

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

Another academic year is done and we have much to celebrate. The past term or two at school has been a chance to really show the excellence of enrichment on offer at Woodlands and the range of opportunities available to students. We have enjoyed musical concerts and show cases this year, have opened auditions for our school musical in December and agreed our cast, taken part in a wealth of sporting fixtures and events including City Sports, run international trips to Iceland, France, Germany and Spain and, this week, we have managed our enrichment day and activities day with trips to suit most interests; on top of this, two excellent work experience weeks have been provided for Y10 and Y12 students. These things were not possible last year and were much missed; staff have delighted in seeing students in other contexts and getting to know more about them as people. Without exception, visitors, venues, drivers, providers etc. have commended our students on their behaviour, politeness and efforts in different situations. It has been a source of great pride to undertake work experience visits and listen to fabulous feedback about our students. Well done and thank you all.

This year Y11 and Y13 leavers were able to have leavers' events which were more like a traditional prom than last year; this celebration and moment of pause was a great source of joy and pride for all. They looked wonderful and did themselves proud, having fun and showing their appreciation to the staff who have supported them thus far. We were particularly pleased at the very high number of students who attended both events and felt it showed how included students feel in this important rite of passage.

Today, many students have received awards for excellence; they are an absolute credit to us and to their families!

Students return to school on Monday 5th September for Y7 and Y12 to provide some induction and all other years return on Tuesday 6th September. Messages will be sent out to confirm closer to the time.

Have a safe and peaceful summer.

Gemma Penny



Literature, Poetry and Song Competition



As part of our cultural and cross-curricular links, the German department have run a literature, poetry and song competition with year 8 and 9 students.

The competition was based around the German song 99 Luftballons by Nena. The song was written during the time of the division of Germany and has many messages that link to that time.

The students discussed their interpretation of the song after learning about its historical context. The competition was to then produce a piece of poetry, piece of art, model or description of the situation at that time. They had to incorporate some of the key words and phrases in German that related to that time. Some of the entries were outstanding and we were able to send them to Nottingham University for a school-wide competition with the eventual winners, Harriet Beadle and Teana Latipun Champisri, coming from our school.

A special mention to the following students for their amazing pieces:

Alexa Child (internal winner), Oliva Brentnall (internal runner-up) Finley Maingay (internal runner-up), Evie-Orton Haines, Katy Taylor-Brittan, Olly Hugill, James Cook, Mason Adams, Brooks Spargo, Connor Thow, Keanu Dolan, Polly Harrison Shulmiyat Nadeem, Jessica Udu, Amelie Higgins and Samantha Collins



Year 7 Enterprise Day



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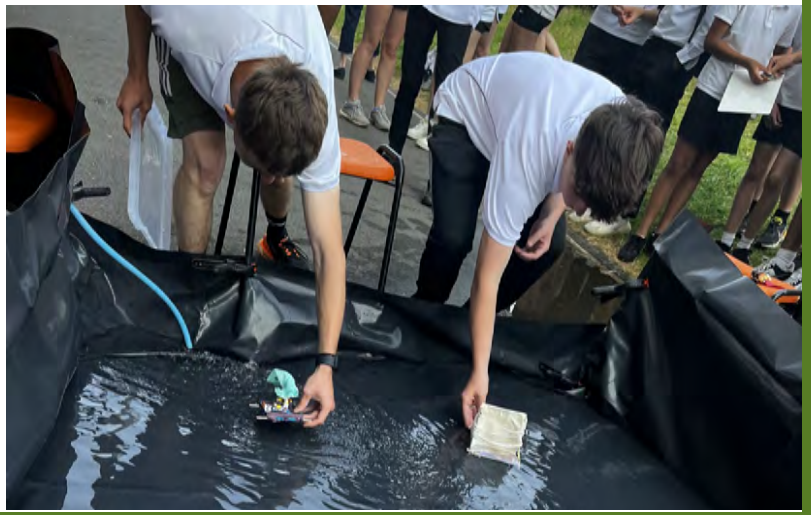
Throughout the summer term, Y7 have taken part in an 'Enterprise Challenge' during PSHE, where each form were given £20 to start a business. Over five weeks, they have generated ideas, carried out market research and then sold their products in the Theatre to the rest of the school at lunchtime.

