

## PARENTS' HOUR

Andy White is available to be seen by parents, without appointment, every morning 7.15am until 8.15am and Thursday evenings 5.15pm until 6.15pm.

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## Duty Pupils

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Steven Bridgen	Ben Quinn
Amber Stokes	Lauren Webster
Annalese Wright-Bailey	Megan Riley
Rhys Burgess	

## FIXTURES

**Monday 18th July 2011**  
Year 7 Cricket v De la Salle (h)

**Tuesday 19th July 2011**  
Years 9/10 Cricket v Bromfords (a)



## DIARY



**Monday 18th July 2011**  
Year Group Trips

**Wednesday 20th July 2011**  
LAST DAY OF TERM

Years 9 and 10 finish at 12.15pm following final assemblies  
Years 7 and 8 will finish at 1.15pm following final assemblies

**Monday 5th September 2011**  
New Year 7 Treasure Hunt (10am)

**Tuesday 6th September 2011**  
Term starts for New Year 7 only (8.45am start in East Hall)

**Wednesday 7th September 2011**  
Term starts for all Year Groups

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Raise your child's attendance - raise their chances!  
90% attendance over 5 years equates to half a school year missed.  
80% attendance over 5 years equates to one whole school year missed.

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.



### TOP ATTENDANCE:

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>EOs</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>HAs/IWi</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>ACo</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>CLe</b>	<b>96.9%</b>

## Mathematician of the Month June/July 2011

### Winners

**Year 7** Samuel-Dean McPhail    **Year 8** Annatherese Bailey    **Year 9** Charlie Perry

### Nominations

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
George Mason	Callum Webster	Charlotte Grimsey
Robyn Pijuan-Winner	Emma Ralph	Husnain Asad
Charlie Hankey	Sonny Quinn	Bradley Fuller
Layla-Maria Nice	Lewis Perrin Taylor	Jade Childs
Chloe Mason	Harry Mottram	Jack Musgreaves
Jack Little	Millie Hatt	Ryan Rubidge
Bethany Head	George Gill	Alfie Stearn
Carmenella Hudson	Billy Hall	Katherine Smith
Bonham Fennell	Katie Hammond	Jamie Howarth
Bethany Hodges	Jordan Hopgood	Nathan Smith
Charlie Fripp	Amy Lewis	Catherine Girdlestone
Chloe Duller	Charlotte Chatfield	Shannon Pavitt
Taylor Porter		

## Mathematician of the Year

### Winners

**Year 7** Kayleigh Gardner  
**Year 8** Joseph Brennan  
**Year 9** Ria Oastler

### Runners Up

**Year 7** Hayden Jamieson  
**Year 8** George Gill  
**Year 9** Elle Miles

Many congratulations to all of you!

# Woodlands Weekly

~ Keeping You In Touch With The School ~

15th July 2011

Assembly Theme for Next Week  
"Celebration of Success"

Issue No. 790

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## Woodlands School



Essex County Council and Skanska are pleased to announce their new design for Woodlands School

Our plans will be available for you to view and give your comments on  
Tuesday, 19 July 2011, East Hall, Takely End, Kingswood,  
Basildon, Essex, SS16 5BA from 3.30pm to 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing you.

If you cannot make this exhibition the proposed designs will be available to view  
at: website - [www.essexbcf.org](http://www.essexbcf.org) and you can email your comments to: [bcf@essex.gov.uk](mailto:bcf@essex.gov.uk)

For further details please contact Essex County Council on: 01245 436363 or email: [bcf@essex.gov.uk](mailto:bcf@essex.gov.uk)

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# HEADLINES

by Andy White

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

As we approach the end of term I thought it would be useful to remind families of our arrangements.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year Group Trips** – Parents have received a letter about the arrangements for this day.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Years 9 and 10 will finish at 12.15pm following final assemblies**  
**Years 7 and 8 will finish at 1.15pm following their final assemblies.**

If any parents have issues about the early finish please speak to the school and we will make arrangements to supervise your son or daughter until the normal end of school.

## BEGINNING OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

I list below all of the arrangements for the beginning of next term. Could I ask parents to please note these dates in their diaries.

- **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff Training and New Year 7 in at 10am for Treasure Hunt (Non Uniform)
- **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Term starts for New Year 7 only – 8.45am start in East Hall – Tutor time periods 1 and 2 – normal timetable periods 3 – 5.
- **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Term starts for Year Groups 8 – 11 with Years 7, 8 and 9 reporting at 8.45am to tutor bases and Years 10 and 11 starting at 10am also reporting to tutor bases. Periods 1 and 2 will be assembly and tutor time with normal lessons starting at 11.15am. Year 7 will have ICT with their tutors Periods 1 and 2 the other year groups will have assembly and tutor time.
- Assemblies on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September - all assemblies in East Hall.
- Year 7 – 8.45am
- Year 8 – 9.15am
- Year 9 – 9.45am
- Year 10 – 10.15am
- Year 11 – 3.15pm

Could families please make sure their son or daughter returns to school on the right day at the right time and in the correct uniform.

