



## THEMES OF THE WEEK

*“Positive Relationships”**“Wellbeing”*

28th April 2017

## PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

I hope that you all managed to enjoy a restful and safe Easter break. It was great to see so many of our Year 11s and 10s in school over the break, working with staff in preparation for their upcoming exams.

Commonly referred to as the ‘silly season’, it is an incredibly busy period for our Year 11 pupils and their families. With weekends, morning, period 6/7 sessions as well as normal lessons, the pupils that have embraced this additional support will indeed reap the benefits when the results come in this summer. We are in this together!

I spent last Saturday evening with our Year 11 pupils and staff at the Maths and English residential. The pupils responded so positively to the teaching that was laid on and their work ethic should be commended.

It has been another busy period of time at Woodlands as we invited various guests to visit us and inspire our young people to be excellent:

- Ben Smith from the 401 Challenge (Google it!)
- Author Paul Jenkins
- National Citizenship Service
- Richie Barker Professional Boxer
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the Diana Awards

There are plenty more visits and trips lined up, including Germany and Spain!

It was wonderful to be part of the Year 10 Prefect assembly on Tuesday. To see so many young people who have shown they have the skills and motivation to be a leader. A special congratulation should go to our new Head Boy – Theo SR and Head Girl-Krisdeana R, who will build on the excellent work of our outgoing pair Will HD and Ayla C. Thank you to both of them and I would like to wish them all the very best in their future leadership roles.

With the warmer weather approaching, I would like to remind families that blazers are compulsory and school jumpers are optional. On the occasions where the weather will be very hot, a non blazer day will be called (via twitter and tannoy). In every lesson where the temperature is not considered very hot, pupils may request to remove their blazer to help them feel more comfortable and support their learning.

Please keep encouraging your child to attend a club and make the most of the support available to them at Woodlands School.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you and your family enjoy your weekend.

***‘The way you do anything is how you do everything’***

Kind regards,

Simon Cox

# Congratulations!

## Year 10 into 11 Prefects 2017/18

I would like to thank all the Year 11 Prefects for their hard work on behalf of Woodlands School.

The level of commitment they have shown towards contributing to Woodlands School this year has been exceptional. Together they have not only demonstrated to their peers in Year 11, but to all pupils across the wider school, how a positive and focused group of pupils can have a really beneficial impact on our school and community. As a result, we have a very strong field of Year 10 Prefects ready to assume this important responsibility.

Throughout the year, the Prefect team have engaged in several activities for fundraising to have a positive impact on the lives of others. Many have given their time freely to contribute to events that help ensure that the wider community clearly views Woodlands School for the institution it has worked hard to become. The young people have shown immense pride in wearing the Prefect tie and badge but more importantly have developed and shared a desire to push our school and themselves to the forefront of not only the local community, but the county. Many are enthusiastic to explain how they have extended themselves beyond their comfort zone, often engaging in activities and taking roles that they may not have experienced previously, working with both adults and their peers, providing all with a sense of accomplishment.



The new Prefect team has recently been appointed. At Woodlands School, we believe it is vital that our young people are encouraged to seize an opportunity to develop skills that facilitate team work, communication, responsibility and leadership in preparation for the wider world. None of our Prefects are pre-selected. All have applied as a result of their own desire, often for very different reasons. It is, of course, a role that they have taken on voluntarily and they have been the subject of the rigorous process of application, interview and training to successfully acquire their ties and badges. They hold a unique position in our school and we need to support them in carrying out their various duties.

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The minimum expectations for all of our young people are to maintain the highest possible standards of uniform, commitment to study and to demonstrate conduct becoming of our school. Our Prefects will consistently model these attributes for others to aspire to. Should you have any concerns, please refer them to Mrs Robertson or Mr Hellen so they may be addressed promptly.

At Woodlands School, we attribute huge value to the benefits that a successful Prefect program will contribute to the individual young people, our collective learning environment and our local community.

