



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 11th  
October 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

**Monday 21st October 2024: INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Monday 21st October 2024: Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2024: KS2 Rewards Assembly (Invite only)**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2024: Year 5 Boreatton Residential.**

**Thursday 24th October 2024: KS3 Rewards Assembly (Invite only)**

**Friday 25th October 2024: School closes at 3.35pm for Half Term**

Hello everyone and I hope you have had a good week.

- Whole-school assembly: Mr Williams took the assembly this week and talked about maths and how important it is in the world of work. He reminded our students about the TT Rockstars that we use in school and that all students have access to this fun way of learning time tables.
- Tag Rugby Festival: This is always a great event in the pyramid and our year 4s from the first schools come to Woodhouse to experience playing tag rugby and meeting the students from other schools.
- Community Project: Mrs Wills and 7W will be putting their 'best foot forward' and walking round the Grange next Thursday afternoon for their project this year and to raise money for charity. Let's hope the sun shines!
- Netball Fixtures: We have two of these next week so good luck to all of you that are participating.
- Open Evening: A reminder that we have our open evening on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October for any potential newcomers so the school will be closed that day to current students.
- X-Country Inter-house: The final three years completed this on Monday. Well done to ALL our students for taking part and showing real effort. A big thanks to the PE department for putting on this annual event.
- Careers Event: Over the course of the year, we expose our students to the plethora of careers information that is out there to support them with future choices. This week WJ Roadmarking came in to present to our year 7 students. They talked about the skills needed for this type of work and set up some related tasks. The company were amazed at how well our pupils performed in the really challenging activities. Well done year 7 for your excellent behaviour and effort.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Farr



## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

**ABSENCES:** Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day via Arbor. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Please note school meals are NO longer booked via Arbor. These will not be ordered daily by students in form time.

**ARBOR PARENT PORTAL:** Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### FOR INFORMATION:

**WEEK A:** 02/09/24, 16/09/24, 30/09/24, 14/10/24, 04/11/24, 18/11/24, 02/12/24, 16/12/24

**WEEK B:** 09/09/24, 23/09/24, 07/10/24, 21/10/24, 11/11/24, 25/11/24, 09/12/24, 06/01/25

## FAQ

### What can I log myself on Arbor?

Please log all absences on Arbor, these will then be processed in school. Any medical or contact detail updates should also be done through Arbor. If you would like to view an attendance certificate this can be done on Arbor via a browser and a pdf of the certificate can be downloaded in the 'absence by date' area.

### What clubs are available and when/how can my child sign up?

The list of clubs will be made available on the school website under 'parent information' and included in the school newsletter once they are launched. For any clubs with a sign-up policy, students will do this in school. Parents can't attend school to 'watch' any clubs. However, they are more than welcome to attend fixtures that take place after school. Most after school clubs run from 3:45 - 4:35 (unless notified otherwise).

### How do I know if my child has a fixture?

If your child has been selected for a fixture they will be notified in school and you will be contacted separately via email. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the fixture (if they are not making their own way home).

### Can I park on the school car park?

Please don't use our school car park to park on at any time. However, if you are collecting a child (during the school day) for a medical appointment then it is okay to come onto the car park.

### Where do I find a list of school policies?

All school policies, including how we deal with complaints, can be found on the school website ([Woodhouse Academy: School Policies](#)).

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-en-e2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2)

## NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)





# Woodhouse Academy



***Shaping Futures Together***

**OPEN EVENING INVITATION**

***Monday 21st October 5.30-7.30pm***

**We have places for September 2025  
and invite all current year 4 and 6  
pupils along with their parents/carers**

**Telephone: 01782 973600**

**Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph, ST8 7DR.**

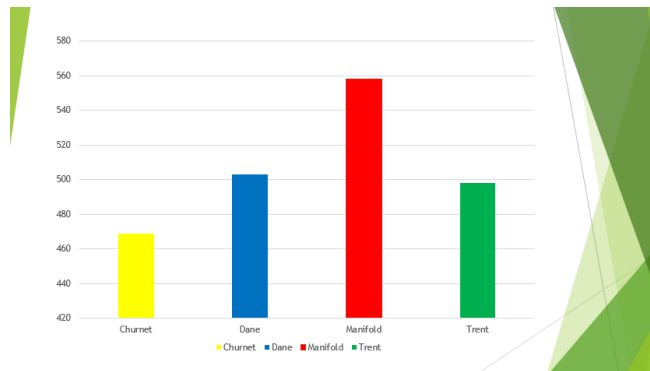
**[www.woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)**



