



WOODSIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday,

It's back to arctic conditions this week but the students have really enjoyed the crisp break times when the sun has been out. Our assemblies have been focused on keeping yourself well and fit in January, including getting lots of sunlight. Whilst fizzy and energy drinks are banned in school, we do know many of the students buy these on the way to school. We have also been reminding students of the dangers of such drinks including stomach aches, cravings for fast food, and they can affect behaviour too. Please do take time to speak to your young people about this.

We have been marking Chinese New Year which falls on this Sunday through a special school meal and activities in the library. This year is the year of the rabbit. Do see below for more events we will be celebrating this year.

Year 10 have been working hard in their lessons with Year 10 Assessments. I look forward to seeing all families on the 2nd Feb at our Year 10 Parents and Carers' Evening.

Finally, it was great to see so many of our students at the anthology launch on Monday, this is a great way to showcase talent and develop their own creative writing skills. Literacy is one of our school priorities. This includes bedrock and class reading. Each student in Years 7-10 have a book they are reading as a form, they are tasked to read it at home too so do check in asking what your child is reading and what is happening in the plot.

All the best for the weekend

**Angela Wallace**  
Headteacher

## CELEBRATING CULTURE AT WOODSIDE

We are so lucky to have such a diverse community and therefore we will be hosting various events to celebrate this, do keep an eye out for more information closer to the time.

- Eid
- Kurdish New Year
- The Day Of Slavonic Alphabet, Bulgarian Enlightenment and Culture
- School BBQ (Summer Term)
- Latino Music Day
- Culture Day (a student led event celebrating all cultures)

**Ms Wallace**

## PRAISE POINTS WINNERS

Kyrie MORRIS 7E  
Rodrigo NUNES RODRIGUES 8Q  
Melodee PROUT 9Q  
Shayanne LINDSEY 10U  
Arshad MATADI 11A

**School Winner:**  
Melodee PROUT 9Q

## NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 2

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: National Education Union (NEU) planned strike action

I am writing to update you on the NEU planned strike action which you may have heard of on the news.

The NEU announced its ballot results on Monday 16th January giving notice that there will be a series of national and regional strikes. The strike action affecting London based schools will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February (national strike)
- Thursday 2nd March (London regional strike)
- Wednesday 15th March (national strike)
- Thursday 16th March (national strike)

We anticipate that the action by the NEU will have an impact on the normal day to day running of the school but at this stage it is not possible to say the extent of that impact. In **principle the school will be open** but we will have to make some adjustments to address this. I understand that the potential disruption to your child's education may be frustrating so I will keep you informed on developments as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Wallace

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Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace





INTERESTED IN BECOMING A


# WHS HEALTH AMBASSADOR?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF A  
GROUP WHO LEAD ON NEW HEALTH  
INCENTIVES AT WOODSIDE, THIS IS FOR YOU!

HEALTHY EATING - FIRST AID TRAINING  
WELLNESS - MENTAL HEALTH - SCHOOL  
NURSING WEBSITE - PLUS MORE!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SUBMIT A  
PARAGRAPH ON IDEAS YOU'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE AS  
A HEALTH AMBASSADOR BY FRIDAY 3RD FEB.

HAND IN TO THE LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIMES



Friday 27th January  
9am

# PARENT & CARER WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Strategies and advice on supporting  
parent and carer emotional wellbeing

Guest Speaker:

**ROSEMARY DUODU-APPIAH**  
(WHITTINGTON HEALTH NHS TRUST)

Also in attendance:

Tami Pamela St. George Hedley - Wellbeing Manager  
Holly Peter - Child Protection Officer  
Parul Monnan - Education Welfare & Attendance Officer  
Judith Johnson - Social Worker  
Sylvia Njuguna - Open Door Therapists  
Yael Yadlin - Open Door Therapists

**PLEASE RSVP**

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Please join us for breakfast and a chat on  
Friday 27th January at 9am.

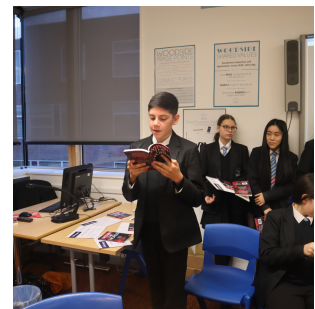
## WORLD TEA PARTY

On Monday Woodside High School hosted a Tea Party to celebrate the launch of the Writing Club's Anthology. First Story organiser, Kate Leahy spoke about how inspired she was with the quality of the student's poetry.

