psychology				
Politics				
Sociology				Eliza
SEND				
PE	Lyla	Aidan	Henry	William
HOY Award	Seren	Alex	Zain	Ben
Behaviour Award	Sidney	Amaya	Damario	Thomas
Attendance Award	Brian	Yahya	Nathan	Madison
Headteacher's Award	Hannah	Melek	Rosa	Elsie



Year 7's Remarkable Determination

A Day of Glory at the Essex Rugby Festival



The Year 7 Boys' Rugby team demonstrated remarkable skill and determination, finishing as runners up in the prestigious Essex Invitational Rugby event. Despite facing an agonising defeat in the final match, their journey was nothing short of inspirational.

This highly competitive event saw participation from over 50 schools across Essex, making the team's accomplishment even more commendable. The boys showcased excellent sportsmanship and teamwork, which were pivotal in reaching the final.

The boys' achievement at such a challenging event is a testament to their dedication and love for the sport. We are incredibly proud of their fantastic performance and look forward to seeing more successes in the future.



Unstoppable Spirit

Boys' Football Team Triumph in Quarter Finals!



Following an unbeaten league campaign, the Year 7 Boys' Football team faced a

quarter-final match. Their outstanding performance led to a decisive 3-0 victory,

showcasing their skill and teamwork.

With this win, the team is now eagerly anticipating the semi-finals. Their dedication and hard work throughout the season has been truly commendable, and they are excited to continue their journey towards the finals.

Please join us in congratulating the players on their impressive achievement. Your support means a lot as they prepare for the upcoming challenges in the semi-finals. Let's continue to cheer them on as they aim for victory!

Rising Star in Football

Maria to Represent England

Yes, you read it correctly! Maria, has accomplished a feat that many young ath-

letes can only aspire to. She was selected to represent the Essex U14s team this year,

marking a significant milestone in her budding football career. Her performance on the field has been nothing short of remarkable, showcasing her talent and dedication to the sport.

Maria's impressive skills and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The Football Association has recognized her potential and has extended an exciting opportunity for her to advance her career. She has been called up to represent the England U15s ladies' team, an honour that speaks volumes about her capabilities and promise as a young athlete.

This call-up to the national team is testament to Maria's hard work and passion for football. As she prepares to join the England U15s ladies' team, Maria sets an inspiring example for young athletes everywhere, demonstrating that with talent and perseverance, age is no barrier to achieving great things.

Congratulations to Maria on this well-deserved recognition, and best wishes as she takes on this new and exciting challenge with the England U15s ladies' team.



Celebrating Our Double Netball Borough Champions A Journey to Victory!



Having won the borough championship in Year 9, a huge target was on the team's backs. Their opponents were eager to dethrone the reigning champions, but that didn't matter! This remarkable team rose to the challenge with determination and skill.

An unbeaten season, including dominant wins in both the semi-finals and final, means that these girls remain as borough champions. Their impressive teamwork, dedication, and perseverance have truly set them apart from the competition.

Can they do the impossible and win three in a row? With their track record, the possibility is exciting!



Wanstead Girls' rugby Takes Centre Stage

The Year 7 girls' Rugby team recently showcased their exceptional talent in a thrilling tournament against the best teams in Essex. Despite facing highly competitive opponents, our girls demonstrated remarkable skill and sportsmanship. They played with dignity and integrity, scoring phenomenal tries and executing impressive tackles, marking their presence on the field.

One of the standout features of this tournament was the evidence of teamwork and positive spirit among the players. The girls supported each other both on and off the field, which contributed significantly to their success. Their ability to work cohesively as a unit was a key factor in their excellent performance.

With such a promising display of talent and teamwork, we are eagerly looking forward to seeing how this team develops in the coming year. The future looks bright for these young athletes, and we are excited to witness their continued

growth and accomplishments in the sport of rugby.

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' Rugby

team for their outstanding performance and for setting a high standard for others to follow.



Unveiling the Chosen - Redbridge's New Football Heroes

It was a pleasure to watch Year 7 pupils Olivia, Lyla, Alice, Olive, Rickell, and Erin—six exceptionally talented footballers—who, following a rigorous set of trials, have been selected to represent Redbridge in Football. This is a significant achievement, as only the best footballers in the borough are chosen for this prestigious honour. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and their skills on the field are commendable.

Year 8 Stars Shine Bright

In addition to the Year 7 players, four Year 8 pupils, Aidan, Matty, Dylan and Nathan, have also been selected to represent Redbridge. Their talent and teamwork promise to bring exciting matches and further

successes. We are eagerly anticipating their progress over the coming seasons.

Captaincy Honour

We are thrilled to announce that one of the Wanstead players has been appointed as captain, proudly wearing the captain's armband. This appointment is a testament to their leadership qualities and the respect they command among their peers. We look forward to seeing how they lead the team both on and off the field.

Their talent and dedication promise an exciting future for the Redbridge team. Congratulations to all the players, and best of luck in your upcoming matches!

Your hard work and commitment are truly inspiring, and we are excited to cheer you on as you continue to excel.



How Year 10 Pupils Became the Heart of the Action A Memorable Experience!