I hope that the above makes sense but if not, please contact the school for clarification.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to all of our pupils for making Sports Day such a success. It was a really enjoyable day with pupils competing with enthusiasm and spectators following the events with interest. Thank you to all staff for organising and supervising this event but particular thanks to the PE Department who spent hours planning Sports Day. **Another excellent school event that allowed pupils to demonstrate their sporting skills.**

**THE END!! (Not quite, but no Woodlands Weekly next Wednesday!)**

At the end of a long year I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful summer break. This year has been a great success in every respect. Pupil achievement has never been higher – we expect excellent GCSE results this year but also we have been successful in many other ways. Staff recruitment has been excellent as have the number of opportunities given to pupils outside of normal lessons. In sport and performing arts our pupils have excelled, they should also be congratulated on their contribution to their community. Woodlands is still one of the most oversubscribed schools in Essex with more than two applicants for every place available. The most important feature of Woodlands to me is the way that pupils and staff work together in order to achieve success. It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to be Head of Woodlands – I am proud of our achievements as well as being fortunate in working with such exceptional staff and pupils. **Finally, I would like to thank Governors for all of their support over this academic year – without them the school would be unable to function.**

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Today we say goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving us for pastures new. Could I, on behalf of everyone at Woodlands, wish them the very best of luck in the future as well as thanking them for all they have done at Woodlands.

The staff leaving are:

Alan Morgan, Laura Lazarus, Naomi Russell, Joni Levens, Camille del Strother, Jean-Baptiste Gilbert, Aurelie Lallefont, George Baker and Jenny Ayassamy.

## GCSE RESULTS

A reminder to families that this year GCSE results will be published on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** – on that day pupils can pick up their results from the East Dining Hall. Results must be picked up in person – any results not collected on that day will be posted.



## “My Kingdom for ... a chance to work with Spacey!”

Mrs Iddiols reporting...

A few weeks ago the Drama department were given the opportunity for two Year 10 students to apply for a position to work with Kevin Spacey and see him in his current performance of ‘Richard III’ at The Old Vic, directed by Sam Mendes. The application process was very long and extensive including 6000 written words on why we should be accepted and a filmed monologue by the two students. We were told that 180 schools had been asked and only 20 were to get through so we knew that our chance was very limited.

I am so proud and happy to tell you that it was confirmed this week that we were one of the 20 schools and that we had really impressed them with our application. Massive congratulations to **Hollyanne Hill** and **Tom Mason** who will be joining me in the summer holidays to work with Kevin Spacey and professional actors during morning workshops and then have the amazing opportunity to watch him in his performance of ‘Richard III’ - which has been getting amazing reviews. They really worked hard for this and it has paid off. Watch this space for their evaluation of the day when we come back in September.



## Was Stratford a good place to choose for the 2012 Olympics?

Year 7 Olympic Geography Fieldtrip - Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Katharine Merchant reporting...

**The Olympic Games are run by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which is made up of representatives from countries that take part in the Olympics. It is the IOC that decides which city will host the Games. Candidate cities make their bids to the IOC and have to meet a number of standards. These include:**

**The Olympic Park:** The main Olympic stadium and village (where athletes live) should be on one large site, near each other.

**Local Support:** The Games should be held in a large, modern city whose population support the bid.

**Transport:** The city should have a fast, efficient transport system to allow competitors and spectators to reach the venues easily.

**The Games Legacy:** The Games should leave behind something that will benefit future generations, better sports facilities, an improved environment and a regenerated city.

Pupils began their fieldwork by visiting Newham Library to research the history of the Olympic site. Here, they visited the archives room and examined various maps of Newham in the past (1777, 1867 and 1916). This told us a lot about what the area was like in terms of industry, farming, transport and housing.

We then visited a tower block known as Holden Point. There was a visitors viewing gallery where we could overlook the whole Olympic Park. We studied some maps and identified facilities within the Olympic Park such as the stadium, Velodrome and Athletes Village.

Pupils completed an Environmental Quality Survey of the nearby residential areas to the Olympic Park. This was very beneficial as it enabled us to understand the good and bad effects of the Olympic Games in London.

Before our lunch, we completed some questionnaires. We interviewed a small sample of people from different age groups and ethnic backgrounds in Stratford town centre. It was interesting to find out peoples' opinions of the games and how it will affect their lives.

Overall, this was an excellent trip that supported pupils understanding of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Year 7 are currently studying the Olympics within their Geography lessons so this was a perfect opportunity to study Geography in the field. Thanks to Miss Ladd, Mrs Lammin and Mrs Hawkins for supporting the visit.