Our Prefects represent our best and most committed young people and we are immensely proud in how they contribute to, and promote the values that we foster to ensure Woodlands School is the positive and highly regarded institution that we have all worked hard to create.



Head Girl: Krisdeana R 10MOc



Head Boy: Theo SR 10AFi

### Senior Prefects

Alex E, 1010RPu  
 Oliver S 10RPu  
 Haider AW 10MOc  
 Jack E 10MAy  
 Nohayla B 10JHo  
 Dicle E 10CAc  
 Darcie L 10AFi

Ben P 10RPu  
 Joshua B 10JLa  
 Victor C 10JLa  
 Paige F 10LCn  
 Emily HB 10MAy  
 Annie M 10AFi  
 Taylor W 10SBr

Kuhle N 10ADy  
 Kai F 10AFi  
 Tommi H 10RPu  
 Sophia V 10ADy  
 Olivia F 10MAy  
 Maisie S 10AFi  
 Olivia F 10RPU

Tyler P 10LCn  
 Joseph T 10MAy  
 Ike E 10MOc  
 Alyce P 10RPu  
 May Y 10SBr

Ellie G 10RLa  
 Georgie F 10MAy  
 Jack C 10SBr  
 Brandon F 10MOc  
 Isabelle P 10SBr  
 Georgia C 10ADy  
 Taylor-Marie M  
 10CAc  
 Jack M 10JHo  
 Declan W 10LCn  
 Ben F 10RLa  
 Grace S 10SBr  
 Nicole A 10ADy  
 Caitlin D 10CAc  
 Lucie K 10MOc  
 Mitchell L 10CAc  
 Marina DL 10LCn  
 Tyler F 10LCn  
 Seema B 10RPu  
 Hollie H 10RPu  
 Molly P 10AFi  
 Faye H 10AFi  
 Ben C 10ADy  
 Sam S 10MOc  
 Kodie H 10ADy

Kayley B 10MOc  
 Mason G 10MOc  
 Ellis L 10DBe  
 Jack OC 10LCn  
 Olivia G 10RLa  
 Charlie H 10LCn  
 Louis B 10LCn  
 Jordan B 10JLa  
 Clement W  
 10MOc  
 Kerris B 10MAy  
 Chris P 10SBr  
 Luke O 10ADy  
 Shaye M 10MOc  
 Harriet R 10MAy  
 Thomas D 10LCn  
 Harry E 10JLa  
 Sam F 10MAy  
 Jodie B 10ADy  
 Emma S 10ADy  
 Caitlin B 10 JLa  
 Lucy S 10HTu  
 Dayna B 10RLa  
 Tommy R 10LCn  
 Jordan A 10RLa

Natasha R 10RLa  
 Daniel T 10AFi  
 Owen C 10RLa  
 Emma M 10RLa  
 Georgia S 10AFi  
 Vinnie B 10DBE  
 Hannah M 10AFi  
 Jodie R 10MOc  
 Maisie C 10AFi  
 Josh L 10SBr  
 Jez M 10JLa  
 Jade K 10MAy  
 Tommy C 10AFi  
 Jake G 10JLa  
 Morgan B 10MOc  
 Jack A 10LCn  
 Lewis C 10DBe  
 Victoria E 10AFi  
 Lewis B 10JLa  
 Courtney S 10AFi  
 Brooke R 10JHo  
 Rebecca B 10AFi  
 Chloe H 10LCn  
 Charlie H 10LCn  
 Joseph C 10SBr

Cailin S 10ADy  
 Erin B 10HUt  
 Kelvin N 10SBr  
 Joe M 10CAc  
 Sam L 10MAy  
 Nikki P 10RLa  
 Liam C 10MAy  
 Drew D 10JLa  
 Callum S 10CAc  
 Mya W 10AFi  
 Amelia H 10AFi  
 Hannah B 10AFi  
 Sarah-Jayne M  
 10JLa  
 Ellie Y 10CAc  
 Leilani L 10ADy  
 Sophia H 10MAy  
 Chloe MV 10JLa  
 Tiffany M 10MOc  
 Chloe H 10RLa  
 Dishany S 10JHo  
 Abigail W 10SBr  
 Millie D 10MOc  
 Abigail F 10AFi  
 Kaira G 10ADy

