

Our Ref: DWt/LPu

3rd May 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for bearing with us at the beginning of the week with our phone issues. It was due to a fault with BT which has thankfully all now been resolved. It does happen on occasion, and I am grateful for how quickly our staff moved to the back-up means of communication and to work with BT to get all sorted.

Another successful week and well done to all Year 10 for completing their PPEs. They now need to look at where they have done well and build on that. Also looking at clear ways forward and how these can be addressed.

Our MP Stephen Metcalfe spoke very highly of our youngsters on Friday as he spent a long time touring the school during period 5 talking to a lot of our young people. Very supportive of what we are trying to do here.

Year 11 exams are now underway and all need to keep attending the warm-ups and working hard in the classes and at home with their revision. We keep all in school until the very end to ensure that they have all they need at their fingertips.

Dates for your diary:

A reminder that as well as below the school calendar is on our website and you can follow us on X, Facebook and Instagram.

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday (School closed for one day).

Monday 13th May – Start of GCSEs.

Tuesday 21st May – Year 10 geography field trip to Stratford.

Thursday 23rd May – Year 10 geography field trip to Stratford.

Monday 27th May – Half term and Year 11 holiday programme.

Monday 3rd June – Start of last half term.

Monday 3rd June – Friday 14th June – Year 9 assessments.

Mrs Handford – Literacy

DEAR time today is period 5 for Years 7, 8 and 9. There will be no DEAR time next week due to the bank holiday, so the next session will be on Monday 13th May, period 1.

Mr Riste – Safeguarding

I would like to draw your attention to an urgent warning issued by the NCA about ‘*Sextortion*’:

The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to hundreds of thousands of education professionals following a considerable increase in global cases of financially motivated sexual extortion – a type of online blackmail widely known as ‘*Sextortion*’.

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Sextortion involves people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand, after an offender has threatened to release nude or semi-nude photos of them. This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image created of them by the offender.

Advice to parents and carers if their child says that someone is trying to trick, threaten or blackmail them online:

- Don't pay, do stop contact and block: you may be tempted to pay, but there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats. As the offender's motive is to get money, once you have shown you can pay, they will likely ask for more and blackmail may continue. If you have paid, don't panic but don't pay anything more. Help your child to stop all communication with the offender and block them on any accounts that they have been contacted on.
- Avoid deleting anything: try not to delete anything that could be used as evidence such as messages, images, telephone numbers, and bank account details.
- Report to the police or CEOP: call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm to your child. Or you can use the CEOP Safety Centre to report any online blackmail attempts.

Cultural Capital:

Mrs Heseltine – Assistant Head Teacher - Cultural Capital

Post 16 – Mrs Robertson

Directions have now completed their work with Year 11 and will soon start working with Year 10 and early Post-16 intervention.

Should you require any help please do not hesitate to contact me via email on kro@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk

Work Experience – Mrs Robertson

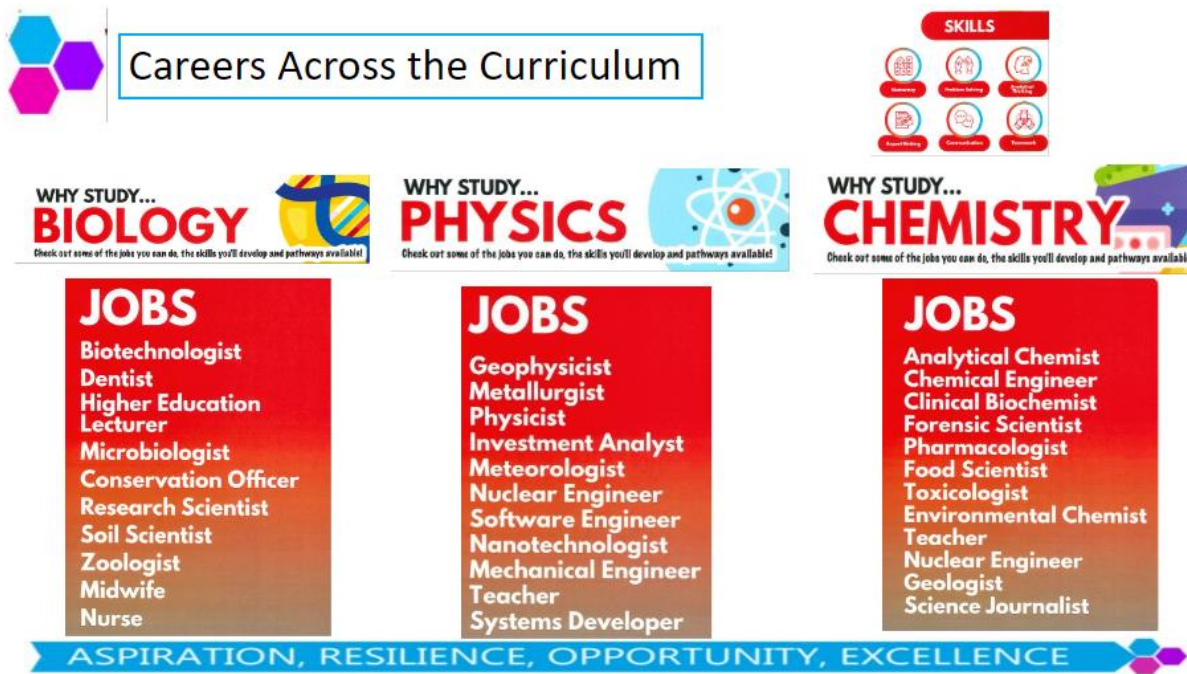
With 2 months to go before Year 10 start their work experience it is important that pupils start to plan the logistics of their placements. How will they travel, what hours will they work, what are they expected to wear, who are they reporting to, will they need to take a packed lunch.

