

# WOODLANDS NEWSLETTER



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Enabling aspiration and achievement for all through delivery of a knowledge-rich curriculum underpinned by our CORE values:

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## WELCOME

This half term has been busy and really positive. Despite many challenges, we have maintained a good level of attendance for our students and are above national averages. Attendance in years 7, 8 and 12 has been exceptionally good and we are very proud of this but not complacent. We hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and have had a reduction in case numbers amongst staff and students in recent weeks which gave us the confidence to remove the requirement to wear masks in classrooms. With excellent buy-in from students, we have maintained face coverings in communal areas but will review case numbers in the first week back to consider the need for this measure going forward.

I am delighted to report that in this academic year, since September, almost 21,000 Achievement Points have been awarded to pupils! Students earn these points for demonstrating our CORE values: by being courageous, optimistic, showing regard for themselves and others and for excellent endeavour in what they do. Of these points, 12,768 have been awarded for endeavour. This tells us, as a school community, that our students are hard working and they rise to a challenge. As families and staff, this is something we should really celebrate; our students are trying hard and doing their best and that is excellent to see. Visitors from other schools and the local authority always comment on how polite and considerate our students are and, recently, external visitors have been very impressed with how our students show each other regard sharing communal spaces and cooperating with each other even at busy times in the day. Well done and thank you to them all.

Our home learning app is now in full use and I would urge all families to download the app and use it to be informed about the tasks your child is being set and how we are trying to support their achievements as a school; we have lots of positive feedback from parents and carers who are accessing it and students are telling us they find it really helpful for organising their work and meeting deadlines. In addition, the Weduc app is now our main method of communication for day to day operational communications; all families are recommended to access to this to get quick updates easily.

Finally, our Charity Day event, organised by 6<sup>th</sup> formers, has been a huge success with plenty of fun and lots of money being raised for Macmillan and Rainbows Hospice. We will update with a total amount raised after half term.

We would like to wish you all a good half term; Y11 and 13 students return to mock exams so some time studying will be needed but we also recommend a bit of down time for everyone so that we are all rested and recharged coming back to school.

Best wishes

**Gemma Penny**

## Year 11 Mock Interviews



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed 28 local employers who came in to conduct mock interviews with our year 11 students. Each student got the opportunity to have a one-to-one appointment with someone who works for a local business. The aim of the session was to give them an experience of an interview and prepare them for their next steps. Each student got individual feedback, both verbally and written which will help them as they move on to future education or employment. The feedback from the employers and the students was overwhelmingly positive and they now feel more prepared for their next steps.

Charlotte McEntee

Careers Lead

## Year 10 CV Writing



On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February we welcomed a group of local employers to deliver sessions on employability and CV writing to our Year 10 students. The pupils were given a range of information to gain an insight into how to apply for different types of jobs and what an employer would look for in an applicant. The students were able to ask questions and engaged really well, coming away feeling much more confident and ready to make their own CVs. It had also given them skills and confidence to apply for work experience placements, which will take place later in the year. They will now build their CVs with their tutors, producing an important document to take with them for future education and employment.

## Author Visit Daniel Blythe



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022, we had the incredible privilege of hosting our Patron of Reading, Daniel Blythe, for his second visit with some of our Year 9 students.

During the day, Daniel led an introductory talk about Dr. Who and how to become a writer - as the day progressed, he led three workshops with Year 9 students about how to make our creative writing more engaging.

This has been a wonderful enrichment opportunity for our students to be able to meet a real author and learn how to write in more ambitious styles. We look forward to his third and final visit at the end of the academic year!

This builds on our developing form tutor reading programme in key stage 3.

Miss E. Kent

*10C1 Form Tutor*

*Assistant Faculty Director of English and Literacy Coordinator*

# 6th Form Charity Day



## Women's Careers in STEM



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February a group of year 9 girls attended a remote event to inspire young women to consider careers in STEM. The event run by The MAG group which includes East Midlands, Manchester and Stanstead Airports.

It involved talks from a range of speakers, working in different roles across the aviation industry and covered roles in; Engineering, Logistics, Management, Languages, Marketing, Retail, Apprenticeships, Sustainability, Emergency Services and Aviation.