Louise C 10RLa  
 Chloe A 10MOc  
 Connor S 10SBr  
 Holly M 10SBr  
 Alfie SW 10MOc  
 Megan C 10LCn  
 Kendall E 10AFi  
 Ellie H 10AFi  
 Kayley H 10AFi  
 Cerys H 10MOc  
 Callum C 10ADy  
 Jack C 10DBe  
 Tiegana S 10RLa  
 Emma M 10LCn  
 Daniel M 10AFi  
 Brandon G 10DBe  
 Daniel L 10MAy  
 Mia H 10AFi

# Year 11 Important Dates

Below are the key dates that are important for your child over the next three months:-

**Thursday 4th May** – First timetabled exam - Art/Photography exam.

**Thursday 15th May** – First written exams – IFS/Sports Science/Citizenship/Religious Education.

**Monday 19th June** – Last day of timetabled lessons (3.00pm finish). After this date, pupils will only be expected in school to attend their remaining exams. Pupils should be in school, in full uniform at 8.00am for a 9.00am exam and 1.00pm for a 2.00pm exam. Some departments will be holding warm up sessions prior to exams – pupils will be contacted directly about these.

**Tuesday 20th June** – Leavers Assembly. Pupils can attend school from 8.00am and meet in the atrium to sign shirts and yearbooks. At 8.45am the Leavers Assembly will take place and will last approximately one hour. After this pupils will leave the school site and we would ask that they go straight home to carry on with their revision. There are no exams on this day.

**Monday 26th June** – Last exam – Product Design.

**Wednesday 5th July** – Year 11 Prom at Orsett Hall.

**Thursday 24th August** – Results day. Pupils can collect their results in school between 10.00am and 11.00am. If pupils are unable to come on this date, they must submit a letter to the Exams Officer, Miss Edge, naming someone else who may collect their results on their behalf. Alternatively pupils can collect their results at a later date.

# MFL

Terry Curtis reporting.....

## Attainment, Achievement and Progress

Wow, what a busy term! We have seen almost all year groups' parents and carers over the past few weeks, which has allowed MFL staff to further discuss information held on Go4Schools.



This has been vital for Year 11 pupils as they have mostly completed all controlled assessments for the course and are now in the final push of vocabulary revision for each of the topics covered since Year 7.

## International Links

It was a real pleasure to have our colleagues from Heiligenhaus Gesamtschule visit us in March. They spent a fabulous three days working with our teachers and pupils alike. The Year 11s really appreciated meeting real Germans!



## Year 11 Support

MFL staff continue to identify key pupils who haven't quite reached their target grades and there are sessions running to help before and after school.

Revision is now key for pupils on each of the topics and we look forward to the results of the forthcoming PPE 3 in reading and listening.

## Year 10 Speaking Exams

Many thanks to all for their support during what pupils often describe as, "the most stressful exam ever!"

The MFL team has recently moderated a selection of the exams against Edexcel's current criteria and provisional results will be with pupils shortly, along with an Assessment for Learning sheet to celebrate success and to provide targets for next time. Some pupils did not make the grade and the MFL team are now collating the intervention strategies for both writing and speaking to ensure summer term and Year 11 do not prove to be a pressure cooker for the pupils concerned.

<http://www.memrise.com/courses/english/>

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (username, etc. available from your MFL teacher)

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages) (archived but free!)

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) (app based video and sound files to immerse the learner.)

### Congratulations!

Dicle E, Abdullah G and Sara N for their fantastic Turkish and Polish speaking exams.

It's that time of year again, when our pupils are mid revision for their exams. In PSHRE lessons, our Year 11 pupils have been looking at how best to revise and how to construct a revision timetable and I thought it might be useful to make this information available to other year groups as well as parents.

