



THEMES OF THE WEEK

*“Safeguarding”**“Ramadan Begins - Islam”*

20th May 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Another two weeks have come and gone at Woodlands School for your child. One of the many benefits that working with young people brings, is that every day is different and young people are constantly evolving. It is our responsibility as adults to ensure that we guide them into making the correct decisions in life.

To enable young people to make more correct decisions, we try to offer them opportunities outside the classroom that will enhance their life skills. Over the last two weeks, there have been a number of these opportunities and I would like to thank staff for giving their time freely and congratulate pupils for seizing the opportunities that they are presented with at Woodlands:

- Firebreak course in Grays
- Practice expedition for Duke of Edinburgh
- Higher Project Qualification
- Debate Club
- Essex Athletics championships
- National schools' athletics championships
- Dance Rio event at Essex Cricket
- Pupil tours
- Respect awards event
- Saturday revision sessions

There will be plenty more opportunities for your young person to take during their time with us and I would ask that you actively encourage them to join a club and enjoy making new friends, whilst learning new life skills.

With the resignation date for teachers rapidly approaching (May 31st), I am delighted to tell you that at this point we are fully staffed with qualified and quality teachers for September. It is essential that we continue to attract high quality teaching staff and retain the ones that are at Woodlands to help your child improve their outcomes and become a valued member of society. It is always a busy period of time in May but we are fortunate that staff are attracted to the environment that your child works in every day. A healthy turnover of staff is always good for a school as it brings new ideas and renewed drive for current staff.

We demand the highest standards from our pupils and expect them to work very hard to achieve these standards in every aspect of their education.

Thank you all for your continued support in driving standards forward rapidly at Woodlands.

‘Feet: why do I need them if I have wings to fly?’

Kind regards

Simon Cox

MATHS FACULTY

UNITED KINGDOM MATHEMATICS TRUST (UKMT)

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



Mr S. Reed, Mathematics reporting...

On Thursday 28th April 2016 113 pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a national problem solving challenge, aimed at stretching our most gifted pupils in Mathematics. The challenge takes the form of a one hour paper and is marked off site, similar to a GCSE examination.

In total 25 pupils achieved certificates, which is a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards:

Silver Certificate:

Rodney DJ 74
(*best in Year 8*)
Zoe W 71 Year 8
Aitiya A 66 Year 8
Caitlin H 66 Year 8
Hannah K 66 Year 8
Liam S 66 Year 8
Morgan J 65
(*best in Year 7*)

Bronze Certificate:

Sonny H 60 Year 8
Jamie G 60 Year 8
Reece H 58 Year 7
Aaliyah H 56 Year 8
James S 56 Year 7
Ayan H 55 Year 8
Louie C 55 Year 8
George S 55 Year 7
Oliver W 54 Year 8
Chloe C 53 Year 8
Holly H 52 Year 8
Heather D 51 Year 8
Jack S 51 Year 7
Nicole T 51 Year 8

Bronze Certificate:

Katie D 64 Year 7
Emily A 63 Year 7
Megan M 61 Year 8
Lucy S 61 Year 7

Athletic Performance...

Mr J Bonnet reporting...

Essex Girls U15 Rugby 7s

On Sunday 8th May, EPD athletes Rebecca H and Katie P were selected for Essex U15 rugby 7s team to play in a County Rugby Festival in Kent. Both girls played fantastically well across the whole day, playing a gruelling six games of high intensity rugby with Katie scoring four tries and Rebecca one.

Essex went on to win five games which took them to the final which they unfortunately lost and were named runners up. Well done to Rebecca and Katie for this fantastic achievement!

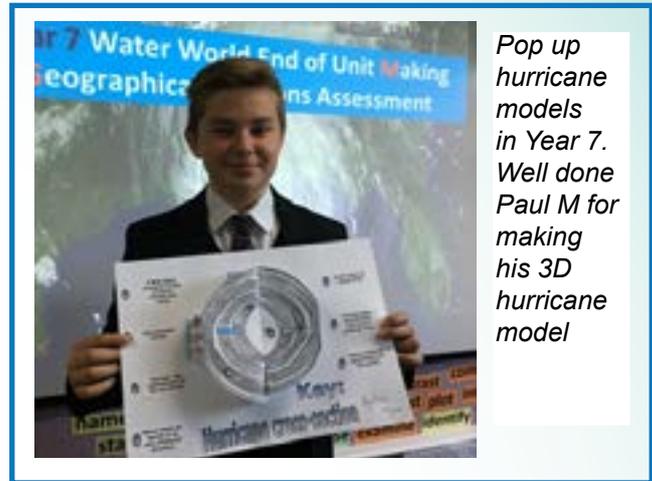


HUMANITIES FACULTY



Mrs Pattenden and Mrs Merchant reporting.....

Summer term in Geography has continued to show excellence and high aspiration. The Geography curriculum at Woodlands is full and varied, focusing on many aspects of the human, physical and environmental world. At KS3, Year 7 are currently working hard on their Making Geographical Decisions assessment about hurricane Katrina and Year 8 are investigating contrasting tectonic events. GCSE Geographers in Year 9 have completed their 'Development Dilemmas' unit of work and have now moved onto 'Challenges of an Urbanising World'. Year 10 are examining their Dynamic Planet units of work, ready for their PPE examinations after half term.