They had engaging talks from women who currently work in these sectors and were able to ask questions. The event was extremely informative, and our pupils have been inspired to consider what a career in STEM might offer for them.

Charlotte McEntee  
Careers Lead

## Rainbows Hospice



Our Year 8 students are currently raising money for Rainbows Hospice by donating clothes, toys, boardgames and bedding. Each donation is added to the wheelie bins in our LRC area. The students can also donate money to [Rainbows.co.uk](http://Rainbows.co.uk) or by calling 01609 638049.

## Rocket Club



Our KS3 Rocket Club has spent the past few months developing their rocketry skills. This group has successfully designed, built, and launched their very own rockets - well done everyone! We are looking forward to taking part in the UKRA Level 1 Rocketry competition which starts in September. Rocket Club is held every Thursday Week B and is open to anybody in year 7, 8 or 9. See Miss Leonard if you would like to join.

## Alex McCaul



Allestree Woodlands School are very proud of our kind hearted sixth form student Alex McCaul. Along with another 8 friends he has helped to raise £4000 by shaving his hair. The donations have been sent to The Every Cloud Cancer Charity [www.everycloudcharity.com](http://www.everycloudcharity.com)  
Well done Alex!!!!

# GCSE Food Tech Exam : Great work by Year 11





You said. We did.

## PSHE Relationships and Sex Education Parental Consultation Feedback Part 1

Thank you to all our parents and carers who completed the RSE parental consultation. The information provided will help to strengthen our delivery of this vital curriculum. PSHE is not just taught in the classroom and we want it to be a partnership between home and school.

Ways you can support PSHE education at home:

- Allow your child to talk about PSHE topics at home. This can be a good way for students to explore and contextualise the content.
- If you can look ahead to what your child will be learning next so that you can anticipate any awkward questions. The long-term curriculum plan (here: shows what will be taught each half term [PSHE-Long-Term-Overview-2022](#))
- Be honest with your child if you can't answer a question and explore these areas further together. There are some great online resources to help here: <https://www.brook.org.uk/resources/>

You said 'These are the three most important topics within the curriculum.'

Topic	Where these topics are currently taught:
Understanding consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 8 - 'My friends told me to do it...'</li> <li>•Year 9 - Relationships and Sex,</li> <li>•Year 10 - Personal Safety</li> <li>•Year 11 - Relationships and Families</li> </ul>
Peer Pressure, assertiveness and risk within relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 7 - Positive Relationships and Trust</li> <li>• Year 8 - 'My friends told me to do it...' and It's a part of growing up</li> <li>•Year 9 - Relationships and Sex, the long arm of the law and Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>•Year 11 - Relationships and Families</li> </ul>
Creating and maintaining healthy relationships with family and friends (in person and online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 7 - Positive Relationships and Trust, The importance of E-Safety</li> <li>• Year 9 - Relationships and Sex</li> <li>• Year 11 - Relationships and families</li> </ul>

You said: We're not sure where to find information about the PSHE curriculum at AWS.

Information about the curriculum can be found on the school website under Curriculum and Learning > PSHE

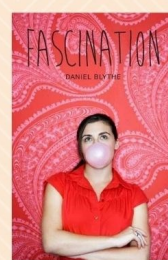
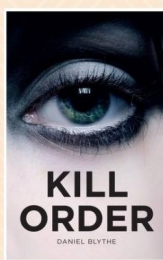
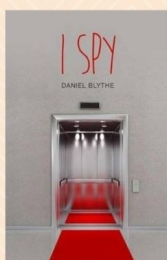
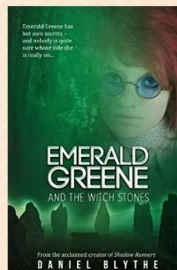
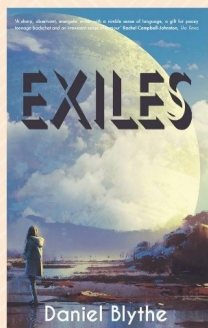
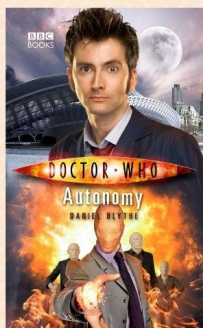


<https://www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk/pshe>

# Our Patron of Reading

{supporter}

author Daniel Blythe



[danielblythe.org](http://danielblythe.org)



## Allestree Woodlands Enrichment Activities

At Allestree Woodlands we would really like to encourage parents to view our Enrichment Activities. A list has been sent to parents and it can also be found on our website under 'News and Events' - 'Extra Curricular Activities' - 'Weekly Activities Timetable'.