The students and their form tutors were fantastic and created some brilliant ideas and products. As a collective, they raised over £500 profit, which has been donated to the Ukraine appeal.

Well done to all of Year 7!

From Mr. Forsyth, Mrs. Barradell and Mrs. Curr

Enrichment Day



Enrichment Day



On Wednesday 20th July, students took part in our Enrichment Day. It was a fantastic day with students in Years 7 and 8 taking part in Commonwealth Games themed lessons in the Arts, English and Humanities, as well as trying out Wheelchair Basketball, Boccia, Goalball and Kickboxing. They were also visited by local athlete Jamie Spencer-Pickup, Gold medal winner at the Junior Commonwealth Games and member of the senior GB Judo squad. His inspiring assemblies encouraged our students to think about how our CORE values can help them to achieve their goals in life, both inside and outside school. Our sixth form students were tasked with the creation of a bid for Derby to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030. After presenting to their peers, the shortlisted top three presented to the whole of Year 7 at the end of the day. It was a great moment to see our oldest and youngest students interacting together in the theatre. The Year 12s showed great courage to present in front of such a crowd!

Our Year 9 Students took part in a STEM day with a great range of activities led by our Science, Technology and Maths teams, from raft building, Knex buggy building and marble run construction. They were visited by former student Daisy Richardson, who now works in the aerospace industry for B2Space. She gave an assembly talking to students about her career path and shared details of her current role and the rockoon project she is working on, as well as collaborating with them in their activities throughout the day.

The students were a credit to the school and produced some fantastic work in their lessons. I cannot wait to start planning next year's Enrichment Day!

Mrs Walker

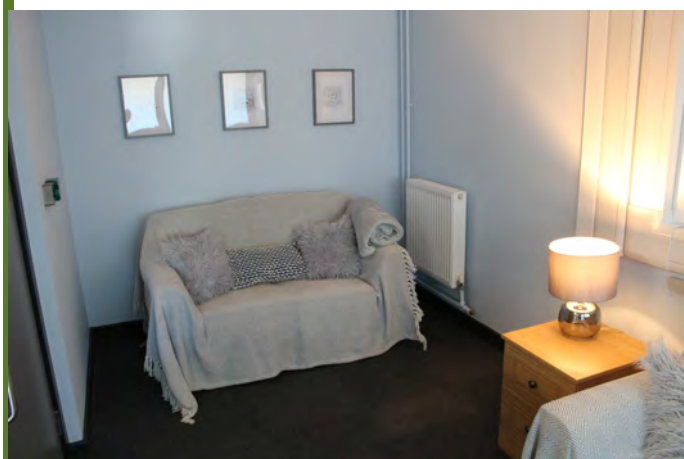
Lead for Enrichment, Cultural Capital and Opportunity

Wellbeing Ambassadors



We would like to introduce our 6th Form Wellbeing Ambassadors. As part of a move in increased mental health support in school, a group of Y12 students volunteered for a 2 day professional course, in which they trained to become Mental Health First Aiders.

Our Mental Health First Aiders have been actively working to support younger students throughout the school, at times, using our newly upgraded Well-Being Centre.



Allestree Woodlands Therapy Dog

As some of you may/may not be aware, AWS will be getting a new member of the team in September 2022.

Meet Kobe, Allestree Woodlands' new therapy dog. While Kobe is not quite ready to join the school just yet, he has enjoyed a few transition days at the school and getting to know his surroundings.



Therapy dogs have been proven to support and enhance learning, reduce anxiety and help young people build confidence in their reading skills.

Kobe will begin work in October, following a number of visits to school over the coming weeks to help familiarise him with our setting. Kobe is currently undergoing his final training and staff will also be trained to handle Kobe when at work. As a school we have undertaken research, visited schools in other areas who successfully use a Therapy Dog and have liaised closely with our Health and Safety Team to ensure a robust Risk Assessment is in place, along with all relevant insurance.