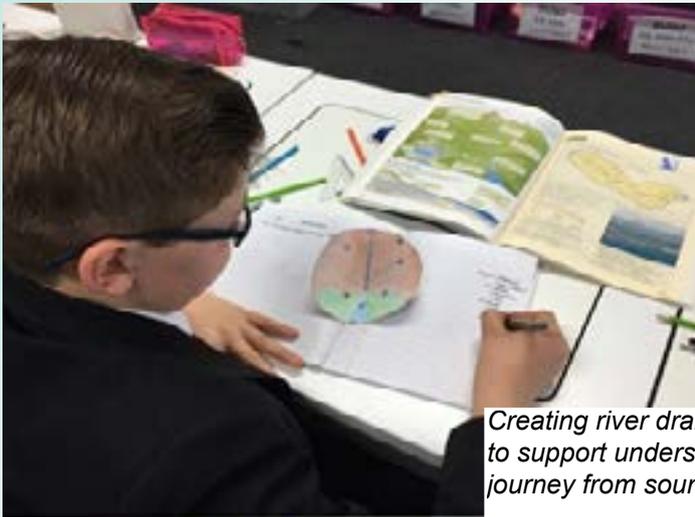
Pop up hurricane models in Year 7. Well done Paul M for making his 3D hurricane model



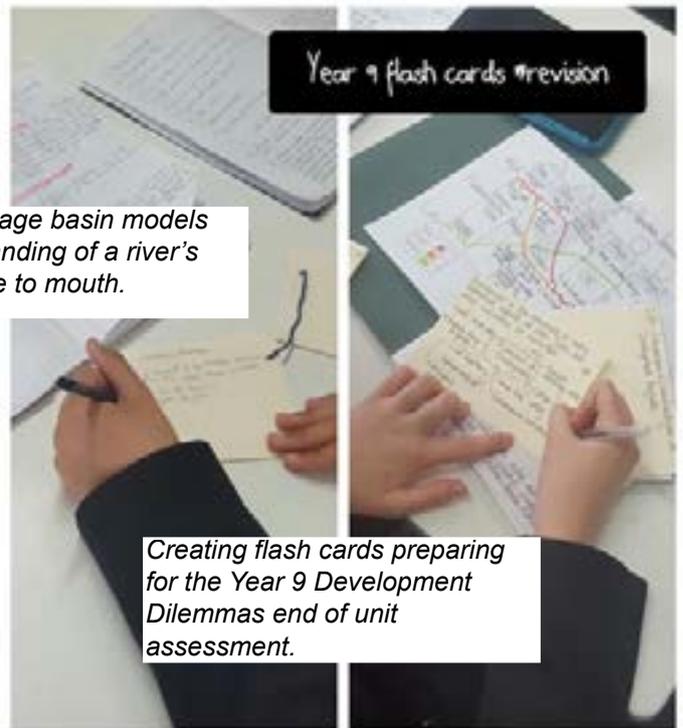
Year 11 are now rapidly approaching their Geography examinations. Pupils have been revising for their Dynamic Planet exam (2pm 24th May); People and the Planet exam (2pm 8th June); and the Making Geographical Decisions exam on 17th June at 2pm. A range of revision activities have been taking place in lessons whereby pupils have been participating in Geography speed dating, playing revision Snakes and Ladders and using revision cubes. The GeoVision revision programme within the Geography Department continues to run until the end of this half term. Those pupils that attend GeoVision can use their loyalty cards and win a free ticket to the prom!

Forthcoming Revision and Intervention Programmes in Geography...

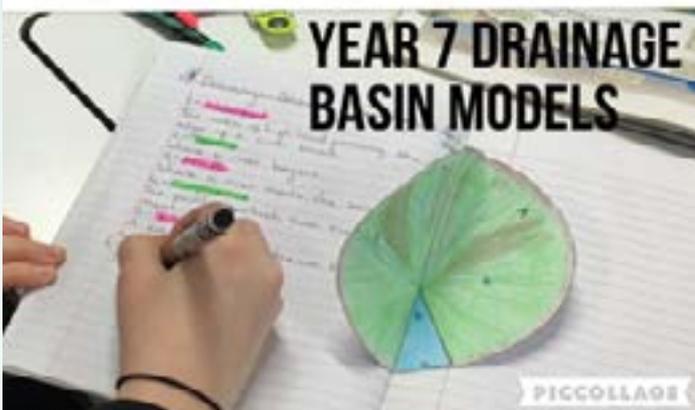
<h3>Year 10</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Controlled Assessment intervention will commence after half term for pupils that are below their target grades in their controlled assessment. Pupils will focus on improving their controlled assessment following teacher feedback and the controlled assessment marking criteria.
<h3>Year 11</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GeoVision continues to run Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Miss Tugwell and Mrs Pattenden, and Wednesdays after school with Mrs Merchant and Mrs Fletcher Half term Revision with Miss Tugwell on Tuesday 31st May (2-4pm) focussing on preparing for the People and the Planet and Making Geographical Decisions examinations The Geography Department will be running warm up sessions at lunchtimes prior to all three examinations. Pupils can use Geography classrooms and the support of their Geography teacher prior to entering the exam hall. More details to follow from the Geography Department.



