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NEWSLETTER

WOODLANDS SCHOOL

ALLESTREE, DERBY DE22 2LW



Dear parents, carers, students, staff and governor colleagues

Welcome back and a happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good Christmas break and I wish you every success for 2012. It's going to be an exciting year for our country with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and The London Olympics. I also believe that it's going to be an exciting year for Woodlands School, as our students continue to achieve their very best!

The start of term has gone well and this week has seen the start of the January exam season with Year 10 through to Year 13 students having exams in GCSE, AS and A2 level. We wish everybody taking exams this January every success. We urge you as parents, to encourage your students to revise thoroughly, to take all these exams seriously, to access all the information that has been provided to them and is available to them, and also to adopt the mantra "make your first try your best try"! Lots of information is available on the school website and if you have any questions about the exams and exam conditions, then please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Officer, Mrs Collier.

We also are starting a very thorough Year 11 Mentoring Programme. I am grateful to a whole variety of members of staff at school who are going to get alongside many Year 11 students to help them through these next few vital months towards their final GCSE exams in May and June this year.

It is an important term and an important year for all our students in the school as Year 7 continue to establish themselves in the school. Year 8 are working hard, Year 9 will be choosing their GCSE options and, as I mentioned, Year 10 to 13 will actually be taking real live exam units. Year 11 students who have applied to our Sixth Form—they will be interviewed at the end of the month to talk about their place in the Sixth Form and for Year 9 students, as you will see from this newsletter, there is an information evening coming up about GCSE options, followed shortly afterwards by a face to face Parents' Evening.



Looking back to the end of last term, we had an excellent and very busy end to the Christmas term. Our new facilities were put to very good use with the Fourth Annual 'Woodlands Got Talent' evening on behalf of the Gambia Project. A fantastic evening was had by all and our very own 'Frank Sinatra,' also known as Alistair Wolff from Year 12 was the overall winner. Many congratulations to all those students who took part—a great evening was had!

We also had a good carol service at St Nick's Church and, for the first time, we had a full production of the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' led by Mrs Brailsford and the Oak House team. It was such a success, that all the school saw this on the last afternoon and morning of term. Again, many congratulations to Mrs Brailsford and the team. Photos from the panto can be seen later in this newsletter. We were raising money for a very good charity, the Neonatal Unit at Derby Royal Hospital and we raised over £700.00.

Also on the penultimate day of term, we had our Annual Fancy Dress Day. More staff and students than ever dressed up in fancy dress to raise money for The Teenage Cancer Trust and just under £1,900 was raised.

At the end of term we said farewell to three long-standing members of staff—Mrs Pearson, teacher of Biology and Environmental Science, who took early retirement from Woodlands School after 22 years working here. She has made a fantastic contribution to the life of the school—in particular, in recent years, setting up the environmental studies area in the meadow behind our new sports fields. We also said goodbye to Mrs Toone who was our Literacy Skills Tutor, who has worked at Woodlands since the middle of the 1990's. Finally we said goodbye to Mr Churnside who was an Assistant Technician who retired after working with us for six years. We send all these colleagues of ours every good wish for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed a new colleague to the school. Mrs Price, who is now our Assistant Lab Technician. Welcome back also to Miss Heron who returned from Maternity Leave to her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, within the Learning Support Faculty.



Just before Christmas, we heard the very sad news that a former student Sam Wright, had collapsed and died, following a run. It was a huge tragedy and the school continues to send its condolences to Sam's parents. Sam's funeral took place last Friday at Woodlands Evangelical Church. It was amazing to see the quality of contributions from Sam's friends, many of whom were former or current students at Woodlands School.

A reminder that I have a surgery every Wednesday after school. If you would like to raise concerns with me directly, there is an opportunity for you to do so, but I also urge you that if you do have any concerns about anything regarding school, the best person to talk to in the first instance, is your child's form tutor or the teacher concerned. Then, of course, if they are not available, Heads of House or Heads of Subject are available to deal with any concerns that you may have.

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 10th February 2012.