## How To Construct a Revision Timetable

Before we begin, here are a few things you need to work out first:-

How many subjects do you have to study for? \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any subjects you feel you might need to spend a bit more time on during revision? For example, are there any that you didn't do quite so well on in your mocks, or subjects that you are intending to study at AS-level and need to do a bit more work on?

Do you have any commitments during the week that are going to make revision difficult on some days? For example, if you play football, when do you play and for how long?

- Sunday \_\_\_\_\_
- Monday \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

So now you have this information, how do you fill the timetable in?...



1. Across the top are narrow boxes for you to fill in study times. If you get in from school a 3.00pm, give yourself time to chill out and relax before starting work. Rest your brain and start your revision at 4.00pm. So your first revision slot might be from 4.00pm - 4.40pm. Take a ten minute break after this and start your next revision slot at 4.50pm and study until 5.30pm.
2. It is up to you to decide when and what you will study. If you have football on a Wednesday night at 6.00pm, for example, you can just shade out revision slots.
3. Study times at the weekends may be different – you might want to do some work in the mornings instead, so there are separate time slots for you to fill in.





# New Trials Day

Age Groups 17/18 Season

Under 13's 10am Till 12pm

Under 14's 12.30pm Till 2.30pm

Under 16's 3pm Till 5pm


To Register your interest please  
contact  
[basildonunitedyfc@gmail.com](mailto:basildonunitedyfc@gmail.com)

## Sunday 21st May 2017

Currently in the process of  
applying for EJA



**EASTERN JUNIOR ALLIANCE**

Youth Football Development  COLLEGE





# Anti-Bullying Update

*Kim Downton reporting.....*

Last Tuesday, Woodlands School had the pleasure of welcoming Ben Smith, from the 401 Challenge, in to school to motivate a mixture of our young people and tell his story.



Ben took on the challenge of 401 marathons in 401 days, all around the UK mainland, on the 1st September 2015. He began one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of his life, visiting 309 different locations on the UK mainland.

The challenge aimed to raise both awareness of the issues of bullying in our society along with £250,000 for two amazing charities dedicated to tackling bullying. The two charities were 'Stonewall' and 'Kidscape'. These charities work tirelessly to support award winning initiatives, which really get to the heart of bullying in our UK schools and society in all its forms.



Ben raised in excess of £310,000 through generous donations from the UK and International community. This has gone to help support both these charities carry on the amazing work they do. Ben struggled as a teenager as he was bullied from a young age, which then led to severe mental health issues. He found running an escapism, which then led him to become the absolute superstar he is today.

Ben feels that every child has a right to feel happy and safe in school, that every human being has the right to feel valued for who they are and to have what makes them unique celebrated.



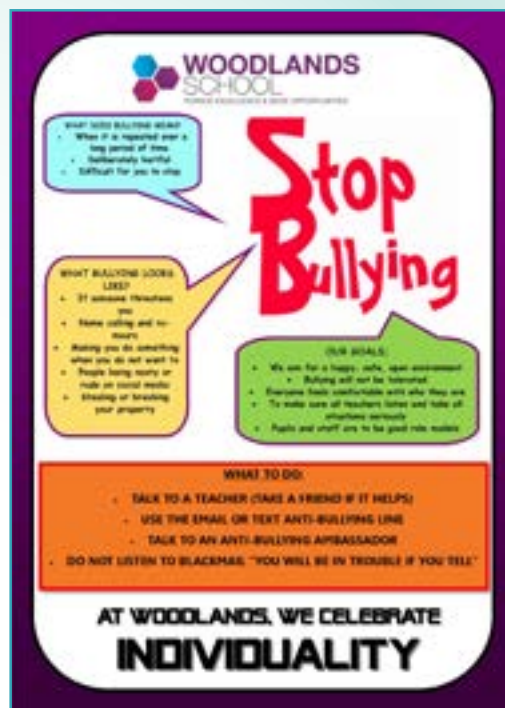
This Wednesday, we had a visit from two young rising stars Maisie Smith and Aaron Martyn.

