



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Students have been very resilient this week in the extremely cold weather, it may be March but spring feels a little way off yet. On the note of resilience, a huge well done to our Year 11 students in their mock examinations. Thank you again for your support for students who are in Year 11.

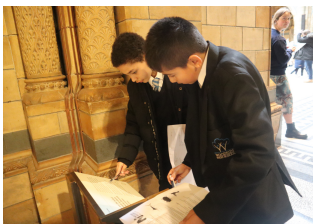
Year 9 Options Evening was a great opportunity to meet our Year 9 parents again and to discuss future pathways. All information on subjects can be found on: <https://www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk/Learning/Year-9-Options/> Please speak to students about option choices and remind them that they can speak to any member of staff at Woodside to discuss this.

We would also like to thank Year 7 parents who took the option to attend our Transition and Wellbeing Evening. If at anytime you have any further questions or would like to ever meet to discuss your child's progress please contact: Year7@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

This week begins the first of our weekly visits to the National History Museum for Year 7 students. If you have a child in Year 7, they will be visiting soon so please look out for trip forms.

Kind regards

Ms Wallace  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING TRANSITION EVENTS

Woodside Spring Taster - 29th March (4-5:30pm)  
Easter School - 3rd April  
Summer School - Date TBC

## THE 300 CLUB

Congratulations to Khalid B (7E), Ahmed M (9Y), Salah M (7E), Emilia M (7E), Hanan J (9A) and Scarlett Tia H C (7I) 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

## PRAISE POINTS WINNERS

Enis MEHMET 7A  
Laila KHAN 8Q  
Tristan WALMSLEY 9Y  
Dilara YATAR 10Q  
Cairo KELLY 11A

**School Winner:**  
Tristan WALMSLEY 9Y

## NEXT WEEK IS WEEK 2

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 8 Parents and Carers' Evening**  
Tuesday 21st March

**Woodside Spring Taster**  
Wednesday 29th March

**Year 7 Parents and Carers' Evening**  
Thursday 27th April

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9.03.2023

Dear parents and Carers,

As you may be aware the National Education Union has declared continued strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher and support staff pay and it's funding in schools and colleges, and not because of any issues at our school.

As a school we aimed at keeping the site open for as many students as possible, however, the student's safety is our main priority and the staff to student ratio was taken into consideration. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and feel that we would be unable to provide this for the whole school with the staff we have available.

We will open the school for **Year 11** as normal on this day. They should arrive to school as normal at 8.40am and will be school until 3.10pm. There will be no booster lessons for year 11 on this day.

The school will be closed for years 7-10 and there will be online lessons throughout the day with work set which is in line with their current subject topics. All students are expected to complete these tasks on the day. Please email [mail@woodsidehighschool.co.uk](mailto:mail@woodsidehighschool.co.uk) if you do not have IT facilities for the live lessons

School we re-open as normal for **all students** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8.40pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on [mail@woodsidehighschool.co.uk](mailto:mail@woodsidehighschool.co.uk)

We want to thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely

Angela Wallace  
Headteacher

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Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace





## Elective Highlight

### Woodside's Got Talent

The Music Electives have been learning how to play the guitar throughout the Autumn Term. They have been building on performing, listening and memory skills - playing the blues and reggae music. This term they are developing their skills using mac computers and building on songwriting techniques.



## GLOBE THEATRE TRIP

On Monday 6th March, a group of Year 10 students visited the famous Globe Theatre in London to complement their English studies.

Despite the gloomy weather, the students enjoyed their first ever open air theatre performance, with many stating they'd like to return to watch another show.

Mr Chan



## Top users of Mathswatch for February 2023

MathsWatch

**Y7: Hafsa Hussein - 610 Questions**

**Y8: Mya Dre- 120 Questions**

**Y9: Berdan Kara- 221 Questions**

**Y10: Aaleyah Hinds-Answer - 82 Questions**

**Y11: Merve Kalli - 244 Questions**

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

## THE 500 CLUB

Congratulations to Shivam D and Jasmine F for reaching the 500 club.

Achieving Silver in the Spring term is a tremendous achievement, and we look forward to seeing some of these fine young adults achieving Gold (1000 praise points) in the near future.

Mr Chan

## Writer's Corner

### Do I Still Think?

Ha Thu Tran

I think sometimes that red tastes like  
strawberries - other times, blood  
Yellow is likeable  
But I don't like seeing it on my hands  
Its as sour as green apples  
Maybe red always taste like blood  
My earrings are red though  
I wish I actually had piercings  
Birds like blue and grey, don't they?  
They live, lucky to love the sky  
I think, without a doubt, that I'm a bit nice  
Burnt wood smells like orange  
Mind's beaten up like a public punching  
bag  
Do I still think?