A few of the activities we provide are chess club, youth theatre, jazz band and basketball club. The activities will help with the wellbeing of our students and encourage them to learn new skills.

### EVENT 1

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January Y7 Derby City Sports hall Athletics at Woodlands

#### Boys team – 1<sup>st</sup>

Mally Conellon  
Theo Latham  
Billy King  
Liam Brown  
Isaac Cannon  
Rylea White  
Chalie Box

#### Girls Team—2<sup>nd</sup>

Harmony Monk  
Asha Banga  
Esmee Downes  
Holly Barrows  
Alessia Maraia  
Annabell Lunn

Both teams have made it through to the county final in March. Congratulations!

### EVENT 2

Derbyshire Schools XC Championships Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Mount St Mary's College

#### Year 7 Girls:

Isha Dayal 56th  
Esmee Downes 66th  
Holly Barrows 69th

#### Inter Boys:

Sam Sawcz-wood 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Senior Boys

Stanley Clarke 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Junior Boys:

Daniel Cope 16th  
George Dickens 36th  
Seth Blanchenot 42nd  
Ben Winter 57th

#### Senior Girls:

Poppy Mead 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Junior Girls:

Iris Clarke 2nd  
Lena Clark 55th

Iris and Poppy will be representing Derbyshire at the English Schools XC championships on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Wishing them both the very best of luck. Sam Sawcz-Wood will be first reserve for the Derbyshire team!

Congratulations to all of the above!!

### YEAR 7 INTERHOUSE RESULTS-DECEMBER 2021

FOOTBALL – WINNERS-(WODL) (LANS) **MAPLE**  
NETBALL – WINNERS-(LANS) **OAK** (WODS) **ROWAN**  
DANCE-WINNERS-(WODL) **ROWAN** (LANS) **MAPLE**  
BASKETBALL-WINNERS-(WODL) **MAPLE** (LANS) **MAPLE**

### YEAR 8 INTERHOUSE RESULTS

NETBALL-WINNERS-(LANS) **OAK** (WODL)**MAPLE**  
FOOTBALL–WINNER-(LANS) **MAPLE**(WODL) **MAPLE**  
BASKETBALL–WINNER-(LANS) **OAK** (WODL) **MAPLE**  
DANCE- WINNER-(LANS) **MAPLE** (WODL) **MAPLE**

### YEAR 9 INTERHOUSE RESULTS

FOOTBALL –WINNERS-(LANS) NO GAMES due to covid (WODL) NO GAMES due to covid  
NETBALL –WINNERS- (LANS) **MAPLE** (WODL) NO GAMES due to covid  
BASKETBALL (BOYS)-WINNERS – (LANS) **MAPLE** (WODL) NO GAMES due to covid  
BASKETBALL (GIRLS)- WINNERS-(WODL) NO GAMES due to covid (LANS) NO GAMES due to covid

## Core Values

Core values special mention to;

Francesca Wilson, Lily Manning Parker; Emma Evans; Logan Corry; Andrew Topham; Olivia Brentnall; George Dickens; Andre Stroi; Lana Abdulalla; William Whitehall; Caleb Cooper; Robin Hastie; Oli Hugil; Corey Clarke; Caspar Moyryk and Harrison Westran-Hall,