A copy of our Policy will be placed on our website and will detail our approach to using a Therapy Dog in school, the need for parent/carer consent for pupils to work with Kobe and the mitigations in place to minimise risk.

We will speak to all pupils through assemblies in September to ensure everyone understands the role Kobe will have in school and how to behave around him, taking account of any phobias and/or allergies to dogs.

I'm sure Kobe will be a much loved member of our team at AWS who will undoubtedly make a difference to many young people who will work with him.

More information will be sent out to parents/carers in September but to follow Kobe's adventures and journey to being a therapy dog follow him on Instagram on [kobe_the_aws_dog](#)



Open Doors Initiative At The Jurys Inn



As part of the local 'Open Doors' initiative we took a group of year 9 students to the Jurys Inn hotel in Derby. They were given a talk about the hotel industry, the Jurys Inn brand and potential careers. They met the Head of Housekeeping and The Food and Beverage Manager who talked about how they progressed to their roles and what they had to do on a daily basis. They then had a tour of the hotel, - the highlight being the view of Derby from the top of the building, - they were also able to ask the manager any questions. The visit was very informative, and we hope to visit again soon.

Open Doors Initiative At East Midlands Airport



As part of the local 'Open Doors' initiative, we were able to take a group of Year 9 students to visit East Midlands Airport. The students learnt about how the airport operates and all the jobs available there. They then had a tour of the outside and the departure area, where they met a member of the check-in staff who showed them the check-in process and answered any questions. Finally, they met the airport police who discussed their careers routes and their current role at the airport. They were able to try the handcuffs, sit in the car and turn on the sirens. The students really enjoyed the visit, and we will certainly go again in the future.

Deaf Students At Allestree Woodlands School



We had a great day in Doncaster taking part in the National Deaf Rounders Competition. Our 'A' team were the runners up.



We would like to congratulate Rose Faraj, Salimah Hussain, Markuss Burca and Harlee White for working hard to pass their BSL Level 1 exam.



We also had a brilliant day at a Deaf Music Festival at Aldercar School. Here's Reuben trying his hand at the trombone!

Language Leaders Award Certification



It was a thoroughly rewarding and enriching visit to Lawn Primary School on Thursday 14th July, that allowed a group of our Y9 Linguists to achieve their full Language Leaders Award certification.

They excelled themselves throughout, by preparing a series of lessons in French, German and Spanish, delivering them confidently to Y5s and Y6s all morning. By the end of the lessons, all pupils were able to converse confidently expressing their views on Free Time activities, the Weather, Animals (some of the exotic variety!) and Professions. As the Lawn teachers said, they were all a credit to Allestree Woodlands School!!

Earlier in the year, they had completed Research Projects in French, German and Spanish speaking countries, as well as having taught Y7 pupils how to sing a Christmas Carol in the Target Language which was performed in the Theatre at the end of the Autumn Term.

It has been fantastic to see the Y9s grow in their leadership, communicative and creative roles, all showing the Core Values of the school, but also importantly to see them getting back to normal, completing tasks alongside others in a fun way.

Mr Thompson

Teacher of Languages

Author Sarah Crossan

This term we had the incredible opportunity to be involved with a virtual, 'Meet the Author,' event in connection with Derby Book Festival. Year 8 students, who opted in, were treated to a brilliant interview with multi award winning writer Sarah Crossan. She spoke about her inspirations, her life experiences, and answered questions from our students.

She was brilliant!



It was a thrilling experience! Seeing someone who has achieved their dreams really gives you motivation!" - PB, a year 8 student

Sarah Crossan's novels have strong emotive themes and are mainly written in verse which allows readers to easily engage with her stories and feel a sense of achievement at being able to read through her books at pace.

