

# 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.

Bradley White	Molly Allen
Holly Clark	Samuel Byne
Fay Gilbe	Christine Hayes
Chris Hitchcock	Grant Kirkwood

## FIXTURES



**Monday 2nd February**  
Boys Swimming at Barstabe  
U14 Basketball v Mayflower (a)



**Tuesday 3rd February**  
Year 9 Rugby v William de Ferrers (a)  
Girls Swimming at Barstabe

**Wednesday 4th February**  
Year 7 County Cross Country at Highlands Park  
U16 Basketball v Mayflower (h)

## DIARY



**Monday 2nd February**  
Year 8 Academic Reviews Begin

**Tuesday 3rd February**  
Chatham Dockyards - Year 8  
Rock Concert - West Hall

**Wednesday 4th February**  
Chatham Dockyards - Year 8  
Barleylands - Voc/Asdan (6 Year 10's)  
Anglia Ruskin - Aim Higher: Law (12 x Yr 10)

**Thursday 5th February**  
Maths Challenge - East Hall (Years 9 & 10)  
Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Friday 6th February**  
Dance GCSE Standardisation Course

**Saturday 7th February**  
GCSE Languages Day - Holiday Inn  
Twickenham Rugby Trip - England v Italy

# connexions

Please could you arrange for the following students to attend their Year 11 Careers/Connexions interview in the connexions room situated in the Library.

### Monday 2nd February 2009

9.00am	Zoe Rooke	11DTh
10.00am	Rhea Lonergan	11JHa
11.15am	Cameron Parker	11JHa
12.15pm	Ben Perry	11JHa
2.15pm	Tony Moore	11JHa

### Tuesday 3rd February 2009

9.00am	Alex Sandom	11JHa
10.00am	Casey Boniface	11JMa
11.15am	Connor Reader	11JNi
12.15pm	Emily Scott	11JNi
2.15pm	Marc Upston	11JNi



## NETBALL FUNDRAISER



On Friday, 16th January, Woodlands had a charity Netball match for breast cancer - Pupils v Staff. Although there were a few injuries, the final score was 9-16 to the staff.

Apart from winning and losing we managed to raise some money. Our goal was to reach at least £100, we are pleased to say that we have raised over £200. Thank you to Mr. Turp and his company (BMSI Ltd) for their large donation. Thank you also to all the people that played, Miss Ginbey, Olivia Turp (organiser) and Morgan Davidson.



## Cans, Bottles and Fizzy Drinks



A reminder to all, that it is against the school rules to bring in aluminium cans and glass bottles. These can become particularly dangerous when left on the school field and shredded by the gang mowers when the grass is cut. The bringing in of carbonated (fizzy) drinks with a higher sugar caffeine content is also not permitted.

The only liquid allowed to be consumed during lessons is WATER.



## SCHOOL CLEANERS REQUIRED



5 days per week  
Between the hours of  
6am - 8am and 3.30pm - 6.30pm  
£5.73 per hour



Please phone Teresa (before 8pm)  
on 07951 902888 or 07767 233192

# Woodlands Weekly

~ Keeping You In Touch With The School ~



30th January 2009

Assembly Theme for Next Week  
"Charities & Help Agencies"

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## NATIONAL SUCCESS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Marc Newton reporting...



It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have had some national success in our extra curricular photography club. Just before Christmas I announced a competition that was to be run for Year 9 pupils. This national competition was sponsored by 'OKI printing solutions' and the 'Born Free Foundation' which is an international wildlife charity that works throughout the world to stop animal

suffering and protect threatened species in the wild.

The brief for the competition was to take interesting images of local wildlife. Several pupils entered the competition, run on Wednesday lunchtimes, and some fantastic results were entered, from birds flying at dusk to squirrels feeding on the back door step! However there could only be one Year 9 winner from all the schools that entered across the country and it was our very own Jessica Hardy that won the category with her picture 'Colourful Duck'.