Yours sincerely



Alan Brady
Headteacher

News from the PE Department ... Year 7 inter-house results (December 2011)

Netball
Winners MAPLE 2
Runners up OAK1

Football
Winners ROWAN 1
Runners up CEDAR 2

Basketball
Winners CEDAR 2
Runners up CEDAR 1



Year 8 inter-house results

Hockey
Winners CEDAR 2
Runners up OAK 1

Football
Winners OAK 2
Runners up MAPLE 1

Basketball
Winners OAK 2
Runners up ROWAN 1



Year 9 inter-house results

Hockey
Winners MAPLE 1
Runners up CEDAR 2

Football
Winners OAK 2
Runners up OAK 1

Basketball
Winners OAK 2
Runners up OAK 1





MAPLE HOUSE



Bronze Awards

7M1 – Callum Cheney, Joshua Barnes, Renars Klaumais, Edward Batchelor

7M2 – Courtney Moore, Isaac Hughes, Callum Shaw, Lewis Cunningham

8M2 – Noveer Ali, Danielle Ashley, Imogen Farnsworth, Mia Gadsby, Francesca Lillis, Lottie Morris-Gallimore, Ayaz Patwa, Natalie Severn, Rose Taylor, Richard Totman

– Danita Dehal, Naomi Dinmore, Georgina Doherty, Ross Hickie, Sophie Lord, Emily Souter, Matthew Tolley, Benjamin Young

9M2 –

10M1 – Eleanor Cheale, Phoebe Farnsworth, Daniel Fell, Elena Hallam, William Haywood, Danielle Hithersay, Harry Hughes, Jessie Lambert, Danielle Smith

10M2 – Mia Babic, Lauren Batchelor, Sarah Bolstridge, Grace Butler, Joshua Charlton, Jacob Credland, Jack Cripps, Elizabeth Edwards, Eva Featherston, Samuel Fuller, Annie Hough, Victoria Jepson, Michael Klym, Louise Munro, Natalya Murden, Michael Park, Ellis Parkinson, Eleni Rawson, Sophie Robinson, Amy Rogers, Ashley Slater, Mubeen Suleman, Jack Topham, Katharine Woodward

11M1 – Sophie Dosanjh, Craig Carrick, Joshua Bolt

Silver Awards

7M1 – Joe McAndrew, Eleanor Sherwin, Isabelle Gallier-Birt, Adam Tice, William Parker, Abigail Ash, Naill Harrison, Isaac Cheale

7M2 – Thomas Johnson, Anghus Hamilton, Edmund Spink, Owen Nixon

8M2 – Alexander Copeland, Jake Cotton, Amelia Cripps, Samuel Hather, Hattie Taylor

10M2 – Mia Babic, Sarah Bolstridge, Victoria Jepson, Natalya Murden, Matthew Northedge, Eleni Rawson, Jack Topham

Gold Awards

7M1 – Parco Lee

Recent Maths Challenge of the week winner

Joe McAndrew 7M1

Rugby – Year 8 Emerging Schools Rugby Festival

Congratulations to the following Maple boys who finished as part of the County Final Runner-up Team

Samuel Hather 8M2

George Evans 8M1

Michael Fletcher 8M1

Ryan Seeley 8M2

Beat Bullying Campaign

Well done to the following Maple students who won the 'Design a T-Shirt Competition'

Isabelle Gallier-Birt 7M1 and Mia Babic 10M2

Well done to everyone mentioned above and to all of Maple House - keep up the good work and don't forget to keep collecting your House Points!

Mrs E Wilson

Head of Maple House

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Mrs A Burnett

Assistant Head of Maple House

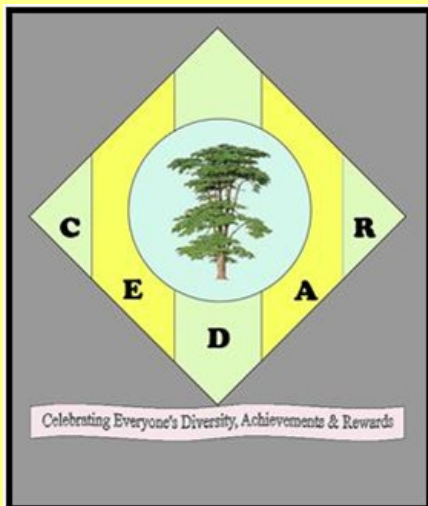
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Celebrating Everyone's Diversity, Achievements & Rewards

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Form Tutor Awards awarded at the end of last term