Recently, a group of Year 10 pupils had the chance of a lifetime to be part of the official ball crew team for the West Ham United game against Newcastle United. This opportunity was not only a dream come true for these young football enthusiasts but also a unique chance to immerse themselves in the thrilling world of professional sports.

From the moment they stepped onto the pitch, the excitement was palpable. The pupils were able to soak up the incredible atmosphere, surrounded by roaring fans and the electric energy that only a live football match can bring.

As if the experience of being part of the ball crew wasn't enough, the boys were also fortunate to pick up a few souvenirs from the players. These keepsakes will serve as cherished mementos of a day they will likely remember for years to come. This experience undoubtedly enriched their appreciation for the sport and taught them lessons in responsibility and collaboration.



Overall, the day was a resounding success, filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories. It was a perfect blend of fun and education, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated.

Year 12 vs Year 13 Football Match

Sixth Form Strikers Shine in a Nail-Biting Match

The sun was shining brightly over the pitch, setting the perfect backdrop for the much-anticipated Football match between Year 12 and Year 13. The atmosphere was electric, with pupils from both years cheering passionately for their teams. This match promised to be a thrilling encounter, and it certainly did not disappoint.

The game kicked off with both teams showing off their impressive skills and determination. Each side played with the kind of passion that only a fierce rivalry could inspire. The Year 12 team, however, seemed particularly driven, perhaps motivated by their underdog status against the older Year 13s.

The match was a true spectacle, with a total of eight goals scored between the two teams. It was a back-and-forth battle, with each side taking turns to dominate possession and create scoring opportunities. The Year 12s displayed remarkable teamwork and agility, ultimately securing

a hard-fought victory over their senior counterparts.

Despite the loss, the Year 13s showcased commendable sportsmanship and resilience. Their determination was evident, and it is clear that they are eager

for a rematch. Whispers of revenge and redemption are circulating among the Year 13 supporters, and there is little doubt that they will be back with renewed vigour and strategy in the next encounter.



Year 8 Shine Bright

A Day of Glory at the Essex Rugby Festival

Congratulations to Year 8 for their impressive achievement as runners-up in the Essex Rugby Festival held at New Hall School in Chelmsford! This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team.

The success at the festival highlights the skills and sportsmanship displayed by the players in a highly competitive environment. Each match demonstrated their strategic thinking, teamwork, and physical prowess.

Team Spirit the camaraderie among the players was evident, fostering a sup-

portive environment that allowed each member to perform at their best.

Their ability to adapt strategies and remain focused under pressure was crucial in securing their position as runners-up. Furthermore, the team exemplified respect and fairness, both on and off the field, earning admiration from peers and opponents alike.

With this success, Year 8 sets a strong foundation for future competitions. The lessons learned and experiences gained will undoubtedly contribute to their growth as athletes and individuals. Well

done to all the players and coaching staff involved! Your hard work has truly paid off, and you have made your school proud. Keep up the excellent work, and here's to more victories in the future!



Sporting Spirit Soars

Aldersbrook Primary School's Thrilling Sports Day

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the enthusiastic pupils from Aldersbrook Primary School as they participated in a thrilling trampolining and netball festival. This unique opportunity allowed the pupils to take a break from their Year 4 curriculum and experience the excitement of a secondary school physical education environment.

The festival was brimming with creativity, resilience, teamwork, and excitement. The young athletes embraced the challenges with open minds and spirited

hearts. Whether they were bouncing with joy on the trampoline or strategizing with teammates on the netball court, the pupils showcased an admirable level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the wonderful Sports Leaders, whose dedication and support made the event smooth and enjoyable for everyone involved. Their guidance and encouragement were invaluable to both Ms Hayes and Ms Feeney, who worked tirelessly to ensure the day's success.

This event was not only a chance for the pupils to engage in physical activities but also an opportunity to develop essential life skills. Through sports, they learned about the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and creative problem-solving. These experiences are vital in fostering self-confidence and a love for physical activity that can last a lifetime. It was truly a day filled with learning, laughter, and lots of fun!



Triumphant as Year 10 Boys Make History at Essex Rugby Championship!



The Year 10 boys' Rugby team recently showcased their exceptional skills and sportsmanship by clinching the prestigious Championship Winners' Shield in one of Essex's most competitive Rugby tournaments.

Unbeaten Performance

Throughout the tournament, the team displayed remarkable prowess on the field, achieving a flawless 100%-win record. They played a total of seven matches, winning each one decisively. Their offensive strength was evident as they amassed over 200 points, while their solid defence only allowed two tries against them.

What truly set this team apart was their ability to play the game with the utmost integrity and respect for their opponents. Their commitment to fair play and teamwork was evident in every match, earning them admiration both on and off the field.

With such a successful season behind them, the Year 10 boys are eagerly anticipating the next season. Their commitment to continuous improvement

and development promises even more exciting performances in the future.

Congratulations, boys! Your hard work and dedication have paid off brilliantly. Keep up the great spirit and continue to make us proud!



Close Calls!

Celebrating Team Spirit in Narrow Defeats

The passion and dedication of the two Netball teams were evident as they put their best foot forward in the recent borough league matches. Both the Year 7 and Year 9 teams have been training diligently, honing their skills and strategies to face tough competition.

