



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone is keeping well in these winter months and looking forward to some family time in the seasonal break which will soon be upon us. At Woodside, we have been hit with a number of COVID cases and this has had an impact on teaching with some lessons being covered. Covering lessons is never ideal, but unfortunately unavoidable on such occasions. Please support us in this endeavor to reduce infection rates by sending students in with masks and testing bi-weekly (for further details please see below).

A huge well done to our Equalities Group for the bake sale, raising funds for the Albert Kennedy Trust, which supports LGBTQ+ homeless individuals, and Solace, which supports women and children facing domestic violence in London. As well as this, we'd like to say thank you to all students and families for donating to Haringey food bank.

This Friday, the festive season was in full swing with the annual Christmas Dinner. A reminder that next week is our Winter Fete which will have a range of games and refreshments, raising money for the Woodside experience. This will be held outside in a COVID safe environment.

Finally, we are sending out information on the return to school. As instructed by the Government, the 5th January will be a testing day, work will be set online. Students will return to school on Thursday 6th, any students with positive lateral flow tests will need to isolate until a PCR test has been taken.

All the best for the weekend

Angela Wallace
Headteacher

A REMINDER ABOUT UNIFORM

In these cold months, please send students in with winter coats. Hooded tops are not permitted and students should wear blazers with jumpers.

There should be no accessories worn such as non woolen hats, sunglasses and earrings more than a stud.

Ms. Wallace

FLU VACCINATION CATCH UP INFORMATION

Haringey and Islington Vaccine Team has informed us of some of the places you can go to if your child has missed their vaccinations. Please see below.

Ms. Barnett

PRAISE POINTS WINNERS

Muhammed KOSE 7L
Rana ALDUKALI 8T
Shanel MONTEIRO 9Q
Mahmood RIZK 10T
Juel GORDON-GRAY 11E

School Winner:
Muhammed KOSE 7L

SOCIAL MEDIA



@woodsidehighsch

RSHE FOCUS

The benefits and importance of physical exercise, time outdoors and being part of extracurricular activities

WINTER FETE

Tuesday 14th Dec | 4 to 5:30 p.m.

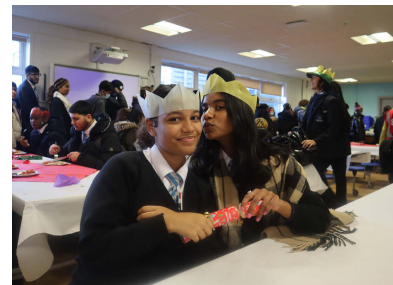
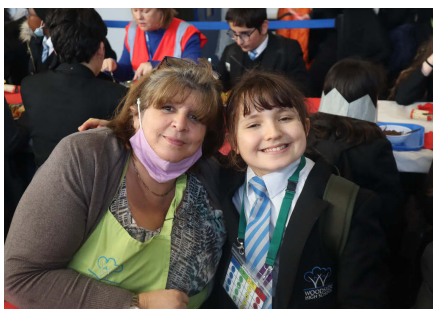
SEND WINTER CELEBRATION COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 16th Dec | 10 to 11 a.m.

mail@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

020 8889 6761

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND EQUALITIES GROUP BAKE SALE





NEW RIVER CHRISTMAS CAMPS

20TH DECEMBER – 23RD DECEMBER

- Inflatables & Fencing
- Haringey Rhinos & London Skolars Rugby Sessions
- Zorb Football
- Archery
- Team Games
- Softplay
- Flexible childcare and Stay and Play sessions available
- Christmas Concert
- Kids yoga, Diddy dance, Lingotots
- Arts & Crafts



FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE

FREE FOR THOSE RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS, £20 A DAY FOR NON-FREE SCHOOL MEALS

BOOK 1 DAY OR ALL 4



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
09.00 – 09.30	Registration 8+ U8	Registration 8+ U8	Registration 8+ U8	Registration 8+ U8
09.30 – 10.00	Ice Breakers & Fun Facts 8+ Diddy Dance U8	Warm up games 8+ Lingotots U8	Warm up games 8+ Tatty Bumpkin Yoga U8	Warm up games 8+ Concert Rehearsal U8 8+
10.00 – 11.00	Zorb Football 8+ Soft Play U8	Team Games 8+ Soft Play U8	Team Games 8+ Soft Play U8	Zorb Football 8+ Soft Play U8
11.00 -12.00	Archery, Fencing, Fun Inflatables, Arts, and crafts U8 8+	Archery, Fencing, Fun Inflatables, Arts, and crafts U8 8+	Archery, Fencing, Fun Inflatables, Arts, and crafts U8 8+	Archery, Fencing, Fun Inflatables, Arts, and crafts U8 8+
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch with fruit corner 8+ U8	Lunch with fruit corner 8+ U8	Lunch with fruit corner 8+ U8	Lunch with fruit corner 8+ U8
13.00 – 14.00	Haringey Rhinos & London Skolars Touch rugby 8+ Mini Sports U8	Haringey Rhinos & London Skolars Touch rugby 8+ Mini Sports U8	Haringey Rhinos & London Skolars Touch rugby 8+ Mini Sports U8	Haringey Rhinos & London Skolars Touch rugby 8+ Mini Sports U8
14.00 – 15.30	Kids Choice 8+ Festive Baking U8	Zorb Football 8+ Festive Baking U8	Kids Choice 8+ Festive Baking U8	Christmas Party, Santa's Grotto, Concert 8+ U8

8+ Children 8 years and older **U8** 8 years and under

* This is a sample timetable, Subject to change.

Funded places can be booked on <https://haringeycouncil.coordinate.cloud/list>

Enquire: new.river@haringey.gov.uk

New River Sport and Leisure: White Hart Lane, London N22 5QW





FOODBANK COLLECTION

for Haringey's Food Bank

We are looking for any non-perishable items. E.g.

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Tinned Foods
- UHT Milk
- Toiletries




**WHICH FORM
CAN DONATE THE
MOST?**

The YoungMinds Wellbeing Advent Calendar 2021

Looking after your wellbeing as you countdown to the holidays

29 - MONDAY
Winter joy
It's the festivities! What inspires you during this time of year? Let's write them down.


30 - TUESDAY
Captain Brave
Design and display your 'I'm Brave' poster as a reminder of how courageous we all are.




1 - WEDNESDAY
Cloud spotting
Take time outside for mindfulness. Look up to the sky and notice the different shapes in the clouds.



2 - THURSDAY
The tales of...
Get creative and draw a book cover with a picture and a title that best describes you.




3 - FRIDAY
Holiday puzzle
Create a class puzzle and show what the holidays mean to you. What words and colours come to mind?



6 - MONDAY
Become a dreamer
Encourage your pupils to dream. Sharing our ambitions is the first step to making it happen.


7 - TUESDAY
Breeaaathe
At the start of the day, take a deep, long breath. In for 5, out for 5. Focus. Can you hear yourself breathe?



8 - WEDNESDAY
The kind-hearted
Engage in a small act of kindness. It could be a thoughtful gesture, praise, or simply a smile.



9 - THURSDAY
Christmas Carols
Choose a classroom song! Put the lyrics on the screen and have a good old sing-along together.



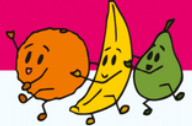
10 - FRIDAY
Hot potato
Sit in a circle and pass a potato or a small ball to one another. Share one positive thing from the week.



13 - MONDAY
Things in common
In small groups, identify the things everyone has in common. It can be anything except you go to school!



14 - TUESDAY
Come and do the Conga
Ask the class to pick a festive tune from YouTube and together create the biggest class conga!



15 - WEDNESDAY
Your 2021
It's been another tough year, but in small groups, discuss some of your favourite moments.



16 - THURSDAY
Moving Reindeers!
When I shout 'Dasher' the class starts hopping. With 'Prancer', start skipping, and 'Rudolph', start jumping!



17 - FRIDAY
Santa's sigh
At the end of term, set aside time to relax. Let out a long sigh. Stretch. You've done it.