## Basket Ball Fixtures

### Basketball Fixtures and Results November to February

17 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Year 7</u>	Woodlands 2 v 4 John Port Woodlands 4 v 4 Noel Baker Woodlands 4 v 0 Landau
25 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Year 8</u>	Woodlands 10 v 8 Noel Baker Woodlands 6 v 4 West Park
	<u>Year 10</u>	Woodlands 20 v 36 John port
30 <sup>th</sup> November	<u>Year 10</u>	Woodlands 18 v 22 Murray Park
7 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Year 8</u>	Woodlands 8 v 4 Alvaston Moor
8 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Year7</u>	Woodlands 2 v 6 West Park
13 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Year 10/12</u>	Woodlands 24 v 20 St Benedict's
19 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Year 8</u>	Woodlands 17 v 16 Noel Baker Woodlands 17 v 8 West Park
20 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Year 9</u>	Woodlands 14 v 22 Alvaston Moor
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Year 8</u>	Woodlands 17 v 14 John Port Woodlands 3 v 12 St Benedict's
27 <sup>th</sup> January	<u>Year 10/12</u>	Woodlands 37 v 33 Alvaston Moor
1 <sup>st</sup> February	<u>Year 7</u>	Woodlands 4 v 10 Cathedral School Woodlands 2 v 8 West Park
8 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>Year 9</u>	Woodlands 24 v 20 John Port.
15 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>Year 8</u>	Results to be confirmed

## National Deaf Football Championships



On 8th February, some of our deaf students took part in the National Deaf 5 a side football Championships. They performed brilliantly against schools with many more pupils and our junior boys team came third.

Congratulations to all the players.

## Table Tennis Success



Congratulations to George Dickens and Leon Algie!

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December Woodlands hosted the Derby City Individual Table tennis competition. Over 50 individuals took part from schools across the city.

Leon Algie U16 (finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the city)

George Dickens U13 (finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the city)

Both boys then went on to play and represent Derby City, at the County Championships on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> February in Chesterfield.

George Dickens placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Derbyshire finals and will now play in the Butterfly Schools individual Table Tennis National Finals on April the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Good luck George!

## Woodlands U14 Netball Team



Miss Thornton, Mr Cleveley, Miss Heron and Miss Probert took our U14 netball team to their regional tournament last weekend.

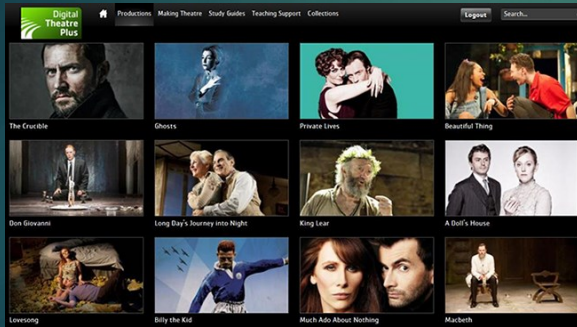
They played the best schools from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire. They came 6th out of 10 schools, and finished the best state school. The games were all very close and went right to the end.

Each student represented the school with fantastic sporting behaviours, sportsmanship and endeavour.

Do you fancy an evening watching fantastic theatre?



Do you want to escape into a different world for a couple of hours?



All staff and students can now access Digital Plus and view a wide range of theatre productions as well as documentaries about theatre practitioners and behind the scenes videos from home

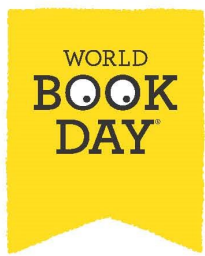


The link for Digital Theatre + has been emailed out to all students and to access the plays you will need to log in using your school email address and password. If you need any help, please email Mrs Oldham (h.oldham@woodlands.derby.sch.uk).

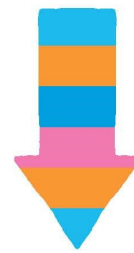
## Drama Extra-Curricular

What	When	Where
<p><b>KS3 Youth Theatre</b> Youth Theatre is open to all students in year 7,8 or 9. As a group students will work with a teacher-director to rehearse and create plays for performance.</p>	<p>Monday After school 3:15 - 4:30</p>	<p>In the theatre</p>
<p><b>Rehearsal and Revision</b> Rehearsal and Revision gives GCSE Drama students the chance to rehearse pieces for performance, revise key theory and catch up on coursework. It will be a mix of teacher lead sessions and time for students to work on their own, asking for support if needed</p>	<p>Thursday After school 3:15 - 4:45</p>	<p>In the drama studio</p>
<p><b>LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art)</b> LAMDA gives students in year 8 and 9 the chance to work towards exams in acting. Students will work with a teacher to prepare monologues for a performance exam.</p>	<p>Thursday After school 3:15 - 4:30</p>	<p>In the theatre</p>
<p><b>Drama Games</b> Drama Games is open to year 7 and 8 students who enjoy taking part in drama games and activities</p>	<p>Friday Lunchtime 12:40-1:10</p>	<p>In the Drama Studio</p>