Although the Year 7 and Year 9 teams faced narrow defeats, their performance was nothing short of commendable. The players demonstrated incredible potential, showcasing their skills and improving with each game. The team's coordination and communication on the court were remarkable, indicating a bright future ahead.

Both teams are eager to learn from these experiences and continue to improve. Their commitment to training and teamwork promises even more thrilling performances in future matches. With

continued support and encouragement, these young athletes are sure to achieve great success in the borough leagues and beyond.

The narrow losses have only fuelled their determination to come back stronger

and showcase their growing expertise in Netball. Keep an eye on these promising teams as they continue to rise and excel in their sporting endeavours.



Tears and Triumph!

Year 11's Epic Battle Ends in Penalty Heartache

The Year 11 boys' Football team faced a heart-breaking defeat as they were knocked out of the cup in a penalty shootout. Despite the disappointing outcome, the team displayed remarkable sportsmanship and an impressive attitude throughout the season and in this unfortunate conclusion.

During the final match, the team played with determination and passion. The game was intense, with both teams giving their all to secure a place in the next round. The match ended in a draw, leading to the nail-biting penalty shootout that ultimately decided their fate.

What stood out most was the team's attitude towards the defeat. Even in the face of disappointment, the players maintained

their composure and congratulated their opponents graciously. Their ability to handle the loss with dignity and respect was a testament to their character and the values instilled by their coach and mentors.

Though the season has ended, the team

can hold their heads high, knowing they gave their best effort and demonstrated true sportsmanship. As they look forward to future challenges, they can take pride in the resilience and camaraderie they have developed.



A Thrilling Basketball Showdown

Watching a recent Basketball match featuring two of our most talented Year 11 Basketball players was an absolute pleasure. These young athletes went head-to-head, representing their respective club teams, and it was a sight to behold.

Both players demonstrated exceptional skill and athleticism, performing at a high level that captivated the audience. Their ability to execute complex plays, maintain composure under pressure, and demonstrate strategic thinking was truly impressive. The match was a testament to their dedication to the sport and their continuous effort to hone their skills. This level of sportsmanship is commendable and sets a positive example for their peers and younger players who look up to them.

The match not only showcased their immense talent but also highlighted the values of respect and integrity that are integral to sports. It was a memorable event that left a lasting impression on



everyone who watched. These young athletes have bright futures ahead, and it will be exciting to see how they continue to develop both on and off the court.

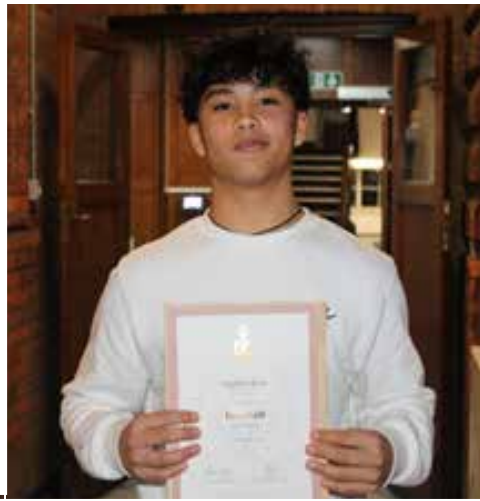
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Shining Stars

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils on successfully completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

This achievement is a significant milestone in their personal development, showcasing their dedication, resilience, and teamwork. We are thrilled that many of them are eager to continue on to the Silver Award, which will present new challenges and opportunities for growth.

A huge thank you to the staff and parents for their support throughout this journey. We are proud of our pupils and look forward to witnessing their continued success as they embrace new adventures!





Building Resilience

DofE Silver Participants Dive into Training Weekend

The DofE Silver Award participants recently had an exhilarating training weekend filled with a variety of activities designed to enhance their outdoor skills and teamwork. This weekend was not only a test of endurance but also an opportunity for the pupils to bond and create lasting memories.

One of the primary skills honed during the weekend was orienteering. The pupils embarked on a series of navigational challenges, learning to interpret maps and use compasses effectively. These activities emphasized critical thinking and decision-making, as participants had to find their way through unfamiliar terrain.

Route planning was also a crucial part of the training, as it required the pupils to strategically map out their journeys. They learned to consider factors such as distance, terrain difficulty, and estimated time of arrival. This skill is essential for ensuring safe and successful expeditions.

The weekend also focused on essential life skills like cooking and cleaning. Participants took turns preparing meals, learning to cook with limited resources and in outdoor conditions. This activity fostered a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as everyone shared the duties of meal preparation and camp cleanliness.

Packing efficiently is vital for any camping trip. The pupils were taught how to prioritize essentials and pack their backpacks to maximize space and comfort. Tent building was another highlight, where they learned to set up and secure their shelters, ensuring they could withstand various weather conditions.

Overall, the DofE Silver training weekend was a resounding success. The participants not only improved their practical skills but also developed greater confidence and camaraderie. Well done to all pupils who participated in the training!