7C1

Hannah Naqwi
George Hannah



7C2

Beth Naqwi
Freya Birkett

8C1

George Gatford
Louise Illidge



8C2

Georgina Morley
Jack Clayton

9C1

Chloe Ramsell
Alice Crispin

9C2

Taylor Bridges
Andy Leivers

10C1

Libby Evans
Sophie Hutchinson

10C2

Kayleigh Holden
Rihanna Lee



11C1

Liz Fletcher
Josh Davies

11C2

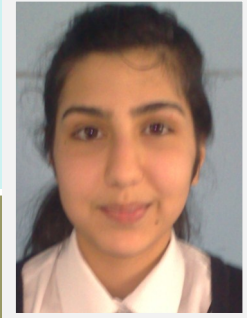
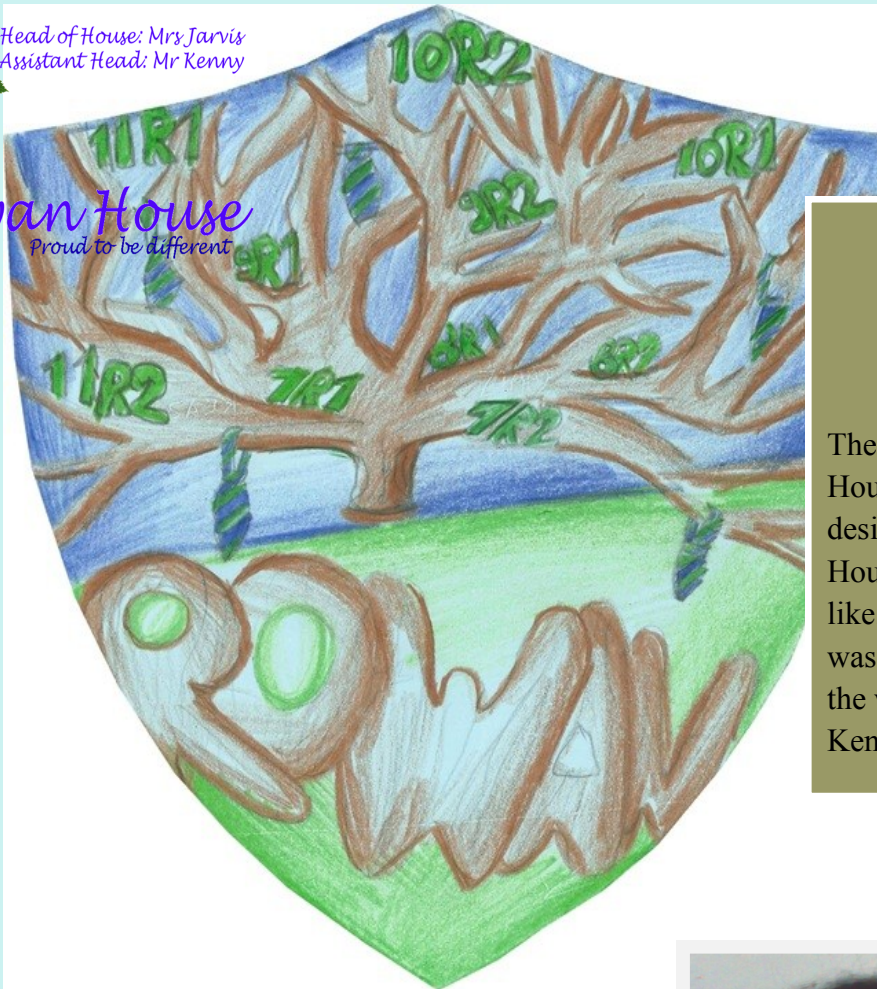
Adam Tye
Euan Crispin





Head of House: Mrs Jarvis
Assistant Head: Mr Kenny

Rowan House
Proud to be different



The whole of Rowan House was involved in designing what the new House Shield should look like. The competition was fierce but in the end the winner, chosen by Mr Kenny, Mrs Jarvis and

Well Done and Thank you to:

Megan Lyall 7R1, Kate Roebuck 7R1, Ellie Smith 8R1, Jess Howard 8R2, Thalia Johnson 8R2, Lauren Smith 8R2, Lucy Young 10R2 for being involved in, and winning, the House Play Competition!!!