Click the link to hear why the verse novel appeals to Sarah Crossan as a writer - shorturl.at/AHZ17

WE ARE READERS

SUMMER READING

Recommended books include:

- Philip Reeve: *RAIL HEAD*
- Mitch Johnson: *KICK*
- Jo Cotterill: *A Library of Lemons*
- P. J. Canning: *17 MONSTER*
- Benjamin Zephaniah: *REFUGEE BOY*
- Satya Balen: *October, October*
- Percy Jackson: *LIGHTNING THIEF* (Rick Riordan)
- Alexander: *ALEX IN WONDERLAND*
- Birdie Milano: *BOY MEETS HAMSTER*
- Leigh Bardugo: *SHADOW AND BONE*
- Simon Mayo: *BLAME*
- Patrick Ness: *MOOD SWITCH*
- Derek Landy: *Skulduggery Pleasant*
- Leah Johnson: *YOU SHOULD SEE ME IN A CROWN*
- Jennifer Niven: *HOLDING UP THE UNIVERSE*
- Elizabeth Acevedo: *THE POET X*
- Armin Greder: *99 days*
- e.lockhart: *we were liars*
- Elizabeth Acevedo: *WITH THE FIRE ON HIGH*
- Holly Jackson: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*
- Elizabeth Acevedo: *CLAP WHEN YOU LAND*
- Patrice Lawrence: *ORANGEBOY*
- Malorie Blackman: *NOUGHTS & CROSSES*
- Karen M. McManus: *YOU'VE GOT ONE OF US*

Some titles are recommended for students age 14+
Please ask your School Librarian for advice

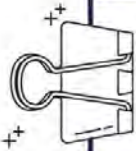
Summer Challenge


Taking part is optional but we would love you to have a go!

Name:

Form:

Return your sheet to the library in September



Read in the morning for 10 minutes	Read outside for 15 minutes	Turn on, and read the subtitles while you are watching TV or YouTube	Read before you go to sleep every night for at least a week
Draw a new front cover for a book you read during your Summer Challenge and return with this sheet.	Read aloud	Recommend a book to someone else. <small>(Why do you think they may enjoy it?)</small>	Listen to someone read to you
Listen to a David Attenborough Podcast	Choose your next book	Make a list of the books you read during the summer	Read a Poem 
Read whilst sitting on a comfy chair for 30 minutes	Make a list of your favourite books. Include as many books as you like	Read a news article	Read to someone in your house

Complete the Summer Challenge by ticking each square as you do the activity. You may write notes about the challenge on the back of this sheet if you wish.

The Summer Challenge is for reading activity that takes place from Friday 22nd July - 5th September



Achievement points will be awarded in September!

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Year 8 and Year 9 Barcelona Trip



37 Year 8 and Year 9 Spanish students visited Barcelona week commencing 4th July. They visited the Sagrada Familia, Camp Nou, Parc Güell and the Portaventura Theme Park.

The trip was a great success, and the students were a credit to the school.

Year 8 And Year 9 Cologne Trip



A group of students from year 8 and 9 took a 3-day trip to Cologne in Germany. We stayed in a youth hostel and visited lots of great places: the Cologne Cathedral (where we climbed 533 steps to the top!), the Lindt Chocolate Museum, and the theme park *Phantasialand*. The students were able to practise their German skills in shops and restaurants, as well as asking for the correct shoe size at the bowling alley. We had a fantastic time and the students have returned to Woodlands with a new enthusiasm for all things German!

Summer Concert



Pre-Loved Uniform Collection Scheme



We are pleased to announce that, in conjunction with Morley's Schoolwear, we have implemented a pre-loved uniform collection scheme.

We have set up two boxes in school (one in main reception and one at student reception) to collect uniform that is no longer needed. This uniform will be collected by Morley's, on a regular basis, who will check its quality and then restock in their new pre-loved area of the store at a discounted price.

Any profits gained from the sale of pre-loved items will be donated to charity at the end of the year and we will inform you how much has been raised from this.

The stipulation for donating un-needed uniform is as follows:

- Must be **laundered**
- For blazers and PE tops to be sold they would need the school logo. However, items without the school logo would still be appreciated and can be used as spare clothing in school.

Must be in a **re-saleable** condition - ask yourself 'would you buy it for your child?' (minor damage can be repaired)

We very much look forward to working with our school community on this sustainability project along with helping to provide an alternative to full priced uniform for people wishing to purchase pre-loved.