Wanstead High School

Summer Term Enrichment - 2025

Clubs are offered on a walk-in basis unless stated otherwise
(KS3 - Years 7, 8 & 9) (KS4 - Years 10 & 11) (KS5 - Years 12 & 13)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School - 7:30 - 8:20				
EAL Morning Intervention – Flash Academy	EAL Morning Intervention – Flash Academy	EAL Morning Intervention – Flash Academy	EAL Morning Intervention – Flash Academy	EAL Morning Intervention – Flash Academy

Before School: Breakfast Club & Library every morning - 7.30 - 8.20

Lunchtime

Year 7-9 Lunch is 12:20 - 1:05pm

Year 10-13 Lunch is 1:20 - 2:05pm

Prayer Club (KS4) Room S1 1:20 - 2:05	Prayer Club (KS4) Room S1 1:20 - 2:05	Prayer Club (KS4) Room S1 1:20 - 2:05	Prayer Club (KS4) Room S1 1:20 - 2:05	Prayer Club (KS4) Room S1 1:20 - 2:05
Science Club Year 7 Week 1 & 2 Room S10 12.30-13.00	Year 9 Company Dance Studio KS3	Choir (KS3) Room 36 12:20 - 1:05	Dance Company Year 7 and 8 Dance Studio 12:30 - 1:00	Open Studio (KS3) Dance Studio 12:30 - 1:00
	Spanish Speaking Club Year 11 Week 1 & 2 Room MA4 1:30 - 2:00		Choir (KS4) Room 36 1:20 - 2:05	Friday Prayer Club (KS3) Room AHH 12:20 - 1:05
			English as an Additional Language (EAL) (KS3) Week 1 & 2 Room MA4 12:30 - 1:00	
			Debating Club (KS4 & KS5) Room NB8 1:20 - 2:05	

After School 3:05 - 4:10pm

Brass Group (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 37 3:15 - 3:45	GCSE NEA Recording + Intervention Room 36 3:15 - 4:00	KS4 Basketball club Sportshall 3:15 - 4:15 https://forms.gle/xV2FtzrdYG-wbiCqB9	Steel Pans (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 36 3:15 - 4:00	Jazz Band (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 36 3:15 - 4:00
String Group (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 36 3:15 - 4:00	Wind Band (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 38 3:15 - 4:00	Crochet Club (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Room 1 3:20 - 4:20	Rugby Club (KS3, KS4 & KS5) Eton Manor Coaches 3:15 - 4:15	Revision Day (KS4 & KS5) Dance Studio 3:15 - 4:20
Athletics Club Field 3:15pm – 4:15 https://forms.gle/khK1fTLRW6r-TiK7dA	Fashion Illustration (KS3 & KS4) Room NB9 3:15 - 4:00		Wind band Room 38 3:15 – 4:00pm	Team (KS3) Dance Studio 3:15 - 4:20
Basketball Club (KS3) Sportshall 3:15pm – 4:15 https://forms.gle/8rDi-j84CVpVT2EWN7	KS3 Weather Club Room NB1 3:15 - 4:20			GCSE PE Support (KS4) IR4/S13 3:15 - 4:15
Film Club (After Oct Half Term) Year 7/9 Room 24 3:20 - 5:00	Coding Club Year 10 Room IR4 3:20 - 4:00		Dear Parent/Carer, We would like to clarify the system put in place if your child is attending after school enrichment. At the start of all enrichment clubs, registers will be taken so we are clear on who is in the school building. If a pupil does not attend a club that is expected to, the office will be informed and parents will be contacted to inform them that their child did not attend the club. At the end of the enrichment session, all pupils will be escorted to the main reception to be dismissed. If, for an exceptional circumstance, a club is cancelled, parents will be informed via a message. As always, please encourage your child to attend enrichment and make the most of the many opportunities on offer. Mr L. Wood	
Geography Intervention (KS4) Room NB2 (Mr Hamza) 3.15 – 4.15	Cricket Club Lower playground 3:15 - 4:15 https://forms.gle/4b-PQqGnmLn2tzPi48			
Geography Intervention (KS4) Room NB3 (Mr Leftwich) 3.15 – 4.15	Badminton Sportshall 3:15 - 4:15 https://forms.gle/EyY8WexBUL-eK4AG38			
	Team (KS4) Dance Studio 3:15 - 4:20			
	Enrichment: New Views Script Writing (Year 11) Room 3 3:20 - 4:20			

For any queries regarding sports clubs please contact the member of staff responsible, below:

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Message from PE

If you have previously signed up, there is no need to sign up again and if you do sign up, you automatically have a place. Remember, PE kit required.



Intervention

Intervention list for pupils who may require some form of catch-up support or intervention to ensure they are making progress to the best of their ability.