It is pupils' responsibility to contact companies if they are unsure of this information. For the remaining pupils still searching for placements the final deadline is Wednesday 22nd May.

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Careers across the Curriculum – Mrs Robertson



Careers Across the Curriculum

SKILLS

- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Science
- Communication
- Concentration
- Teamwork

WHY STUDY... BIOLOGY
Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!

WHY STUDY... PHYSICS
Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!

WHY STUDY... CHEMISTRY
Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!

JOBS

- Biotechnologist
- Dentist
- Higher Education Lecturer
- Microbiologist
- Conservation Officer
- Research Scientist
- Soil Scientist
- Zoologist
- Midwife
- Nurse

JOBS

- Geophysicist
- Metallurgist
- Physicist
- Investment Analyst
- Meteorologist
- Nuclear Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Nanotechnologist
- Mechanical Engineer
- Teacher
- Systems Developer

JOBS

- Analytical Chemist
- Chemical Engineer
- Clinical Biochemist
- Forensic Scientist
- Pharmacologist
- Food Scientist
- Toxicologist
- Environmental Chemist
- Teacher
- Nuclear Engineer
- Geologist
- Science Journalist

ASPIRATION, RESILIENCE, OPPORTUNITY, EXCELLENCE

Enrichment Opportunities: Extra-Curricular Activities and Pupil Leadership Roles – Mrs Heseltine

[Enrichment Opportunities Page \(Clubs, Pupil Leadership Roles, Trips/Visits links\)](#)

ePraise Top Achievers Shout Out – Mrs Robertson

The pupils receiving the most AROE ePraise points this last week are:

Aspiration

Echo Year 9
Mia Year 9
Liam Year 9
Caitlyne Year 9
Nathan Year 9
Logan Year 9

Resilience

JJ Year 7
Holly Year 7
Ryan Year 7
Gracie-Leigh Year 8
Faith Year 10
Darshatha Sree Year 9
Remi Year 7
Archie Year 7

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Tommy Year 8
Bella-Rose Year 7
Eva Year 7

Opportunity

Andrei Year 9
Gracie-Mae Year 7
Amelia Year 7
Caroline Year 7
Chloe Year 9
Tayla Year 7

Excellence

Julia Year 7
Andrei Year 9
Sophia Year 7
Ruby Year 8
Emily Year 8
Warren Year 8
Frankie Year 8

Well done all and keep it up!

AROE Curriculum Lessons – Miss Ash

Please ensure that you have checked the AROE Parental Communication Calendar for this half term.
We ask parents to familiarise themselves with the topics due to be covered:

Year 7 - Health and Puberty (Health and Wellbeing)

This unit will cover healthy routines, influences on health, puberty, unwanted contact, and FGM.

Year 8 - Emotional Wellbeing (Health and Wellbeing)

This unit will cover mental health and emotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies.

Year 9 - Intimate Relationships (Relationships)

This unit will cover relationships and sex education including consent, contraception, the risks of STIs and attitudes to pornography.

Year 10 - Exploring Influences (Health and Wellbeing)

This unit will cover the influence and impact of drugs, gangs, role models and the media.

Year 11 - Families (Relationships)

This unit will cover the different types of families and parental responsibilities, pregnancy, marriage and forced marriage and changing relationships.

All information regarding AROE is available on the school website:

[Woodlands School - AROE curriculum](#)

[RSE Parental Right to withdraw form](#)

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Assemblies – Mrs Heseltine

Thank you to Mr Roberts on his thought-provoking assemblies on Morality.

[Assembly Themes 2023.24](#)

Moving forward

This time of year, in education is known as the 'silly season'. May 31st is the resignation deadline for teachers to start a new school for September. Always forward thinking I believe to have that deadline during half term when all schools are closed, but I am afraid even though I have my views there isn't too much I can do about that.

There will inevitably be some movement and I will let you know all the comings and goings towards the end of the academic year. We will get the best available, despite there being a chronic teacher shortage. We are still able to attract some of the best and brightest out there and am looking forward to September already.

Best wishes,



Mr David Wright
Head Teacher