702 Globe Theatre Creations

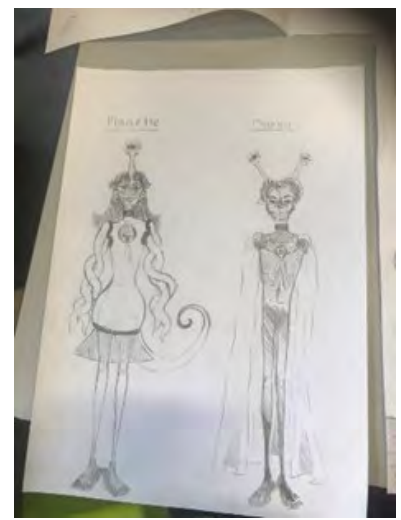
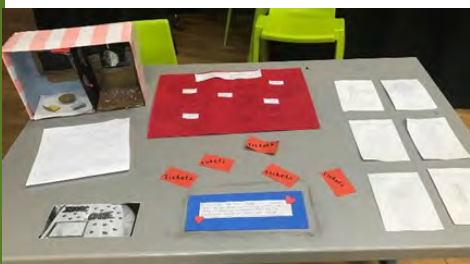
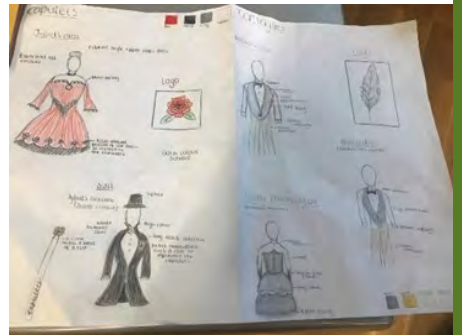
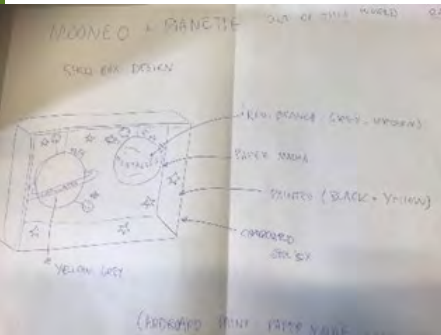
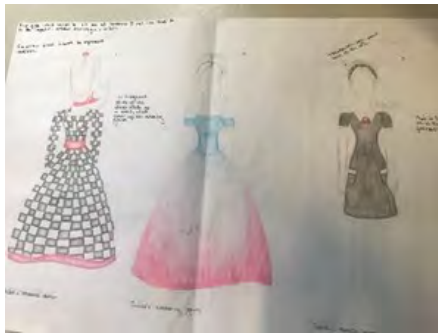
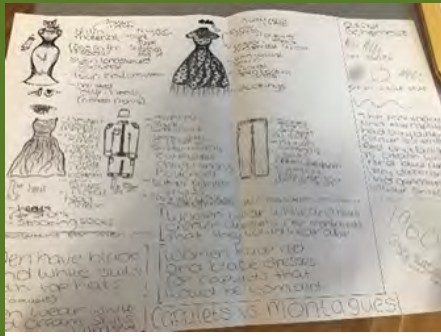


Creative and talented students in 702 have worked incredibly hard on creating some wonderful 3D creations of the Globe Theatre for a recent homework task!

In their English lessons, students have been studying the life and works of William Shakespeare, including considering how it must have felt for an audience to experience live performances in the Globe Theatre.

Well done to 702 for making such fantastic models!

Drama Beautiful Work



Well done to year 9 students who produced some great work as part of their Romeo and Juliet projects in Drama. The students explored the play before planning their own creative versions of the Shakespeare play.

Sports Day



Sports Day



Sports Day



Year 11 Shirt Signing



Year 13 Prom



LAMDA

Well done to the students in year 8 and 9 who recently took their acting LAMDA exams. We were delighted to give these students the chance to take their exams in school and we were very proud of how hard the students worked in preparation for their exams. We wish you every success for your results.

Do you fancy an evening watching fantastic theatre?