Not only did they perform their new music for the pupils, they also spoke about Online Safety, Cyber Bullying and Discrimination.

Maisie Smith is best known for playing Tiffany Butcher in BBC's Eastenders. Maisie proves she is also no longer just an actress but a talented and beautiful pop star in the making.

The main message from the presentation was to empower and inform pupils to make the right choices in regards to Online Safety and Cyber Bullying, as well as discussing pressures teenagers go.





## MUSIC TUITION

The lesson price will remain the same from that of last term, this will be either:-

- £127 per term - Ten 30 minute lessons
- £63.50 per term - Ten 15 minute lessons

If the pupil is now on the music GCSE course, they will receive a 50% discount of this price. Essex are now no longer issuing paper vouchers. In order to apply for Music Tuition vouchers, please follow this link: - <https://UKESSEX.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#> to register.

## LUNCH ACCOUNT REMINDERS

We are looking to send regular alerts to keep you up to date when a child's balance is no longer in a credit balance in order to keep parents/carers informed. Balances can be found and brought up to date on ParentPay. Year 11 accounts will need to be clear by **Friday, 23rd June 2016** and all remaining accounts will have to show a credit or nil balance by the end of the school year **Thursday 20th July 2017**.

## TRIP PAYMENT REMINDERS

The following trips and events will have a payment become due within the next two weeks. All payments should be made via ParentPay please, alternatively request a PayPoint letter for the relevant trip from Finance.

Trip/Event	Payment	Due by Date
Rugby Tour Italy 2018	Instalment of £70.00	1st May 2017
Rugby Presentation Evening	£15.00	5th May 2017
Prom - Year 11's	Deposit £20.00 or full balance £43.00	12th May 2017
Year book	£20.00	12th May 2017

## School Shop

The school shop opening days and times are as follows:-

Monday 8:30am – 12:30pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 12:30pm

Please adhere to these times, unless otherwise stated.

Alternatively, please visit the school web shop either via the school website (found under Information, school shop) or using the link below:-

<https://www.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=320>

All purchases will become available for collection on the stated school shop open days above.



## Free School Meals

Are you currently receiving or could you be eligible for Free School Meals?

The school is now checking the eligibility of Free School Meals instead of Essex County Council, you can check your eligibility online at [www.myfreeschoolmeals.firmstep.com](http://www.myfreeschoolmeals.firmstep.com) and if you are eligible you will be given an immediate response.

Free School Meal allowance of £2.20 is only active during our lunch period and cannot be used throughout the day or carried over.

Please note this is an annual entitlement, you must apply each academic year for your child to qualify.



## Locker Hire 2016/17

If you wish to purchase a locker for this academic year details can be found on ParentPay under "Locker Fee 2016/17" or alternatively, please request a unique PayPoint Locker letter from Finance.

Please remind children, padlocks should be kept on their lockers at all times to help ensure their personal possessions and belongings are kept safe.

If you have not purchased a locker then please refrain from using one.

Should you require any further information- please contact the Finance Office.

## ParentPay

Our aim is to become a cashless contact school and in order to achieve this we are requesting all parent/carers to activate their ParentPay accounts.

Going forward we will require all trips, music lessons and any other payments to be made on ParentPay to alleviate cash being brought into school. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. Thank you to all parents who have already activated their ParentPay accounts and have fully embraced the cashless concept.

We also offer the facility of a PayPoint letter, which is unique to each trip, music lesson etc... and a request for the relevant letter will need to be made to Finance for each individual service.

Payment needs to be made on ParentPay before 12.00pm to ensure sufficient funds are available.

## Finance Office Request

Please note we no longer keep cash in the finance office, you will need to ensure you send your child(ren) in with the correct money.



Please can we have any unwanted uniform; trousers, blazers etc to Pupil Services - thank you.