## Most Mathswatch Hours by Year Group for February 2023

**1st: Year 11 - 230.7 Hours**

**2nd: Year 10 - 201.1 Hours**

**3rd: Year 7 - 191.3 Hours**

**4th: Year 8 - 153.2 Hours**

**5th: Year 9 - 149.1 Hours**



## MY FIRST MUSICAL

My first experience of a musical was absolutely spellbinding, thanks to Channing Cross Theatre. We left school early and took the tube to go to Leicester Square to watch the theatre production. The moment the show began, we were hooked.

The musical was a production by George Takei, set in America where during the Japanese-American internment of World War Two, he explores the struggles that he and other oriental American citizens faced.

The dance, music and acting reached out to the hearts of the audience and gave us all an experience in which we would cherish forever. Many emotions surfaced throughout the musical, where themes of romance, family and war related to many and was delivered through heartfelt harmonised lyrics, and virtuosic performances.

I would love to be part of such an experience again and would like to thank 'Mousetrap' for giving us this extraordinary opportunity to take a break, and enjoy the beauty of theatrics.

Huge thanks to Woodside and Mrs Alpdogan for organising the trip.

### Ezel (Y11)



## COULD YOU HELP OUR YEAR 10 STUDENTS?

We are delighted to inform you that Work Experience Week is back for Year 10s! This year, Work Experience Week will take place between the 10th - 14th July, offering our young people an opportunity to gain an insight into the world of work, and to help them prepare for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life.

As part of the programme, students will need to find their own placement and we'd like your help. If you have any work experience opportunities available for our Year 10 students, please email:

serdane.ozcan@woodsidehighschool.co.uk  
or call 02088896761.

Placements will be health and safety checked prior to the placement start date.

The Careers Office

**BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK** 10-19 March 2023

**British Science Week 2023 poster competition**

- ❖ Entries will be from the year groups (Year 7-9) and will represent their respective houses (Ash, Birch, Cedar, and Willow).
- ❖ Submit a poster to Mr Hasan in the Science Department **BY FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**.

The poster will be judged by a panel of judges in School.

- ❖ 25 praise points for each valid entry.
- ❖ 50 Praise points for the finalist.
- ❖ Amazon vouchers for each winner from each year group.
- ❖ The winning poster (s) will be submitted for the national competition.

Here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

**Creativity in approach** - Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme

**Content** - Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic

**Effective communication** - presented and communicated in an engaging way

**THE THEME:** This year, the theme is **CONNECTIONS**.

Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all!

But as well as exploring the importance and joy in connections between individual scientists, research groups and institutions, you could discover the different ways connections appear across all areas of science.

Evolution, for example, shows us the ways that animals, including humans, as well as well, plants and bacteria are all connected in a family tree stretching back millennia.

The connection between human actions and climate change could be a fantastic topic to explore in our poster competition. Or how about how atoms connect to form chemical bonds which make up everything around us. The human body is another topic that offers a plethora of opportunities to think about connections, e.g. how organs are connected.

Perhaps you could explore the science and technology behind the internet or delve into the ways technology has changed the world by connecting people internationally at the click of a button.



## YEAR 7 UPDATE

To start this bulletin, the Year 7 team wants to send a massive thank you to all those parents who attended the Year 7 Wellbeing and Transition Evening. Woodside is extremely proud of our parents and grateful for their interest in their children's learning. We are also sorry that some parents missed this opportunity due to other commitments, however I am sure we will see you soon!

As promised, during the meeting, we did the raffle and got a winner who was extremely happy to receive the good news! Congratulations to Sofia V!

In Science, we want to give a big shout out to: Amir, Yufuf and Oliver in Mr. Sisupalan's class who are doing really well. They are top for excellence and hard work.

Our top praise students this week have been:

- Enis
- Sihaam
- Emma
- Duaale
- Sofia
- Leia
- Raqeeb
- Elvin

Students who have reached the 500 Praise Points. Well done to all of you for the amazing work you are doing for your perseverance and work ethic

- Dimitar
- Kyrie
- Olivia
- Nafisah
- Agit



**A message from Ms. McCausland to students in 7A Spanish:**

7A Spanish were absolutely excellent today. They all have mega praise points and that is 5 each.

Focus - Excellent  
Behaviour - Excellent  
Helpful - Amazing.