Creating river drainage basin models to support understanding of a river's journey from source to mouth.



Creating flash cards preparing for the Year 9 Development Dilemmas end of unit assessment.



YEAR 7 DRAINAGE BASIN MODELS

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For continued updates on activities within the Geography Department @kathmerchant (MrsM@Woodlands)

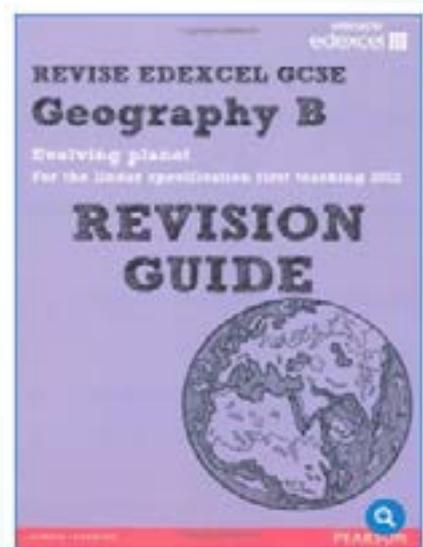
Year 10 Revision guides available from the Geography Department

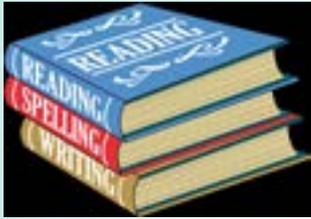
Year 10 are fast approaching their summer PPE examinations. Revision guides and workbooks are available to purchase from the Geography Department at £2. They are highly recommended and follow the examination syllabus used at Woodlands.

Please note that these guides are not suitable for current Year 9 pupils.

Forthcoming events in Geography:

- ❖ Continued attendance to Miss Tugwell's extra-curricular group 'Geography in the News' – See Miss Tugwell for further details.
- ❖ Fieldwork for current Year 9 pupils when they are in Year 10; coastal fieldwork in Southend and urban change / regeneration in East London.





ENGLISH

Mr Kerin reporting...



Dads' and Lads' Reading Morning

On Friday 10th June, Woodlands School is holding its 3rd 'Dads' and Lads' Reading Morning.' The morning, hosted by Mr Kerin, and supported by Mr Cox, Mr Reed, Mr Bedford, Mr Spinner and many others, will be a great opportunity for male role-models to share and promote the love of reading with their boys.

Nationally, and within Woodlands, girls outperform boys when it comes to reading. Indeed, reading is sometimes seen, falsely, as a mainly feminine occupation. What this morning has and will provide, in fact, is proof that reading is a 'manly' thing to do. Many staff who attended the previous events have been visibly moved by seeing young men engaging in reading with their dads, granddads, uncles, older siblings, and family friends; a nice cup of coffee, and a delicious bacon roll certainly aids the wonderful atmosphere in the library.

To emphasise the importance of reading, and, in particular, boys reading, here is a quote which is proudly displayed in the English corridor: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." With this in mind, please support the Dads' and Lads' event!

Please see below some photographs from a previous Dads' and Lads' Reading Morning.



DUTY PUPILS

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

Leilah B	Michael B	Frankie B
William B	Aaliyah BM	Hayley B
Sam B	Oliver-John B	Samuel C
Kay C	Spencer G	Harry H
Katie L	Richard O	Freya R

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24th May 2016

Year 9 Rounders v DLS
Year 10 Rounders v Beauchamps

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Year 9 District Field Competition at Gloucester Park (2.30pm start)

Thursday 26th May 2016

Year 9 District Hammer Competition at Gloucester Park (2.30pm start)

DIARY



Tuesday 24th May 2016

Year 10 Prefects' Assembly (8.45am)

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Year 9 Celebration Lunch in DR2 (1.20pm)

Thursday 26th May 2016

Quantum Theatre in school performing to Year 8 'The Battle of the Somme'

Summer Half Term - 30th May-3rd June

Year 11 Holiday Study Programme

31st May-3rd June

Wednesday 8th June

Art Exhibition open to all pupils during the day

Art Exhibition open to Year 10 and Year 11 pupils / parents / carers (4.00pm)

Friday 10th June

Dads' and Lads' reading session (8.00am) - Breakfast provided

Year 6 into Year overnight transition camp at Woodlands School (ends Saturday)



23rd May	English Literature - Understanding Prose (9.00am) Use of Mathematics (9.00am)
24th May	Geography: Dynamic Planet (2.00pm)
25th May	Turkish: Listen and Written (9.00am) Universal Physics (2pm)
26th May	Maths Paper 1 - Non-calculator (9.00am) Money Management (9.00am)
27th May	English Literature (9.00am)



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A WITNESS TO BULLYING IN
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HELP & SUPPORT**

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TOLERANCE policy on bullying.**



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