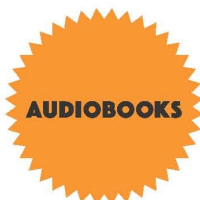




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3

### FIRST PAGE CHECK

Does the first page make you want to carry on reading the rest of the book?

4

### GET READING

Or have another go at finding the right book for you!

5

### STILL STUCK? ASK FOR A RECOMMENDATION



Ask a friend, family member, teacher or librarian to recommend a book they enjoyed.

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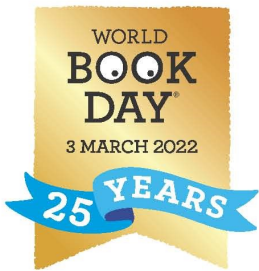
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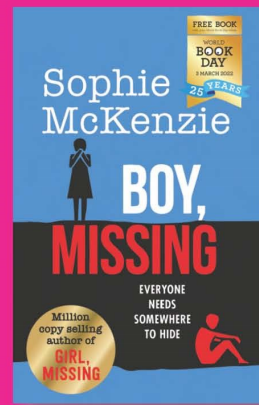
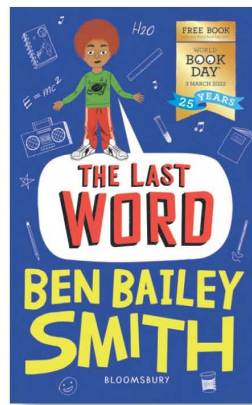
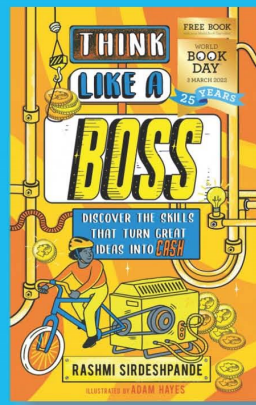
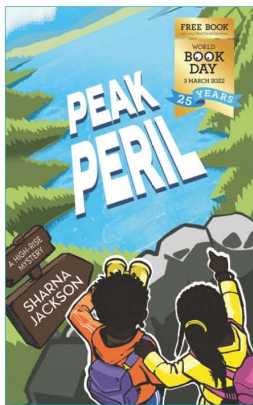
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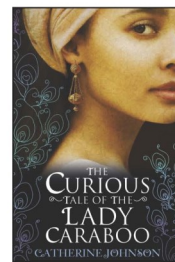
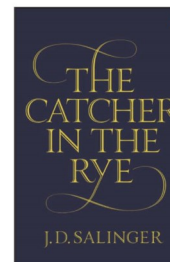
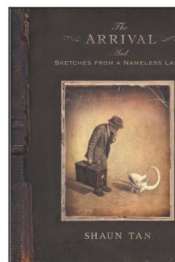
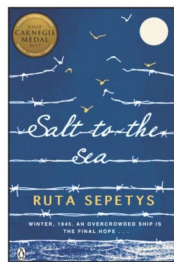
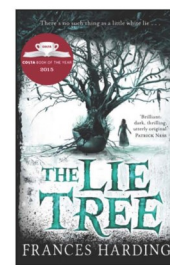
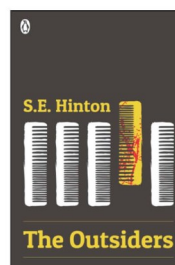
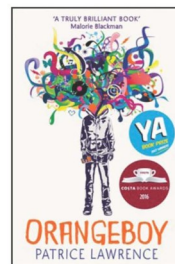
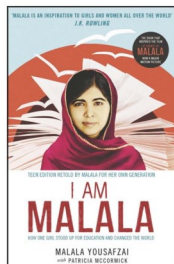
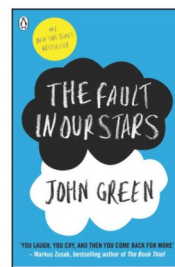
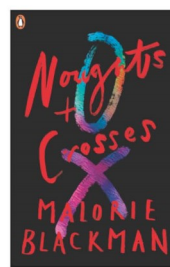
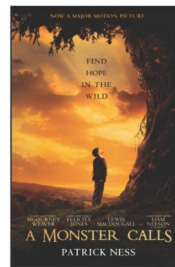
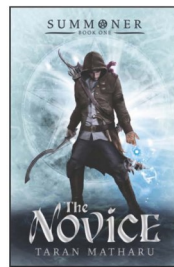
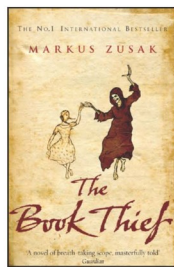
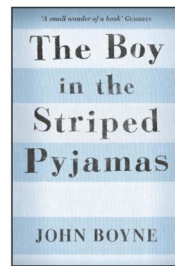
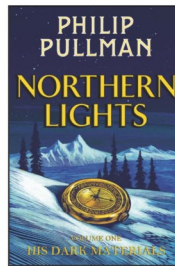
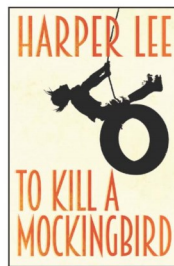
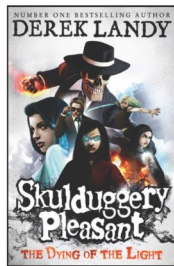