Tutor Award Winners:

- 7R1 Caitlin McMillan & Thomas Barton
- 7R2 James Davis & Olivia Wigley
- 8R1 Rhys McNicol & Ellie Smith
- 8R2 Mohammed Rashid & Faye Boswell
- 9R1 Lewis Reed & Shahnay Golding
- 9R2 Kate Elliott & Chris Page
- 10R1 Millie Ward & Josh Thompson
- 10R2 Harry Crew & Jenny Haynes
- 11R1 Chloe Briscoe & Harrison Stewart
- 11R2 Louise Berry & Matylida McCormack-Sharp

Students of the Week:

Emma Mosley 7R1, Mohammed Rashid 8R2, Amy Allen 9R1, Bethany-May Norris 11R2, Kathleen Harty 10R1, Theo Lawless-Jones 9R2, Kate Elliott 9R2, Cohen Mo 8R2, Soniya Ahmed 10R2



Beat the Bully t-shirt competition winner: Tasnia Ahmed

Well Done to James Cuttell (who came 2nd) and Kieran Barker (who came 1st) for their part in the English Challenge!

Important exam information

If you require any information or clarification of the rules involved in sitting exams, please speak to me

Wishing you ALL every success!

Mrs Collier
Examinations Officer



**NO MOBILE PHONES, IPODS,
MP3/4 PLAYERS.**

**NO PRODUCTS WITH AN
ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION/STORAGE
DEVICE OR DIGITAL FACILITY.**

Possession of unauthorised items is an infringement of the regulations and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from the current examination and the overall qualification. Candidates are advised that mobile phones in particular **must not** be in their possession whether switched on or not.

Must be displayed in a prominent place both inside and outside each examination room.

Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
3. You **must not**:
 - sit an examination in the name of another candidate;
 - have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
4. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is breaking the rules**, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
5. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
6. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
7. If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

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**Information for candidates
For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2011**

**This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions.
If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.**

A	Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	You must not take into the exam room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes; • calculator cases/instruction leaflets; • reading pens; • mobile phones, iPods, MP3/4 players or any other products with text/digital facilities. <p>Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through.</p> <p>Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.</p>
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
6	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
7	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
8	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
B	Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams.
2	Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
3	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
4	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
5	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
6	You must write in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may be used only for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.
C	Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; • clear anything stored in it; • remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas; • do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
D	Instructions during the exam
1	Listen to the invigilator and follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper; • if the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
3	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
4	Fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet before you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
5	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
6	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
E	Advice and assistance
1	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the exam if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do; • you do not feel well; • you need more paper.
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
F	At the end of the exam
1	If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any loose sheets of paper, place them in the correct order. Remember to fasten them together with a treasury tag before you leave. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
2	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery, this includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.
This information must be made available to all candidates in advance of their examination(s). It may be provided electronically to candidates or in hard copy paper format.	



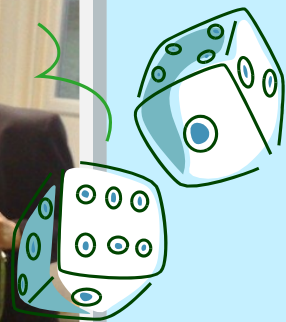
Charity Day for CHILDREN IN NEED

On behalf of all of the Rowan staff we would like to say a massive well done to each and every Rowan pupil for their part on Children In Need Day.

It was a fantastic day and it would never have been such a huge success is it was for everyone getting involved whether it was by being in non-uniform, raising money through an event or spending money at the events!!

We would particularly like to thank:
Louise Berry and Matylda McCormick-Sharp for raising £40.86 with their Comic Sale.
Abi Moore for her part in Fortune Telling and raising £28.45.
Amy Allen who raised £20 with her Cake Sale.
Zoe Adams and Ellie Smith who did a Design a Pudsey competition and raised £10.90.
Olivia Wigley, Leigh Dayman and Emma Hollman who raised £12.75 with their Cake Sale.
Well Done Rowan!!!!





Cluedo—the “Woodlands” edition !

As part of Fancy Dress Day the staff of Rowan House decided that it would be fun to all dress in the theme of the board game ‘Cluedo’.

It was then that the talented Miss Boardman thought ‘Let’s do this properly and make this into an actual game!’