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Winter Festival

Week Commencing
29th Nov

29th Nov - 3rd Dec | Food Bank Donations
2nd & 3rd Dec | Year 8 Trip - Intouniversity

6th Dec

6th - 10th | Food Bank Donations
6th - 10th | Equalities Group Bake Sale
7th | British Museum Trip
8th | Collage Art Drama Performance,
Business Trip to Lush
9th | EAL Enrichment Trip
10th | Christmas Jumper Day
10th | Christmas Meal
10th | Francis Crick Institute Trip

13th Dec

13th - 17th | Food Bank Donations
13th - 17th | Equalities Group Bake Sale
14th | Winter Fete



BAKE OFF AT HOME

Two of our Year 8 students, Tristen and Finn, took what they learnt in Food & Technology class back home as they baked these incredible rocky road brownies during their half day on Tuesday.

It is great to see our students using what they learnt in the classroom at home.

Mrs Crooks



THEATRIX ELECTIVE PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 8th December, the Theatrix elective and Ahmed Khalaf performed at the Karamel Theatre in Wood Green.

Ahmed performed a moving monologue through the genre of verbatim theatre about refugees, whilst the Theatrix group performed a piece of theatre in education about the dangers of social media. Parents who attended were extremely impressed and stated the message is so important to get out to younger kids.

Mrs Rose and I are so incredibly proud of all the hard work the students put into the show, we could not be more proud of each and every one of them.



Mrs Birks



WINTER FETE

14TH DEC | 4 TO 5:30 P.M.

TWISTED TALES' CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Not many stories are written from the villain's point of view and your child has the chance to explore character perspectives and empathy through Young Writer's 'Twisted Tales' 100 word creative writing competition.

We are asking Woodsiders to take part in this competition to provoke their imagination and creativity.

How much does a story change if we change the point of view? What would the villain say if they could share their story? Are the bad guys evil? Misguided? Misunderstood?

Twisted Tales is a fantastic opportunity to flip the script and explore another side of the story.

Please submit your entries by 17th December. Please see your English teacher for more information.

Mrs S. Georgiou



Haringey Immunisation Team

Tel: 0208 0177925
Email: haringey@v-uk.co.uk

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child, _____, has missed their Flu immunisation at school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. We advise that your child should not miss these immunisations as they are an important part of the national childhood immunisation schedule.

If you would like your child to receive the Flu vaccination, please check with your child's school to see whether we have a further visit planned, alternatively, we have community clinics in your area.

Please contact the Immunisation Team on the above number to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Haringey School Immunisation Team

HARINGEY CATCH UP CLINICS

Has your child missed their school vaccination due to Covid-19?

We are running catch up clinics in your area for the following vaccinations:

FLU: Reception to Year 11

HPV: Year 8

DTP & ACWY: Year 9

These clinics will be running on an **APPOINTMENT ONLY** basis.

If you would like to attend, please either call us on 0208 017 7925

or alternatively email us at haringey@v-uk.co.uk to make an appointment.

Date	Time	Venue – See address below
Thursday 9 th December	15:30-17:30	Selby Centre-
Monday 20 th December	10:00-14:00	Selby Centre
Wednesday 22 nd December	10:00-14:00	Freehold

Caxton House
129 St Johns Way
London
N19 3RQ

Selby Centre
Selby Road
Tottenham
London N17 8JL

Freehold Community Centre
Sydney Road
Muswell Hill
N10 2NT

Directorate: Adults and Health

Team: Public Health

Dr Will Maimaris Director of Public Health

Eveleen Riordan Assistant Director for Schools and Learning

Date: 7th December 2021

UPDATE ON NEW VARIANT, FACE COVERINGS AND TESTING REMINDER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past few months have been challenging, and we want to thank you for your continuing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We have seen a high number of cases of COVID-19 within primary, secondary and post 16 aged students across the borough since schools came back in September. In addition to this, a new variant has been identified and named 'Omicron'. While there are only a small number of cases of this new variant at present, it is another reason to ensure that we are all doing what we can to protect ourselves and our community from infection. We therefore want to update you on new government guidelines regarding mask wearing, remind you of the importance of routine testing among students and reiterate which test is appropriate to use in different situations.

