WOODSTOCK HOUSE SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER 03

HEADLINES | HIGHLIGHTS | HOORAYS!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We wish all our students a well-deserved break, they have had a wonderful first half term and it was marvellous to see so many enjoying the dress up day today and thank you for the donations to the school.

We have lots of up dates below, dont hesitate to ask any questions, contacts for all staff are at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you - once again have a lovely half term.

Adam & Alison

HEADTEACHER (ACTING) — DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

WOODSTOCK HOUSE SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that, **as of 3rd November, we will officially become Woodstock House School.** Our new website will launch on the same day, and we hope to have our new signage in place to welcome the children back after half term.

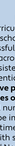
All of our email addresses will be changing to the new domain: **@woodstockhouse.co.uk.** To ensure a smooth transition, email aliases will be set up during the half-term break. This means that any emails sent to our existing @wemms.co.uk addresses will automatically forward to the new ones for a considerable period of time.

STAFFING CHANGES

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHERS

After reflection of our needs and direction as a school, we have made the **following changes to the Assistant Headteacher responsibilities.**
Beccy will assume the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead from 3rd of November she will retain responsibility for the strategic lead of behaviour and will also lead the school in becoming trauma informed; creating environments that prioritise their physical and emotional safety.
James is assuming oversight of Sixth Form to ensure smooth transition and consistency across our exam years.

BECCY PRIVETT
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD - OVERSIGHT OF BEHAVIOUR



JAMES KNIGHT
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
OVERSIGHT OF KS4 & 5 (YRS 10-14)

CURRICULUM DIRECTORS

Our Curriculum Directors are an essential leadership role in school having responsibility for ensuring the successful delivery of the teaching of a curriculum area across school, and ensuring all students are consistently inspired and fulfil their academic potential. To continue to improve in all areas, **we have promoted several members of staff into the roles of Curriculum Director.** This has impacted a small number of students timetables. Should your child be impacted, their form tutor will send out a revised timetable. They will also discuss any changes with students when they return to school on 3rd November. We will send out details of the Curriculum Directors, their roles and responsibilities along with the Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter on the 7th November.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome Alan back to school after the October holiday. He will resume his position as Key Stage Lead for Years 8 and 9. There will be a period of handover between Alan and Clare/Emma.

LINDSEY'S ABSENCE

Thank you for the good wishes that many of you have sent in following the news of Lindsey's illness. We have shared them with her and have arranged cards to be sent to her home. If you would like to send a message to go in the cards, please either send it in with your child after the holidays or email **melodys@wemms.co.uk** with your message and the team will write it in the card for you.

Many parents expressed a desire to contribute towards a gift to express your support. If you would like to contribute to a parental gift, please send it via your child by 15th November. (Don't worry, we will send a reminder in the next newsletter). Mindy will cover Lindsey's Curriculum Director Responsibilities until she returns.

THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS

This half term, year 8 have been learning about the events of 1066, leading up to the Norman invasion by William the Conqueror. This culminated in trying on some replica armour and using foam "swords" and shields to re-enact the battle. Everyone had a great time, and now we all have a much better idea of what happened on that famous day almost 1000 years ago.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Zac will be hosting an information session for parents of pupils in Year 9 and above who are interested in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze or Silver Award. Please see link below for the meeting day.

WEDNESDAY 5th November - 4.30-5.00pm
Join the meeting
Meeting ID: 341 817 071 712 0
Passcode: N8dh3M77

PSHE

Megan, our PSHE Curriculum Director, will lead a workshop for parents explaining the content covered in the Relationships and Sex Education element of PSHE. Please see links below for the meeting day.

THURSDAY 20th November

Key Stage 2: 4.30-5:00pm
Join the meeting
(no meeting ID or password required)

Key Stages 3 and 4: 5.15-5:45pm
Join the meeting
(no meeting ID or password required)

HOMEWORK

We are aware that some of parents and pupils would like to have homework whilst for others it is a huge red flag. **We are therefore consulting with pupils, teachers and you, parents and carers, about what approach we should take to the setting of homework.** Please be rest assured that whatever direction we take, homework will be voluntary and there would be no sanctions if it was not completed.
Please express your views in this survey:

SURVEY

COMMUNICATION

KEY DATES

CONTACTS

Anything you would like to see in this newsletter, email melodys@wemms.co.uk

COMMUNICATION

We wanted to take this time to share with you the best people to contact in the school if you have any questions or concerns to ensure that they go to the right person.