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*the arc is long*

Keith Harring  
May 4, 1958 – February 16, 1990



Jean-Michel Basquiat  
December 22, 1960 – August 12, 1988



Flore de Henriquez  
June 201921 – June 6, 2004



Mark Aguiar  
May 16, 1987 – March 12, 2012



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022 AT WOODLANDS SPORT & LEISURE

## MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

We deliver an exciting multi-sport holiday camp here at Woodlands Sport and Leisure, offering a wide variety of games and activities incorporating a lot of your child's favourite sports and daily splash sessions.

**Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February**

**Ages: 5 - 10 years**

**Cost: £19.50 per day**

**Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm daily**



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## FAMILY SPLASH SESSIONS

Bring friends and family, and have fun with floats and toys in our splash sessions. Ideal for all ages and abilities.

**Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February**  
**11:00am - 1:30pm**

*All other public sessions continue as normal.*

**Adults £3.20**

**Juniors £2.50**

**4 and under free**

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## LANE SWIMMING

**Tuesday Evening**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Friday Morning**

**7:00am - 8:30am**

For more information call **01332 555904** or email **the.pool@woodlands.derby.sch.uk**.  
Check our website out at **www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk**. Woodlands Sport & Leisure is a department of Allestree Woodlands School with all our staff holding a current enhanced DBS.

## Safeguarding Team

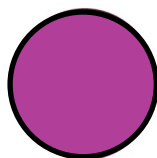
# THE WOODLANDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**Mrs Brailsford** Assistant Head Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr Roe** Deputy Head  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Bailey** Behaviour  
Improvement Co-ordinator  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

Woodlands is committed to the safety and protection of students. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team or email [safeguarding@woodlands.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@woodlands.derby.sch.uk)



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TO SAFEGUARD THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

## Heads of Year Contact Details

Should parents/carers have any concerns regarding their child, could they please initially contact their Form Tutors. Thereafter, the next point of contact would be the following Heads of House:

### Head of Year 7

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## KEY DATES

Monday 28th February—Start of Second Half Term

Monday 28th February—Friday 11th March—Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 14th March—Year 10 Summary Reports to Parents

Tuesday 15th March—Thursday 17th March—Year 11 Geography Field Visit

Tuesday 15th March—Year 9 TDP & Man ACWY Vaccines

Thursday 24th March—Year 12 Geography Field Visit to Birmingham

Tuesday 29th March—Spring Concert

Wednesday 6th April—Year 11 Revision/Tutor Evening

Friday 8th April—End of Spring Term

Monday 25th April—Start of Summer Term