Fantastico y muy bien hecho! - (Fantastic and well done)

**Miss McCausland**

I will see you all with more news and photos about our Y7 on the trip to the National History Museum that I am sure they will enjoy. They will be completing a treasure hunt, because the learning must not stop! The winners will receive a price! Have a great week you all!

**Mr. Miranda**

## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN MUSIC

THEME: #EmbraceEquality

Thank you to all students who participated in the karaoke celebration in the Music Department on Wednesday 8th March 2023. It was a special way to come together and embrace equality!!

**Mrs Danso**



### RIDDLE ONE

#### RIDDLE

What 3 positive numbers give the same result when multiplied and added together?

### RIDDLE TWO

#### RIDDLE



A bat and a ball cost \$1.10. The bat costs one dollar more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

### RIDDLE THREE

#### RIDDLE

There are 12 kids in a classroom. 6 kids are wearing socks and 4 are wearing shoes. 3 kids are wearing both. How many are bare feet?

### Last Challenge Answers - One

There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the third digit, while the first digit is three less than the second digit.

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What is the number? | 4 |

### Last Challenge Answers - Two

Mom and dad have four daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the family?



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### Last Challenge Answers - Three

Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Sally's mother three times her age? 7

## Year 11 March 2023 Exam timetable

Week 2 beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023		
	Morning examinations (8.40am)	Afternoon examinations (2.10pm)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Computer Science paper 1 (52) 1hour 30minutes Film Studies paper 1 (12) 1hour 30minutes Health and Social Care (22) 2hours (0237 to do CS after HSC)	Citizenship (57) 1hour 45minutes Film Studies paper 1 (12) 1hour 30minutes (0036/0144)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Computer Science paper 2 (52) 1hour 30minutes	Film Studies paper 2 (12) 1hour 30minutes Further Maths paper 1 (7) 1hour 45minutes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths paper 2 (229) 1hour 30minutes	Geography paper 2 People and Society 1hour (106)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths paper 3 (229) 1hr 30m	French and Spanish writing (78) Foundation: 1hour 10minutes Higher: 1hour 20minutes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	English Language paper 2 (229) 1hour 45minutes	Combined Science Physics (211) 1hour 10minutes Separate Science Physics (18) 1hour 45minutes
	Business paper 2 (114) 1hour 30minutes Further Maths paper 2 (6) 1hour 45minutes	History paper 2 (121) 1hour 45minutes Further Maths paper 2 (candidate 0172) 1hour 45minutes

## Year 11 March 2023 Exam timetable

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Art	Ms Southin C107
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Photography	Ms Preston A007
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	GCSE Music 1 day	Ms Danso/Ms Frost
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	BTEC Music 1 day	Ms Danso/Ms Frost



# BOOK REVIEWS



## Voyage to Magical North (The Accidental Pirates)

Rating



Voyage to Magical North's best aspect is probably the characters, even though there are so many, the book seems to handle them rather well for the most part, especially the villain of the story. Despite the fact he's incapable of doing as much as you'd think physically, he's very good at mind manipulation and leaves a serious impact in the series of events that unfold once he's introduced. On top of that, the adventure is actually paced pretty well. If you see this book, then I suggest giving this book a read.

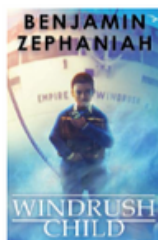


## WE COME APART

Rating



What I enjoyed about this book is how it shows the perspective of two different characters as if it was a diary. The chapters always vary between the two protagonists. It includes a variety of genres and many different words that I did not understand. Although it is a 12+ book, as it is written in a young \*\*\*\*\* style, it does not stop this from being a great book. Plus, the pages have a good amount of words per page making it easier and quicker to read and comprehend.



## Windrush Child

Rating



This book is wise; It teaches us about the Windrush Generation and all their struggles and worries. I really enjoyed reading this book and learnt a lot about what the Windrush children went through and still going through to this day.

I recommend this book to people who wants to find out facts about the Windrush Generation.



# WOODSIDE

## *Spring Taster*

Join us on Wednesday 29th March to meet with our dedicated transition and year team to ensure transition for your child is as smooth as possible.

**Wednesday 29th March**

4 to 5:30 p.m.



Pokemon club



Free raffle







# HLP TEA & COFFEE MORNING



## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH EXAMS



Topics include:

Structure and exam life - Mel P

Mental health and exams - Michelle Burke

Higher Education and Careers - Dominique Edwards

Exams, higher education and EHCPs - SENDIASS

Friday 10th March 2023 at 10:30am

venue: HLP, Commerce House, N22 8DZ

Contact Mel Prosper - 07385 380 426



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