Computer Science						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms M Umar	Monday	Intervention	IR2	3:15 - 4:00pm	Year 11	NA
Mr B Alom	Wednesday	Intervention	IR1	3:15 - 4:10pm	Year 11	NA
Ms G Kartha	Tuesday	Coding Club	IR4	3:20 - 4:00pm	Year 10	
Ms G Kartha	Wednesday	Intervention	IR4	3:20 - 4:00pm	Year 13	NA

Department: Dance						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms R Walker/Ms R Gullefer	Monday	Intervention	SDA	3.15 - 4.20pm	Key Stage 4	NA
Ms R Walker/Ms R Gullefer	Tuesday	Key Stage 4 Team	SDA	3.15 - 4.20pm	Key Stage 4	30
Ms R Gullefer	Wednesday	Intervention	SDA	3.15 - 4.40pm	Key Stage 4	NA
Ms R Walker/Ms R Gullefer	Friday	Key Stage 3 Team	SDA	3.15 - 4.20pm	Key Stage 3	30

Department: Drama						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Mr B Weakliam	Tuesday	Intervention	S13	3.15 - 4.15pm	Key Stage 4/Key Stage 5	

Department: English						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Mr E Everhart	Wednesday	Key Stage 3 Book Club	11	Lunch	Key Stage 3	
Ms A Malik/Mr E Everhart	Wednesday	Intervention	10	3:20 - 1:20pm	Year 13	NA
Ms A Malik	Wednesday	Intervention (Form-Time)	10	8:40 - 9.00am	Year 11	NA
Ms A Malik	Thursday	Intervention (Form-Time)	10	8:40 - 9.00am	Year 11	NA

Department: Geography						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Mr R Smith	Tuesday Week 2	Key Stage 3 Weather Club	NB1	3.15 - 4.00pm	Year 7,8 & 9	20

Department: History						
Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Mr P Chartorizhsky	Tuesday	Year 11 intervention	NB5	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11 & 13	NA
Mr K Ali	Wednesday	Year 11 intervention	NB7	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11	NA
Ms H Ahsan	Tuesday	Year 11 intervention	NB6	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11	NA
Ms C McQuillan	Monday	Year 13 intervention	NB8	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 13	NA
Ms C McQuillan	Thursday	Debating Club	NB8	Lunch	Key Stage 4/Key Stage 5	NA

Department: Maths

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms I Unegbu	Monday	Intervention	19	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11	NA
Mr D Boachie	Monday	Intervention	23	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11	NA
Ms K Kioi	Monday	Intervention	12	3.20 - 4.10pm	Year 11	NA
Ms M Tayeba	Tuesday	Intervention	20	3.20 - 4.10pm	Key Stage 5	NA
Mr N Rashid	Tuesday	Intervention	15	3.20 - 4.10pm	Key Stage 5	NA
Mr S Rashid	Tuesday	Intervention	21	3.20 - 4.10pm	Key Stage 5	NA
Mr A Chauhan	Wednesday	Intervention	22	3.20 - 4.10pm	Key Stage 4	NA
Ms O Ogunge	Monday	Intervention	IR4	3.20 - 4.10pm	Key Stage 3/Key Stage 4	NA
Mr A Chauhan	Thursday	Intervention	Library	12.20 - 1.00pm	Key Stage 3	

Department: MFL

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms N Gomez Alvarez	Tuesday	Spanish Speaking Club	MA4	1.20 - 2.05pm	Year 11	NA
Ms K Akhtar Bibi/Mr L Jimenez	Tuesday	French and Spanish intervention	MA1 & MA3	3:15 - 4.00pm	Year 11	

Department: Music

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms L Pennington	Wednesday	Key Stage 3 Choir	36	12:20 - 1:05pm	Key Stage 3	
Ms L Pennington	Thursday	Key Stage 4 Choir	36	1:20 - 2:05pm	Key Stage 4	
Ms L Pennington/ Mr I Sweet	Tuesday	GCSE NEA Performing + Composition Guidance	36	3:15 - 4.00pm	Year 10	
Mr I Sweet	Monday	String Group	36	3:15 - 4.00pm	All Year Groups	
Mr I Sweet	Friday	Jazz Band	36	3:15 - 4.00pm	All Year Groups	
Mr Wilcox (Brass Teacher)	Monday	Brass Group	37	3:15 - 3:45pm	All Year Groups	
Patrick (Year 12)	Thursday	Steel Pans	36	3:15 - 4.00pm	All Year Groups	
Luke (Year 13)	Thursday	Wind Band	38	3:15 - 4.00pm	All Year Groups	

Department: Sociology

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms E Christofides	Monday	Intervention	SS1	3.20 - 4.15pm	Year 13	
Ms E Christofides/ Ms N Rowshan	Wednesday	Intervention	SS1/SS2	3.20 - 4.15pm	Year 11	
Mr D Vardavas	Mon Week 2	Intervention	MA5	3.20 - 4.15pm	Year 13	
Mr D Vardavas	Mon Week 1	Intervention	MA5	3.20 - 4.15pm	Year 11	

Department: Media

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Ms C Sheehan	Tuesday	Intervention	24	3:15 - 4:00pm	Year 13	NA
Mr A Khanum/ Mr C Sheehan	Wednesday	Intervention	24/25	3:15 - 4:00pm	Year 11	NA

Department: Economics

Staff Member	Day/Dates	Activity	Room	Time	Year group (s)	Number of Pupils
Mr G Brodie	Wednesday	Intervention	13	Lunch	Year 13	NA
Mr N Rashid	Wednesday	Intervention	15	3:20 - 4:10pm	Year 11	NA

Term Dates for 2024 - 2025

▶ **SPRING TERM 2025**

Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Half term break - Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