ABSENCE OF EARLY COLLECTION

If your child is absent or need to be collected early, please let us know as early as possible either via email: **attendance@wemms.co.uk**
or call **01372726599.**

Well-being, pastoral and behaviour matters
If the question is about your child's general well-being or behaviour, please email their form tutor in the first instance (all contacts at the end of the newsletter) as they are likely to be teaching, they will then can get back to you. If they are unable to reach them, you should contact their Head of Year.
Years 4-7 – **Clares@wemms.co.uk**
Year 8 & 9 – **Alans@wemms.co.uk**
Year 10 & 11 – **Pete@wemms.co.uk**
Year 12+ (Sixth Form) – **Zofishan@wemms.co.uk**

If they are unable to help, please contact **Emmar@wemms.co.uk** for further advice and information on pastoral and wellbeing matters or **Beccyp@wemms.co.uk** if your query relates to behaviour.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Your first point of contact is always the subject teacher (class teacher in Middle School). Please call **01372726599** if you are unsure of your child's teacher and need their email address or to leave them a message. If they are unable to resolve your query, the next contact is the

Head of Department:
Creative Arts – **Pippa@wemms.co.uk**
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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, EHCPS, ANNUAL REVIEWS

Email **Lorraine@wemms.co.uk**

OVERALL COMMUNICATION

We aim to answer all emails within 3-5 days. As teaching staff have a very full timetable, they are not always able to take or make phone calls in the school day.

While we understand that it is tempting to copy in multiple people to emails, keep the addresses focused.

We are committed to keeping you informed and involved in your child's education.

Here's how we will stay in touch:

Phone Calls:
If you leave a message during the school day, we will return your call as soon as reasonably possible.

Fortnightly Newsletter:
You will receive a newsletter every two weeks, sharing key dates, important updates, and news from across the school.

EHCP Reviews:
Parents and carers are invited to attend the annual review of their child's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), where we will discuss progress towards outcomes.

Academic Reports:
Reports are sent home at the end of the Autumn, Spring, and Summer terms, providing updates on your child's learning and development.

Parents' Evenings:
Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and report in more detail. We value open communication and look forward to working in partnership with you.

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AUTUMN TERM

Fri 17th Oct - Students & staff Halloween fancy dress
Fri 17th Oct - End of Term

Mon 3rd Nov - Autumn Term 2 starts
Weds 5th Nov - Duke of Edinburgh online info session 4.30pm-5.00pm
Thurs 20th Nov - PSHE online info session
Key Stage 2: 4.30–5:00pm
Key Stages 3 & 4: 5.15–5:45pm
Wed 10th Dec – Christmas Fair – details to follow
Fri 12th Dec- Reports sent out to parents, school finishes at **1.15pm**

SPRING TERM

5th Jan - Inset day for staff training
6th Jan - Spring Term 1 starts
6-16th Jan– GCSE and A level mocks
Thurs 5th Feb – Year 11 Parents Evening
Wed 11th Feb – Keys Stage 3 Parents Evening
Thurs 12th Feb - Parents Evening for Middle School, Key Stage 4 and 5
Fri 13th Feb - Break up for half term

Mon 23rd Feb - Spring Term 2 starts
Wed 4th March – Year 9 Options Evening
Thurs 5th March – World Book Day – details to follow (dressing up optional)
Thurs 19th March - Whole School Coffee Afternoon – with Assistant Headteachers and Key Stage Leads
Fri 22nd May - Last day of term

SUMMER TERM

Mon 13th April - Summer Term 1 starts
Thurs 23rd April – Parents Evening for Exam Students only
Fri 22nd May - Break up for half term

Mon 1st June - Summer Term 2 starts
Thurs 25th June – Sports Day
Fri 26th June – Graduation Event
Fri 3rd July – Reports sent out to parents
Fri 10th July - Last day of Term
Thurs 13th August – A Level Results
Thurs 20th August – GCSE and BTEC Results

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