DIGITAL THEATRE +

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



We are delighted to let you know you have access to Digital Theatre+ for another year. 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 sent out to all students via teams. 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).

Year 8 Basketball Team



Congratulations to our Year 8 Basketball Team who reached the semi-final of the East of England Junior NBA Competition.

Well done lads!!

Iris Clarke 9R1



We would like to congratulate Iris Clarke for coming 11th in The English School Track & Field Championships 1500m which took part in Manchester on 11th and 12th June.

Iris's achievement has motivated her for further competitions next year and is even considering doing the 3000m.

Well done Iris!!

SUMMER HOLIDAY 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.

Every Monday to Friday. Starting the 25th of July to the 2nd of September.*

Ages: 5 - 10 years

Cost: £19.50 per day

Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm



Scan the QR code
to book online now!

FAMILY SPLASH SESSIONS

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

Every Monday to Friday. Starting the 25th of July to the 2nd of September.*

11:00am - 12:00 noon

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Every Saturday all year around

8:30am - 9:25am

9:30am - 10:25am

Adult (Splash)
£3.50

Junior (4-15yrs)
£2.60

Toddler (0-3yrs)
£1.00

LANE SWIMMING

*Excluding Bank Holidays**

Morning Sessions*

Monday 7:00am - 8:30am

Friday 7:00am - 8:30am

Evening Sessions

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

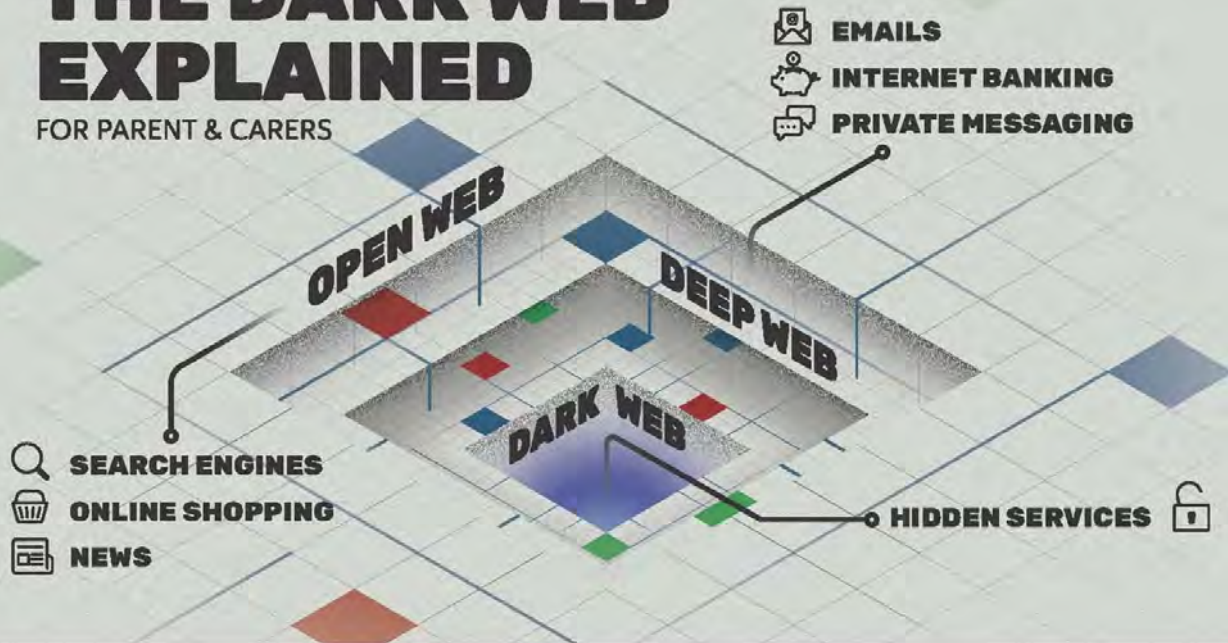
Adult (Lane)
£4.00

Junior (4-15yrs)
£2.60

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.

THE DARK WEB EXPLAINED

FOR PARENT & CARERS



Being aware of the Dark Web can help you have informed conversations and support your child if you are concerned.