▶ **SUMMER TERM 2025**

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Half term break - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Dates for 2025 - 2026

▶ **AUTUMN TERM 2025**

Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025

Half term break - Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

▶ **SPRING TERM 2026**

Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026

Half term break - Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

▶ **SUMMER TERM 2026**

Monday 13 April 2026 to Monday 20 July 2026

Half term break - Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

▶ **WHOLE SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS FOR 2025 -2026**

INSET DAY 1 Monday 1 September 2025

INSET DAY 2 Friday 3 October 2025

Disaggregated INSET DAY 3: FRIDAY 28 November 2025

INSET DAY 4 Monday 12 January 2026

Disaggregated INSET DAY 5: Monday 20 July 2026

Dates for your diary

15

May 2025

Year 7

1-4 Progress Evening



An Introduction to Music Production with Redbridge Music Service

Ever wanted to produce your own music or compose your own tracks? Then this is the course for you!

Learn the basic skills and techniques to compose and produce your own music using Ableton Live.

By the end of the course you will have created an original track and acquired the knowledge to compose many more!

NEW

10 week
online course
starting April
2025

Online Classes on Mondays:

Class 1 (Years 5-8): Monday 4-5pm

Class 2 (Years 9-13): Monday 5-6pm

Visit vrcl.uk/musicproduction
for more information.



Dear Music Teachers,

Following a highly successful Spring course of Music Production Classes, I am pleased to share the details of the Summer course that is now open for registration and may be of interest to your pupils.

'An Introduction to Music Production' is a 10 week online course delivered remotely over Microsoft Teams using Ableton Live.

During this introductory course, pupils will learn the basic skills and techniques required to produce and compose their own original music using Ableton Live.

By the end of the course pupils will have created their own original track and acquired the knowledge to compose many more!

The course is taught using Ableton Live and pupils will be provided with a login for the duration of the course, allowing them to work on their tracks in between sessions and practice what they have learnt. The skills developed will be largely transferable to similar programs such as Logic & Cubase which will then support their school based learning.

The classes offered for the Summer Term are:

- **Class 1 (Years 5-8) - Monday 4-5pm**
- **Class 2 (Years 9-13) - Monday 5-6pm**

The course starts on 28th April 2025

The course fee is £75

Further details about the course content is listed on our website here: vrcl.uk/musicproduction

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your pupils and parents, in particular the attached image and above link.

If you have any feedback on how the Music Service could help to further support and compliment the work you are doing along the lines of Music Technology, Theory or Composition, please drop me an email as it would be very helpful in determining how we shape our future provision.

Warm regards,
Chris Wilcox

We committed to donating £25 to our charity partners, **United World Schools (UWS)**, for each completed survey, resulting in a fantastic £5,600 contribution. Our current total stands at £16,447 raised, an amazing amount which will help build schools, train teachers and strengthen education systems in remote and marginalised communities. Find out more at www.uwsglobal.net Thank you for your support.

Refreshed Meal Deal & New Concepts Launching After Easter

Your new menu will be live after the Easter break and includes some exciting new updates. Your Operations Manager will be in touch shortly with more information (if they haven't already made contact) but, in the meantime, here's a sneak peek at what's coming up.

Chill Deal

This summer term, we're introducing a refreshed approach to our Blue Dot offer. Following the removal of hot items, the offer is now entirely cold and can be retailed in a similar way to familiar supermarket and high street meal deals. With all items grouped in fridges for easy selection, updated signage that clearly highlights what's included, and additional staff training to ensure the deal is well-promoted, we're confident this update will enhance the student experience. Schools that have trialled Chill Deal have already seen increased engagement and sales, and we're excited to roll it out more widely after Easter!

StreetVibes

At the same time, we're refining our StreetVibes approach to ensure lunchtimes stay fresh, exciting, and student friendly. Each week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, StreetVibes will feature a dedicated street food-inspired menu, reflecting current food trends while keeping choice and variety at the forefront. With a simple structure—choose a base, add a protein, and top it your way—StreetVibes continues to offer meals that are customisable and flavoursome. We'll be in touch soon to share the concepts coming to your restaurant!

Making an Impact Recognition Scheme

Hopefully you've heard of Making an Impact, our employee recognition scheme

which launched in September. Each month we invite nominations for team members who are making an impact across one or more of five important areas: Safety, Quality, Client, Service and Teamwork.

Since the scheme began, we've received 479 nominations, with 251 awards given so far. Last month, we celebrated our first quarterly awards, recognising 21 outstanding recipients. Anyone can nominate and we're especially keen to receive submissions from clients!

Please follow this link to enter someone from your school:

[Making an Impact](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities

We offer a range of apprenticeship programmes, providing opportunities for career development across catering and leadership roles. These nationally recognised qualifications allow our team members to earn while they learn, gaining valuable skills to grow within IFG.

This year's programmes range from practical cookery and service excellence to team leadership and coaching. Our aim is to have over 150 people enrolled this calendar year. If you'd like to learn more about how apprenticeships can help us build a stronger catering team for your school, we'd be happy to share more details.