On Saturday 17th January Jessica, her family and I attended the presentation that was held at London's Olympia at a show called BETT, which is an educational resources exhibition. Jessica was presented her prizes along with other winners by Born Free representative Will Travers. For winning her category she got a Nikon digital camera, a Born Free

adoption kit and a certificate of achievement. On top of this the school wins a OKI A3 printer that is worth over £1000!! This will help dramatically in the new GCSE photography course.

Well done all participants of the photography club and congratulations to Jessica!! The competition and photography club are still going, come to my room E58 on Wednesday lunchtimes for more information.



The winning image "Colourful Duck"

### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Recently I have had a few complaints from members of the public about the behaviour of Woodlands' pupils. This is unusual in that the vast majority of pupils are well behaved as they move to and from school. With that in mind could parents please reinforce the following advice.

Could pupils please:

- Walk sensibly to and from school
- Avoid upsetting members of the public
- Avoid dropping litter
- Use only designated footpaths as well as crossing roads at designated crossing points.

We are rightly proud of our reputation and therefore I would ask all pupils to ensure that their behaviour is of the highest standard when out in the community. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder to Year 11 families that Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 5th February at 4pm. As this will be the final Parents' Evening for Year 11 prior to them taking their GCSE exams could I urge all parents and pupils to attend. We are very confident that this year we will achieve record GCSE results but in order to do that we need all pupils to achieve their very best. With that in mind it is vital that parents, pupils and the school are working together in order to support and encourage pupils in these next few months.

### YEAR 10 FAMILY WORK REVIEWS

Over the next month or so we will be inviting all of Year 10 parents to a meeting in school to discuss progress so far and to set targets for future improvement. Could I urge all parents to make sure they attend this vital meeting. Please ask your Year 10 pupil for the letter offering an appointment.

### SUPERB

I know that I can speak for everyone who was fortunate to be in the audience for this week's school show in saying what a fantastic evening was had by all. The latest production from our multi talented Performing Arts department was a superb performance of "Oliver". Many congratulations to all of our pupils who were involved and thank you to all staff for giving up so much of their time in order to produce this event. Finally thank you to all families for supporting us by ensuring that our pupils played to a packed house every night.



# Motorboat Museum

Heather Ash reporting...

## Year 10 GCSE Applied Art trip to the Motorboat Museum, Wat Tyler and Dean Smith's artist Studio, Barleylands.

The trip was in preparation for a new project. The project, entitled 'Inspiration Art' will result in an exhibition at the museum as well as providing coursework for their GCSE examination.

Mr Newton, Mrs Toulson and I met our Year 10 Applied Art pupils on a very cold December morning at Trafford House. After waiting a little while for a nice warm bus to arrive, a nice cold bus arrived without any heating. We arrived at Wat Tyler Country Park and after a mad dash inside for warmth we discovered it was in fact "the only building in the world that is colder inside than out!" (To Quote Mr Newton)

Pupils were then given 20 minute tasks based on keywords. e.g. Typography, Machinery, Colour.... etc. They were to make studies and take photographs in preparation for their next major project which will eventually result in an Art exhibition at the Museum where pupils, parents, staff and council officials will be invited to attend a private viewing of the work.

After a couple of hours, just as our fingers and toes were about to drop off!, we got back on the cold bus. We headed off to Barleylands for lunch, a bit of shopping and to get warm!

After lunch we reconvened at Dean Smith's artist studio. Here the pupils experienced how an artist works and how they make a living. Dean had prepared an activity for our pupils involving Pop Art portraits of famous people. From Marilyn Manson to Chuck Norris! Pupils were provided with a variety of materials to create a mixed-media image. At the end of the afternoon, Dean and his business partner Ben judged the best and most experimental image. There were 2 runners up and they were, Roxanne Maree Rosario and Hannah Brown. The overall winner was Alisa Rai with her portrait of Artic Monkeys, Alex Turner. Congratulations girls!

All pupils were an asset to Woodlands, behaved fantastically and came away with plenty of work to kick-start their new project, and overall enjoyed the day - well, apart from the cold!