So Mrs Jarvis and Miss Boardman put their heads together and came up with ‘Cluedo – The Woodlands Edition’.

The week before Fancy Dress Day there were clues up all around school that the pupils had to find and once they had them all they had to use their powers of deduction to determine the murderer, the murder weapon and where the murder took place. The winners and the big revel was to be held on Fancy Dress day.

So, well done to Lucy Smith and Laura Clamp who successfully calculated that it was in fact our ‘lovely’ Mrs Jarvis who murdered Mr Bailey with a candlestick in the Reprographics room!

And the motive? ...

—Mr Bailey didn’t want to dress up with Rowan House!

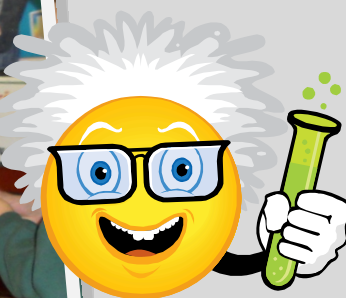


Winners—
Lucy Smith
and Laura
Clamp

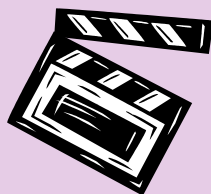


Buddy Science

A number of Sixth Formers have been helping improve and strengthen the Schools' links with local primary schools. One group went to Portway Junior School and taught a forensic science lesson. The primary school students loved the challenge of trying to work out who wrote the fake cheque by using a number of scientific techniques. The other group went to Markeaton Primary School to teach a lesson on forces to complement the project work they were doing with their teachers. It was an extremely positive experience with the teachers commenting on how professional the Sixth formers were and how they had the potential to become teachers themselves. Mrs Robinson



Woodlands' FILM CLUB Forthcoming attractions ...



- Thursday 19th January 'Source Code'
- Thursday 26th January 'Rise of the planet of the Apes.'
- Thursday 2nd February 'Voyage of the Dawn Treader.'
- Thursday 9th February 'Cowboys and Aliens.'
- Half Term
- Thursday 23rd February 'Mission Impossible.'
- Thursday 1st March 'Jaws.'
- Thursday 8th March 'Pirates of the Caribbean.'
- Thursday 15th March 'Liar, Liar.'
- Thursday 22nd March 'The Mask.'

All welcome!
Mr Caley



The ART Department would like your recycling!!!

If you have any LARGE cardboard boxes or polystyrene pizza bases the ART Department could make good use of them!



Thank you
Mr Caley

Just before the SLT set off to work ...



things were buzzing in the Sixth Form...



Looking cool with Superwoman



CHARITY FANCY DRESS DAY

Monday 19th December 2011

Is that a member of the PE Department?



A Christmas tree!!