Our writer in residence, Irfan Masters, spoke, from a video link all the way from Australia about the work and commitment from the students to produce the 'Within the Words' anthology. Students read their poems and extracts to the audience before being presented with their copy and certificates.

The afternoon concluded with delicious chocolate cake and conversations with their teachers.

Mrs Georgiou



## Writer's Corner



I Am  
Cyrus R

I am  
I am unorganised and caring  
I wonder what happens after death  
I hear the howls of the foxes  
I sense the peace on its way  
I dream for the peace among people  
I am unorganised and caring  
I pretend to be a superhuman  
I laugh to myself  
I worry if I live life to the fullest  
I cry when I have write a lot  
I am unorganised and caring  
I understand that you know someone based  
on their pain  
I say that you can't understand them  
without knowing their pain  
I dream about peace  
I hope that people understand pain  
I am unorganised and caring

## HOUSE EVENTS

This week, we had the Berbas Computing Challenge led by Mr Anwar. The competitors had to work through a set of tasks that focused on different topics and skills within informatics and computational thinking. Here are the results:

1. Cedar
2. Willow
3. Birch & Ash

Upcoming competitions:

- General knowledge quiz
- Castle wars
- Make a pinata
- Wold Book Week
- British Science Week
- Playwright competition
- Woodside's got talent

Do encourage your child to take part, as they can win a lunch pass for them and a plus one.

Mr Chan

## ADA, THE NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR DIGITAL SKILLS OPEN EVENING

Ada will be hosting an open evening on the 2nd February at 5pm-7pm at their Tottenham Hale Campus. If you are interested in tech and the college, this is a great opportunity for you to see what they are all about. You can book tickets via this [link](#).

The Careers Office

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent and Carer Wellbeing Workshop  
27/01/2023

Year 10 Parents and Carers' Evening  
02/02/2023 | 4 to 7 p.m.

Year 9 Options Evening  
08/03/2023

## MATHS CHALLENGE - WHS



### WINNERS FOR TERM 1

- Yasmin Allalou 9L – SAMSUNG TABLET
- Arshan Ahmed 7E – Gift Voucher
- Jasmina Ahmed 8 – Gift Voucher



### RIDDLE ONE

Add me to myself and multiply by 4.  
Divide me by 8 and you will have me once more.  
What number am I?



MathsWatch

### Top users of Mathswatch for December 2022

- Y7: Eron Hoti - 642 Questions
- Y8: Osman Mohamed- 360 Questions
- Y9: Omar Mohamed- 428 Questions
- Y10: Rakeem Ahmed- 283 Questions
- Y11: Mahee Kalam- 1280 Questions

**ALL WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A  
£10 AMAZON VOUCHER**

## THE 300 CLUB

Congratulations to Abdul Aziz K, Maja J, Soheyb M, Sienna D, Rodrigo N R and Melodee P for reaching the 300 club.

Achieving 300 praise points isn't easy. We look forward to seeing who else will be joining them this term.

Mr Chan

## YEAR 11

We have been meeting with all Year 11 students whose progress is below where it should be, they have an action plan and will meet with form tutors weekly. Year 11 parents, please see our [Year 11 page](#) for videos supporting how you can help your child at home. These are being translated to support all families.

This Thursday, our teachers spent time developing key resources and looking at specific students to enable each student to be successful in their exams.

On Saturday, there is an English conference for selected students, taking place in the Moselle Room at Tottenham Town Hall. The session will be led by the Head of English Ms Cuthbert and the Deputy Head of English Ms Pallet. Students will focus on key elements of their GCSE English course and prepare them for the next set of mock exams at the end of February as well as the real GCSE exams in May.

Our mission is for every child to do as well as they possibly can. The key to this is ensuring your child is in school every day, on time to receive quality first teaching.

Ms Wallace

### RIDDLE TWO

Four years ago, Alex was twice as old as Jake. Four years from now, Jake will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Alex's age. How old is Alex?

### RIDDLE THREE

If two hours ago, it was as long after one o'clock in the afternoon as it was before one o'clock in the morning, what time would it be now?