## WE ARE COLLECTING SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers to enable us to obtain PE equipment for our school.

A collection box is situated in Pupil Services.

Your support is very much appreciated.

## Data Collection

Data collection sheets have been given out at each Parents Consultation Evening for you to check and make sure all the information is correct.

We ask that you please return these forms to Pupil Services so the pupil records can be kept up to date.

## HPV IMMUNISATIONS Friday 12th May 2017



Year 8 and 9 Girls have been given their HPV Immunisation forms, please complete and return to Pupil Services by **Wednesday 19th April 2017**.

The jobs will take place in the performance hall

## Catering Account – Daily Limit and Biometric Finger Image

A daily limit is available on the pupil's catering account, in order to set this up or amend the limit, please contact the Finance Office. ParentPay is always a good way of checking balances, food purchased and menu's available.



Also, in order to scan a pupil's biometric image we need to have parental permission. By using a biometric finger image, this allows the pupil to top up their account manually at the revaluation machines and allows the canteen staff to quickly identify the pupils at the till, reducing the time spent in the queue.

Should you wish your child to use the biometric recognition system, which is the quickest and most secure method, please sign and return the slip below to the Finance Office and we will carry out this service on a Tuesday morning between 8:15am - 8:45am in the canteen. However, should you choose not to give permission your child is still able to use the canteen using their unique PIN.

PUPIL NAME: .....

FORM: .....

Biometric Information: By signing below I agree to Woodlands School using biometric recognition systems (finger imaging). I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time in writing.

SIGNED ..... Parent/Carer

DATE .....

**PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO FINANCE OFFICE**

# DIARY

**Saturday 29th April 2017**

2017/2018 Academy Programme West Ham United EPD

**Monday 1st May 2017**

Bank Day Bank Holiday - school closed

**Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

WTM - English/Maths  
Year 10 External Science Exams

**Wednesday 3rd May 2017**

WTM - English/Maths  
Mark Shanaham from Waitakere College Auckland visit  
Year 10 External Science Exams  
District Athletics

**Thursday 4th May 2017**

WTM English/Maths/Science  
Year 11 Art & Photography Exam  
Andrew Wood visiting from New Zealand  
District Athletics Hammer

**Friday 5th May 2017**

WTM English/Maths/Science  
Year 7 Netball Tour (20 pupils)  
Year 11 Art & Photography Exam  
West Ham Talk

**Saturday 6th May 2017**

Year 7 Netball Tour (20 pupils)  
Bronze Assessment Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

**Monday 8th May 2017**

Year 11 Art & Photography Exam  
Primary Schools Rugby Training Programme

**Tuesday 9th May 2017**

Year 11 Art & Photography Exam  
Year 11 Drama Unit 3 Performance Exam

**Wednesday 10th May 2017**

Year 11 Drama Unit 3 Performance Exam

**Thursday 11th May 2017**

Head Teacher Commendation Awards

**Friday 12th May 2017**

Year 8 & 9 Girls HPV 1st & 2nd doses  
Year 10 Geography trip

# FIXTURES

**Tuesday 2nd May 2017**  
Girls Athletics @ Brentwood

**Wednesday 3rd May 2017**  
Year 10/11 District Athletics @ Basildon Sporting Village

**Thursday 4th May 2017**  
Year 10/11 District Hammer Competition @ Basildon Sporting Village  
Year 8/9 County Athletic Trials @ Basildon Sporting Village

**Wednesday 10th May 2017**  
Athletics @ Basildon Sporting Village

Our new Woodlands School Sports Website:  
<http://www.woodlandsschoolsport.co.uk/>

## DUTY PUPILS

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Edward P	Mai SS	Laleh S
Billie S	Oli T	Kai T
Sam W	Amy WC	Vinnie W
Danny A	Emily A	Alicia B
Sonnie B	Tristan BT	Matthew C
Harley C	Jaden C	Alfie D

Pursue  
EXCELLENCE  
& Seize  
OPPORTUNITIES



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