WHAT IS THE DARK WEB?

There are three different parts of the internet: the Open Web, the Deep Web and the Dark Web.

The Dark Web is the hidden part of the internet. Dark Web sites do not appear on search engines and can only be accessed using a dedicated anonymity software such as Tor.

This software protects the identity of the website and the user and can be used to browse the Open Web anonymously or to access Dark Web sites known as hidden services.

Although the Dark Web is often linked to criminal or illegal content, it is not illegal to access the Dark Web, or to download anonymity software.

WHY MIGHT YOUR CHILD ACCESS THE DARK WEB?

There are a number of reasons why your child might want to use the Dark Web. These include:

- Curiosity about technology and the online world.
- Privacy concerns.
- Accessing illegal content or services.
- Because they have been coerced or forced to access the Dark Web by someone else.

Whatever the reason for accessing the Dark Web, the potential risks are the same as those on the Open Web. This includes exposure to harmful or illegal content and people who may seek to harm children.



Have you watched our Dark Web Explained video? Watch to find out more about the Dark Web and what to do if you have concerns about your child using it.

thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS ACCESSED THE DARK WEB

1 REMAIN CALM

Try not to make assumptions. If you're angry or worried, it may stop your child from telling you why they have accessed the Dark Web.

Remain non-judgmental and don't blame your child for anything that may have happened while on the Dark Web. Remind them that you want to make sure they are safe and supported.

2 ASK QUESTIONS

Ask sensitive, open-ended questions. If you don't know much about the Dark Web, don't be afraid to say. Ask your child to explain it to you.

Seek to understand more. You want your child to feel that they can share their thoughts and feelings about their experience using the Dark Web without getting in trouble.

3 SEEK SUPPORT

If you are concerned for your child's immediate safety you must call the police on **999**.

You may wish to contact your child's school to help support you and your child.

For further advice and support about your concerns, you can call the [*NSPCC Helpline*](#) on **0808 800 5000**.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Why did you want to go on the Dark Web?

Has there been a time when you were on the Dark Web that you felt uncomfortable or unsure about?

Tell me about what you saw on the Dark Web?

How did you access the Dark Web?

Do you think you will go on the Dark Web again?

Not all young people will want to access the Dark Web. Only talk to your child about the Dark Web if you know they have used it or are interested in accessing it.

STEPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFER ONLINE

Have regular conversations about the internet and what they like to do online. Keep it open and non-judgmental. Let them know you want to learn about their online interests and if possible, ask them to show you. Regular conversations are better than a one-off chat, as it shows your child they can talk to you at any time if something worries them.

Help your child to identify trusted adults they can go to if they have any worries or concerns. This could be you or another adult like a teacher or youth worker. If they feel more comfortable talking confidentially, let them know there are other options to get support.

Let them know support is available.

Your child may find it difficult to tell you about their experiences, or about something that has happened online. For further support, your child can:

- Report concerns about online sexual abuse to the [*CEOP Safety Centre*](#).
- Report nude images shared online to Childline and Internet Watch Foundation's [*Report Remove*](#) tool.
- Call or message [*Childline*](#) if they are worried and want someone to talk to.

For more resources to help keep your child safer online visit: thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



Safeguarding Team

THE WOODLANDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Brailsford
Assistant Head
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Roe
Deputy Head
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lawmon
Attendance Officer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Bailey
Student Wellbeing
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



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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 Year:

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Head of Year 11

Helen Smith
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KEY DATES

Friday 22nd July—End of Summer Term

Thursday 1st September—INSET Day

Friday 2nd September—INSET Day

Monday 5th September—Year 7 and Year 12 Start of New Term

Year 7 students to please enter through main gates at 8:45 and staff will direct them where they need to assemble in the morning

Tuesday 6th September—Return of all students for the New Term

Year 7 assemble in parking area opposite the quad

(Year 7 students will be shown this area on Monday 5th)

Year 8 assemble in the Pen Area

Year 9 assemble in the Quad

Year 10 the Playground

Year 11 assemble in the Quad