# From the Staff

## HousePoints

### TOP POINTS THIS TERM



1. Evalyn C (48)
2. Abi F (27)
3. Sam L (22)
4. Stan M (20)
5. Emma J (19)
6. Ruby H (18)
7. Sophia T (17)
8. Amber B (16)

## Shout outs!

*A huge well done to our Y7 and Y8 football teams again this week, after a fantastic result against Churnet View. Both teams started extremely well and played excellent all game. The Y7's managed a 9-0 win and the Y8's managed a mega 13-0 win. Well done team! On to St Edwards next week for the league decider!*

# From the Staff

The BBC 500 Words writing competition is open for entries, it's time to get writing! Ask a parent to email your typed story to Mrs Manson (or the school office) before Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November or ask an adult to submit your story directly. You need to be 11 or under on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Children need to write a story of 500 words or less. Good luck. See the website or Mrs Manson for more information.





# PE Interhouse Competition



What a fantastic start to this years PE Interhouse competition. Mrs Bowers & Mr Baddeley are very proud that all our students get the chance to represent their house. The races were competitive whilst being inclusive for all our children. It was great to see so many of our school values on show! Well done to everyone who took part!





# School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
Rubber	40p
Bookmark	10p
Hair bobble	10p
Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1

Plus lots more for sale....



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



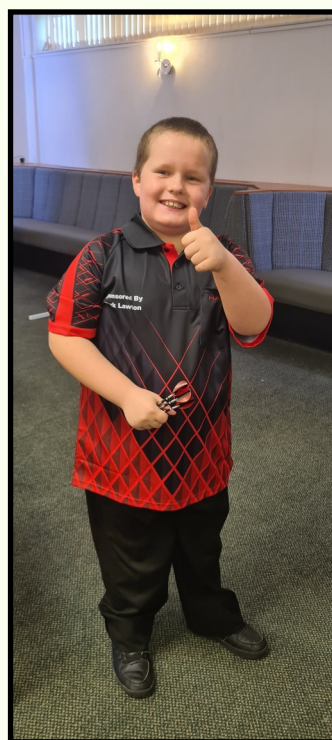
Isaac S, Joshua R, Beau G, Sam L, Fletcher H, Jake L, Oliver S & Lucas L make up the under 12's cricket team at Knypersley CC. This season they became champions of section A and collected their awards on Friday.

They have won 10 from 12 matches played. Well Done!



Ruby played brill for Port Vale Girls on Saturday earning herself parents and coaches player of the match!

Well done Ruby



William took part at the weekend in a darts match against the Black Country Youth Team and won his game as a reserve player 3-2.

Well done!



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**Part Time Attendance Clerical Officer/Receptionist**

**13 Hours per week over 2 days – Monday and Friday 8.30am-4pm**  
**To start 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Term time + 5 days**  
**Grade 4 – SCP5**  
**£7,133 actual salary**

The Governors wish to appoint an experienced, professional and organised individual to work in the school office to deliver an effective reception and administration service to the academy.

You will be required to understand and follow the school ethos, policy and procedures and be able to relate to a range of stakeholders. It is therefore essential that you have excellent organisation and prioritisation skills and are able to multi task.

Woodhouse Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a [criminal records](#) check from the Disclosure & Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions.

To apply for this post please download an application form from the academy website and send to [recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)

Closing date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Interviews: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Are you a young person aged 11-13?**

**Join our new Mental Health support group!**



**This group gives young people (11-13) a space to share about their wellbeing, do fun activities, and connect with others**

**To attend please contact:  
[maccasproject@nsmind.org.uk](mailto:maccasproject@nsmind.org.uk)**

**Venue: The Zone - Biddulph Church Rd,  
ST8 6NE**

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
5:30-7:30pm**







Click the instruments for information and ideas about just some of the instruments you can learn with Music for Life

 **Music NPO of the Year 24-25** 

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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) in education provide crucial low-intensity support, offering early intervention and guided self-help sessions. Scan the QR code to learn more.



**WE OFFER SUPPORT FOR:**

- Anxiety
- Resilience
- Sleep
- Low Mood
- Behaviour (U11's)
- Phobia's
- Panic
- Problem Solving
- Exam Stress



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 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

**Six Week Course Mon - Fri**

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
 2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm  
 3rd session 4 - 4:30pm  
 ( optional session for reflection and support if needed)



parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

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Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.