Exam Nutrition Guide

As exam season approaches, proper nutri-

tion plays a key role in helping pupils perform at their best. To support your school community during this important time, we've created an Exam Nutrition Guide, designed to provide valuable tips and insights from our expert nutrition team.

This guide will offer simple, effective nutrition advice to help pupils stay energized, focused, and at their peak during exam preparation and beyond. We hope you find it helpful in preparing pupils for success! Access it [here](#).

IFG Named Contract Caterer of the Year 2025!

We are incredibly proud to share that IFG was awarded Contract Caterer of the Year at last week's 2025 Contract Catering Awards! This recognition is a testament to the dedication, passion, and hard work of our incredible teams across all our schools. A real honour.

We hope you have found this update useful and would like to say a huge thank you to you for your continued partnership. We are working on more engagement tools, including a client portal, to make communication and content sharing much smoother. In the meantime, please do get in touch with your Operations Manager if you have any requests or suggestions on how we can improve our services.

Best wishes,
Bryan Lygate Managing Director



WEEK 1

Innovate

Week Commencing: 31/03/25, 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice

TUESDAY

Mexican Style Beef Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY

Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice & Coriander Salad

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegetable & Mixed Bean Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roasted Squash & Feta Pie, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Vegetables (V)

FRIDAY

BBQ Bean Burger with Garden Peas & Chips (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla Sauce

TUESDAY

Apple Strudel & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY

Cookie Dough Fruit Crumble

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily



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Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURally

MONDAY

Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

WEEK 2

Innovate

Week Commencing: 07/04/25, 28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake Served with House salad

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Fried Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage & Bean Casserole (VE)

TUESDAY

No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese, Leek and Potato Pie (V)

THURSDAY

Chinese Vegetable Stir-Fry (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Quorn & Ranch Slaw Burger Served with Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Dutch Apple Cake

TUESDAY

Warm Blueberry Sponge

WEDNESDAY

Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce

THURSDAY

Banana Pudding with Custard

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily



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MONDAY

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings with Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Singapore Fried Rice (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

Week Commencing: 14/04/25, 05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25, 07/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY
Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice

TUESDAY
Mac n Cheese Bolognese Served with a House Salad

WEDNESDAY
Salt & Pepper Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY
Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice

FRIDAY
Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce

MONDAY
Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)

TUESDAY
Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)

WEDNESDAY
Smashed Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese with Slaw and Garden Salad (V)

THURSDAY
Cauliflower Bhaji Served with Pilau Rice & Minted Yoghurt (V)

FRIDAY
Chickpea, Carrot & Sesame Burger, Asian Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard	Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily



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NATURally

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Margherita Pizza

REDBRIDGE EASTER HAF CLUBS



APRIL 2025



ARE YOU IN RECEPTION-YEAR 11 AND RECEIVE BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS? ENJOY FREE SPORTS, TRIPS, ARTS & CRAFTS, COOKING & MORE!

SCAN ME TO BOOK



- NEW SKILLS
- FREE FOOD
- NEW FRIENDS



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REDBRIDGE SEND STRATEGY

Engagement opportunities

Redbridge Council is reviewing our SEND Strategy, and we need your help.

We want parents from across the Borough to share their thoughts and ideas. Your input will help us set our priorities to make sure children with SEND can achieve their outcomes.

We are hosting further workshops for you to attend:

Coffee Mornings:

Please check if your child's school has/is hosting a coffee morning.

Virtual Evening Session:

Thursday 24th April 6:00 - 7:00pm



Scan or click QR to register

Town Hall Coffee Afternoon:

Tuesday 25th March 12:00- 1:30pm.



Scan or click QR to register

Can't make an event?

Complete an online feedback survey



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Redbridge Mental Health Support Team presents...



PARENTS AND CARERS IN MIND - WEBINAR SESSIONS

REGISTER NOW!

ACCESSING THROUGH YOUR DEVICE? CLICK ON TOP OF THE WEBINAR TO REGISTER!

Your monthly parenting digest. Hear from mental health professionals about how to promote your child's emotional health and wellbeing.

FOSTERING SMOOTH TRANSITIONS FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

A session considering how parents and carers can support children to prepare for school transition

WED 30.04.25 7-8PM

THINKING ABOUT BODY IMAGE

A session focused on understanding body image, it's relevance for children and young people and how parents can support them navigating through it.

TUE 20.05.25 7-8PM

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOCIAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

A session focused on understanding the potential risks that children may find online and exploring strategies and tips to nurture online safety.

THU 19.06.25 7-8PM

HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME A CONFIDENT LEARNER

A session focused on understanding how children's and young people's capacities and talents can be improved through a growth mindset perspective.

WED 09.07.25 7-8PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP

CLICK HERE,

VISIT WWW.REDBRIDGE.GOV.UK AND SEARCH 'MHST' OR GO TO LINKTR.EE/REDBRIDGEMHST



School Uniform

Uniform, Clothing & Appearance

How we present ourselves can be a way of communicating our feelings and values. Being well presented and smart supports self-confidence, identity and pride. High standards of uniform and personal appearance can make a valuable contribution to the self-confidence of individual pupils and the professionalism of the school community as a whole.

