



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, it certainly feels like winter has really set in the last few days so we're glad to have lots of events to lighten everyone's mood. I really wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents of students in Year 9 for attending the Parents Evening. It was great to see so many of you and just how well our year 9s are doing. When we consider some of the challenges the year group has faced, coming into secondary school in the middle of Covid, they've shown such resilience and go from strength to strength. Likewise it was great to see so many of our parents attend the SEND Coffee Morning, an event we are going to run more regularly.

Well done to Year 11s for completing their mocks and we look forward to these results coming out in our mock results day. Year 10s are now in the midst of these assessments, and they will have their first taste of this in the hall for core subjects.

A big thank you to staff and students who have been running event this week. Mr Boniface took his journalism elective to visit parliament, IntoUniversity workshop and the drama workshops that occurred on Monday and Wednesday.

We are currently doing a large food bank appeal- donate only if you can, for the Tottenham Food Bank. There have also been bake sales and Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for charity. All contributions welcome.

We still have free tickets for our winter concert with refreshments and displays - we'd love to welcome as many of you as possible. It is also Christmas dinner next week along with a week full of reward assemblies and events so a lot to look forward to before our break.

Have a restful weekend

**Angela Wallace**  
Headteacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Winter Celebration

Tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/419507156197>  
13/12/2022

## ELECTIVES

Electives will not take place next Monday as it is the last Monday of term. Electives will begin again on 9th January.

## PRAISE POINTS WINNERS

Olivia NUGARAS 7I  
Ayse OZTURK 8Q  
Hanan JAMA 9A  
Saira KHAN 10Y  
Cairo KELLY 11A

**School Winner:**  
Olivia NUGARAS 7I

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# Winter Celebrations

## **FOOD BANK APPEAL** **2ND DECEMBER**

As part of our house competition, we are encouraging students to bring in any nonperishable goods to donate to The Food Hub in Tottenham.

## **EQUALITIES GROUP BAKE SALE** **5TH, 9TH AND 12TH DEC | SNACK SHACK**

The award-winning Equalities Group will be running a bake sale to raise funds for a domestic violence charity and a mental health charity

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** **9TH DECEMBER**

Time to get your Christmas jumpers out! We are asking students and staff to take part this year.

## **WINTER CELEBRATION EVENING** **13TH DECEMBER**

Join us for an evening filled with performances by talented Woodsiders, expect a diverse mix of performances such as music solos, poetry, dance and more

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER** **15TH DECEMBER**

One of the best days of the school calendar, students will enjoy a festive menu featuring roast turkey, roast potatoes, honey roasted parsnips, pigs in blankets and more.

## **WOODSIDE X BASKET BRIGADE UK** **23RD DECEMBER**

We will be hosting Basket Brigade UK, a loving, charitable organisation who deliver baskets of food (and love) on December 23rd every year to those who could really do with a helping hand at this time of year.



## SEN UPDATE

Key students' parents visited Woodside for an informal coffee morning on Wednesday.

Parents discussed with senior leadership and SEN staff the additional support key students are receiving including wellbeing sessions, literacy and numeracy groups, and speech and language interventions.

The fresh coffee proved a big hit... and the cakes!

**Mr Boniface**



## MUSIC TRIP

On Thursday 8th December, a group of Year 10 Music students visited the Collage Arts Recording Studio in Wood Green.

They worked alongside singer-songwriter, Ela Kalicka, producer, Tony and Amalia Cohen.

This visit gave students the opportunities to speak to professional musicians, engineers and musicians about songwriting and composition skills.

Working alongside the musicians, students created their own track using high quality equipment, which will debut next term.

**Mr Chan**

## Elective Highlight

### Journalism

Year 9 students from the journalism elective enjoyed a trip to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday. Pupils were given a tour of the Palace of Westminster, where they learnt about the 900-year history of the home of UK politics.

Students walked through the grand chambers including the House of Lords, where they learned about how laws are made and how MPs vote. Here, they even bumped into a sitting Peer who chatted with pupils about Woodside, politics and school life. Pupils later witnessed the procession of the leader of the House of Commons into Prime Minister's Questions. Hornsey and Wood Green MP Catherine West then came and met our students, before having a chat and taking photos outside Parliament - looking onto the London Eye. Students finished the day by walking along Parliament Street to Trafalgar Square, taking in Big Ben, the Sir Winston Churchill Statue and the Cenotaph.

Rana Aldukali, from Year 9, chatted with Catherine West MP about school life and international politics. Rana said: "It was such an honour to speak with someone so important who represents our area and our school in Parliament. We had a fantastic day."

**Mr Boniface**