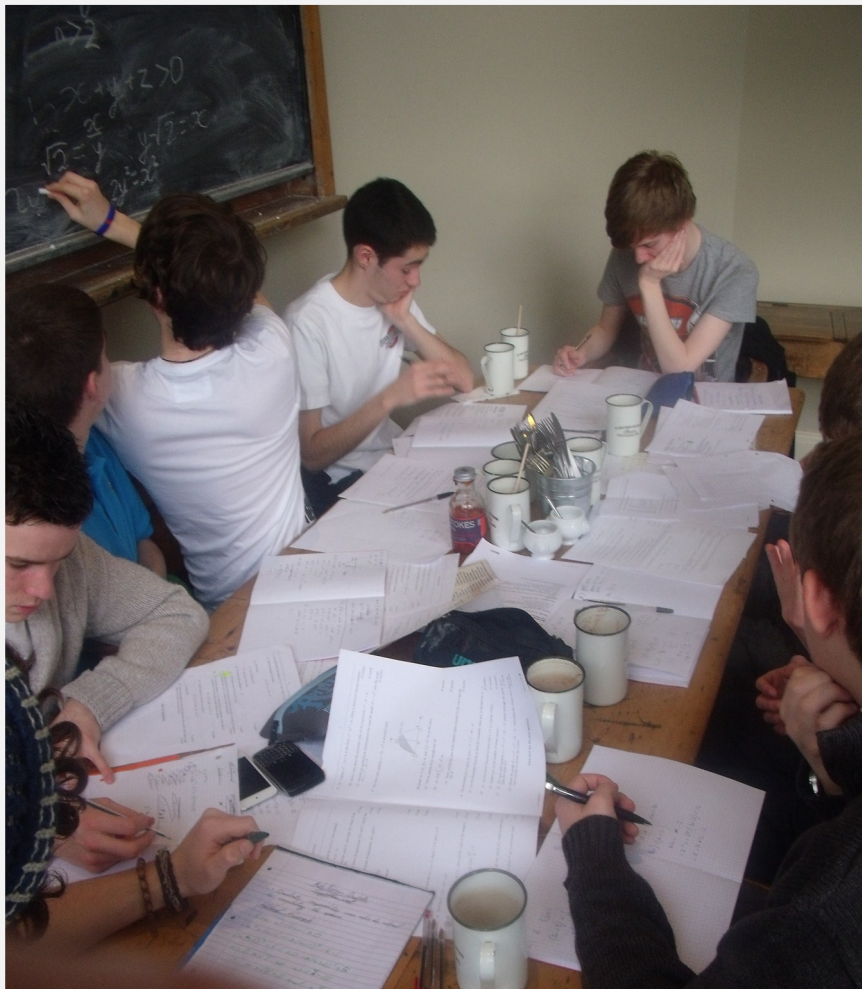


A Christmas theme in the staff room!



Animal farm or just monkey business?





Café Mathematics

With the recent demise of The Big Blue Cafe on Sadler Gate, our yearly post-Christmas 'Café Mathematics Morning' was held in the newly established Jack Rabbits opposite the Cathedral. With their module exams in AS and A-level Mathematics and Further Mathematics approaching, 24 students came along on a bitterly cold morning before the new year to make the most of some top quality (naturally) guidance given by the Woodlands Maths Dept.

Of course, the fact that it was held in such a fine establishment made the occasion even more agreeable. Questions across the mathematical spectrum were discussed, while simultaneously, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and various tasty comestibles were digested. A fine attraction was the roller blackboard which came in very handy during the morning - used mostly by the students.

This has been another very popular and much appreciated Café Mathematics event. As can be seen, almost two-thirds of the cafe was made up entirely of our students. And thank you to the staff in Jack Rabbits who were very accommodating.

So to all Y11 pupils who love their Mathematics, tell your friends that Woodlands is the place for all their post-16 Mathematics studies if they want to realise their potential. Why? Because the partnership between the dedicated Maths teachers and sixth-form mathematicians is second to none. Just ask our students - current and former!

Enjoy your Maths in 2012 !
Mr Murden

Could you be entitled to FREE school meals?

If you are receiving support payments, your child could be entitled to FREE school meals.

FREE meals are available to children whose parents/carers are in receipt of:

- * Income Support
- * Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- * Income Related Employment and Support Allowances
- * Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- * Child Tax Credit (but NOT Working Tax Credit)
- * Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

An application form is available from the School Office or can be downloaded from the school website under the "parents/carers" section.

www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

The whole school photograph, taken in September 2011 is now available to buy!

All prints are supplied rolled in a tube @ £13.00 per copy.

Order forms are available from The School Office. Payments by cheque or cash.



FRIENDS AGAINST BULLYING

For Years 7, 8 and 9
New members
welcome!

We meet every Friday
12.30pm in the Drama Studio.
Just come along and join in the fun

Mrs Bailey



GCSE and GCE certificates are available for collection from school

Please remember these are legal documents and you will require them in the future. All certificates must be signed for and will not be given to anyone other than the candidate without the candidate's written consent.

Woodlands School is only obliged to keep the certificates for a period of one year after issue. If candidates do not collect certificates within this time (or if the certificates are lost) they can only be replaced by direct application to the appropriate board. This will require proof of identity (such as birth certificate) and a substantial fee per examination board. Therefore, **you are urged to collect your certificates as soon as possible and keep them safe.**

Mrs Collier
Examinations Officer

Lost property

We have a lot of lost property in the School Office. Please do come and claim any items before they are disposed of.
The School Office



NEXT PFTA MEETING

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS
FANTASTIC SCHOOL BY COMING ALONG AND
SHARING SOME IDEAS AND HELP RAISE FUNDS
(EVERYONE WELCOME!!)...

Tuesday 24th January

7.30pm

in the School Refectory

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