Omicron guidance

As per the latest governmental guidance, all individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, will be contacted directly by NHS test and trace and required to self-isolate immediately irrespective of vaccination status and age, and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

Face coverings in communal areas

In light of the identification of the new variant, face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport unless they are exempt.

Winter Events

We have written to schools in the borough to advise them on precautions to take when holding winter events. These may be held outdoors or online, or indoors if a series of infection control measures are applied.

The importance of regular testing

- New evidence suggests that using lateral flow tests routinely is a very powerful tool in stopping the spread of the virus and that the tests are very good at detecting people most likely to spread COVID-19.
- Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms and so regular testing helps to identify positive cases.
- Most people catch COVID-19 from those they spend most time with. That could be someone in your family, a friend, or a workmate and you could pass it onto them.

- You are at higher risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 in crowded and enclosed spaces, where there are more people who might be infectious and where there is limited fresh air.
- Although vaccination reduces the risk of severe infection, evidence suggests that those who are vaccinated can still transmit the virus.

When should I use a lateral flow test?

Secondary students - lateral flow tests should be used twice a week by secondary school students to limit the spread of the virus within the school.

Everyone – the government now recommends testing if you are going to visit a person at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or if you know you are going to be in a crowded or enclosed space.

Lateral flow tests should only be used for asymptomatic testing and are advised for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Lateral flow tests should **not** be used instead of a PCR test if you have symptoms of COVID-19, however mild they may be. If you have symptoms, a negative lateral flow test does not rule out infection with COVID-19 and a PCR should therefore be arranged.

When should I use a PCR test?

PCR tests are very sensitive. Individuals should only have a PCR test if they:

- are symptomatic of COVID-19;
- received a positive lateral flow test;
- are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case.

What should I do if someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?

If there is a case of COVID-19 within your household, we recommend that you take the following actions:

- Arrange for a PCR test
- Anyone with symptoms:
 - Anyone who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate at home and wait for the result of their PCR test
- Anyone without symptoms:
 - Anyone under the age of 18 who does not have symptoms of COVID-19 can continue to attend school as they are exempt from self-isolation
 - Secondary students attending school should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days from the date that the first case in your household became symptomatic
 - if your child becomes symptomatic during this time, keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test (regardless of them having taken one previously)
- Over 18 and not vaccinated:
 - Anyone over the age of 18 must self-isolate for 10 days if they are not double vaccinated

If there is an outbreak within the school, we may also advise that household contacts of COVID cases remain at home while they await the results of their PCR test, and then, if negative, take a lateral flow test each day on their return to school until seven days has passed since the first case in their household developed symptoms. This would be alongside other enhanced COVID control measures.

What should I do if my child is identified as a close contact of a positive case?

If your child is identified as a close contact to a positive case, we recommend you arrange for them to have a PCR test and also take a lateral flow test for 7 days while continuing to attend school. The lateral flow test is only appropriate if they are showing no symptoms of COVID-19. If they start to develop symptoms of COVID-19 then they must self-isolate and arrange for a further PCR test.

What should I do if my child has a positive lateral flow test but a negative PCR test?

In this case, we recommend the following:

- If someone has a positive lateral flow test followed by a negative PCR, they should still isolate for 10 days from the date of onset of symptoms/date the positive test was taken if:
 - They have any symptoms of COVID-19, however mild;
 - They are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case;
 - They share a household with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

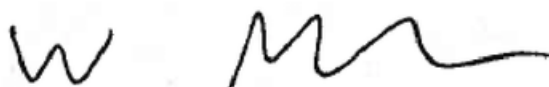
If they continue to get positive lateral flow tests they should continue to isolate and get a second PCR test. Isolation begins on the day that the symptoms began or the day the first positive test was taken, if the person is asymptomatic.

Where can I get tests/get tested?

You can arrange a free PCR test for your child [here](#). Lateral flow tests can be obtained via your child's school or at any local pharmacy. A full list of where to collect testing kits is available here:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Will Maimaris
Director of Public Health



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Assistant Director, Schools and Learning