A shared uniform supports the principles of equality and unity, it encourages a sense of belonging and identity as a pupil of Wanstead High School. It also prepares pupils for working life, many careers require uniforms or clear professional dress codes.

All uniform is gender neutral.

Required Items Year 7 - 11	Description
Burgundy school blazer with school badge	- Blazers must be worn to and from school. They must be worn at all times around the school site and in lessons unless given permission by their class teacher in class or by a whole school announcement during periods of extremely hot weather, when they may be carried or left at home in exceptional circumstances.
School tie	- All pupils must wear a school tie. Ties can be purchased from school via ParentPay or from our uniform retailer. A pupil's year group is identifiable by the colour of the stripe on their tie. The stripe must be visible at all times.
White plain school shirt	- Top button must be done up. Shirts can be long or short-sleeved.
Black tailored school trousers or black tailored school shorts	- Trousers and shorts must be school-style and not be skinny or tight-fitting. No leggings, jeans or denim.
Black knee-length school skirt	- Skirts must be school-style and not be skinny or tight-fitting. Skirts must not be rolled up.
Black v-neck long-sleeved plain pullover (optional)	- No sweatshirts, no cardigans and no logos apart from school badge. Pullovers do not have to have the school badge if worn.
Black leather shoes with black soles and black laces	- Smart, flat boots to the ankle may be worn. No Dr. Martens boots, no trainers, no high heels, no canvas shoes, no coloured laces (except when sold in school for LGBTQ+ awareness). Nike Air Force or similar are not a suitable school shoe.
White or black socks	- Must be worn up to or below the knee and no patterns.
Flesh tone or plain black tights (optional)	- No patterns and tights must not be torn or ripped.
Outdoor coat (optional)	- Appropriate coat suitable for school. Unzipped whilst in the school building. Hoodies or tracksuit tops may not be worn instead of a coat.
Religious headwear	- should be plain black, burgundy or white.

Required Items 6 th Form	Description
Formal fit suit	- Should be smart and professional, ID badges must be worn at all times.
Formal collared shirt with tie or business style blouse	- Top button must be done up. Shirts can be long or short-sleeved.
Formal fit skirt or dress (professional length) with business style blazer	- Should be smart and professional, ID badges must be worn at all times
Black leather-style shoes	- Formal flat or low-heeled shoes or sensible, practical, flat or low-heeled formal boots can be worn but must be covered under the trousers or no higher than ankle length.
V-neck plain formal jumper/cardigan can also be worn	- Must show a collared shirt and tie/blouse underneath.

All items of logoed uniform can be purchased from Carolina School Outfitters <https://carolinaschooloutfitters.co.uk/>, Speed Stitch - <https://speedstitch.co.uk/schoolwear/>, Fashion Stop fashionshop@hotmail.com
E6 2HT, PTA Preloved Uniform. Other items can be bought from any other appropriate establishment.

Children coming to school in unacceptable uniform will be supplied with the correct uniform from the Reflection Centre. Pupils are asked to leave a deposit (an article of minor value) whilst school property is being borrowed.

In cases of financial need, parents can apply to the school for assistance towards the cost of school clothing.

Required Items Year 7 - 11

School PE Kit

- Wanstead High School polo shirt with logo
- Black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms/black leggings - all with logo; or
- Plain black shorts/plain black tracksuit bottoms/plain black leggings (no cycling shorts)
- Plain black Football socks
- Plain white ankle socks

Optional Additional Items:

- A Wanstead High School Quarter Zip Fleece (during periods of cold weather/outdoor lessons)
- Shin Pads for Football are advised

Item Description

- Jewellery** - Jewellery worn to school should be safe and appropriate.
- Pupils may wear up to two small stud earrings in each ear and one small nose stud may also be worn. Hoop or drop earrings of any size are not permitted. No other body or facial piercings should be displayed.
- Pupils may wear a watch; smart watches are not permitted in exams or assessments.
- Make Up** - Make-up needs to be subtle and nail varnish can be worn. Heavy make-up, false eyelashes and fake nails are considered inappropriate for school and a distraction from the purpose of school, they are not permitted in Years 7-11.
- Hair** - Pupils must wear their hair in a natural colour, bright unnatural colours are not permitted. Extreme hair styles or those associated with any kind of anti-social activities or groups are not permitted. These change from time to time and the Headteacher reserves the right to specify what these might be at any point.
- The patterned shaving of hair or eyebrows is forbidden.
- Wanstead High School has adopted the Halo Code. This means our school champions the right of staff and pupils to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves and headscarves, as long as they are in line with school colours and hair colour guidance.
- This does not include durags or bonnets which are not appropriate in school.
- Hoodies and other non-uniform jumpers or coats** - Hooded sports tops or 'hoodies' are not permitted and will be confiscated. Only a black v-neck jumper may be worn in school, this does not have to be logoed. Dance or Drama hoodies are only allowed for extra-curricular activities.
- Hats, Ski Masks, Balaclavas, Face coverings** - It is not permitted for any pupil to wear any form of cap or hat in the school building. A woollen hat can be worn to and from school and at break/lunch-times when the weather is cold. Ski masks, balaclavas and face coverings should not be worn, to, from or within school.

