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Welcome to our new fortnightly newsletter Wanstead intouch

We are trialling and developing a new fortnightly newsletter to keep you updated with news and important messages. This will normally go out on a Monday once every two weeks. For each edition, I will ensure key updates are on the first pages so you can find information easily and can then choose whether to read the rest of the news if you are short of time and I will signpost you to what is inside. This bulletin includes the final extracurricular timetable, school menus and some other key updates.

You can read more about these things on the socials on Facebook, Twitter and Insta - @WansteadHighE11 and in much more detail in the half-termly Heron Homelink, but we hope that this bulletin will combine important news and a taste of what is happening.

We will ask for feedback in the future as to whether this is useful.

School Assemblies 23rd January - 10th February

School Week	Week Beginning/Date	Year 7 Wed	Year 8 Fri	Year 9 Mon	Year 10 Thurs	Year 11 Thurs	Year 12 Tues	Year 13 Mon
1	23 rd		Holocaust Memorial					
_	27 th	Extra Assemblies - Personal Sa					al Safe	ety
2	30 th	Online Safety (Link to Safer Internet Day 7 th Feb) Thinking, Judgement, Practical Wisdom						
1	6 th	Children's Mental Health Week						

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Diary Dates 23rd January - 10th February

23" January - 10" February					
24 th - 27 th January	MFL speaking exams				
24 th January	The Great Big Dance Off				
24 January	The Beck Theatre, Hayes				
25 th January	Year 12 & 13 PE trip to University of Bedfordshire				
	ZooNation Boys Dance Workshop				
26 th January	Trip - To Kill a Mockingbird - Gielgud Theatre				
31 st January	DofE Parent Information Meeting 6.00pm				
2 nd February	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening				
3 rd February	Year 11 English GCSE Poetry Live - Apollo Theatre				
6 th February	Governor Committee Meeting (6.30pm—8.30pm)				
9 th February	Details to follow - 6.00pm-8.00pm				
10 th February	Years 10-13 Apprenticeship Fair - 9.00-12.30				

Important Information

Strike Action

We will be risk assessing the possibility of opening the school on Wednesday next week and will update you with information. We have about 60-70 teachers in the NEU so the chances are that most years will be at home for the 4 days. We are considering some potential activities for some pupils (Year 11 and 13 would be a priority) and hope to provide some provision for any vulnerable pupils and children of key workers. This is unlikely to mean formal lessons but we will give you more details later in the week. Please complete the survey sent out today.

We will send further information about children who receive free school meals.

Safety in the Community - Safe Spaces

Sadly, there was another mugging in the community last week involving children from other schools. We continue to liaise with the police and local agencies and key local people to consider how we can work together to support our pupils. MUST Wine Bar and Petty Son and Prestwich are both safe spaces for our pupils where they can go if they feel threatened or scared.

We hope to update you with more businesses who are prepared to help in the future.

All pupils will have an additional Personal Safety assembly on Friday 27th January.

Funds for Food

We have an increasing number of pupils where parents and carers have not topped up money for their lunch, leaving them embarrassed at the till when they have no money to pay. We will never let a child starve, but it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure there is enough credit. From next week, pupils with no money will be given a pasta meal to ensure they don't go hungry and we will ensure a call is made to remind you to top up. Other food will not be given out if there are no funds.

If you need support with the cost of feeding your child, please do contact the school so we can consider how we can help. We do appreciate things can be tough for families

Vapes

An increasing number of young people are vaping which is a national problem not helped by the availability of vapes in shops. We will continue to consider education for our pupils on this subject but please do ensure that your child is not bringing these into school. This may mean checking bags and coats and talking to them about the dangers of vaping as well as ensuring you are clear about what they are spending their money on.

If you have concerns about your child vaping, please do contact Ms Cini and we will try and support – d.cini@wansteadhigh.co.uk.

Uniform

A number of pupils are wearing hybrid shoe/trainers such as Vans or Nike Air Force. These are not allowed in school and pupils will be sent to Student Reception to address this if they come to school in these shoes. A reminder that jumpers must be black V-necked but do not need to have the Heron logo on to cut down on costs. Wearing a blazer is compulsory at all times until a announcement is made in the summer term.

Building work

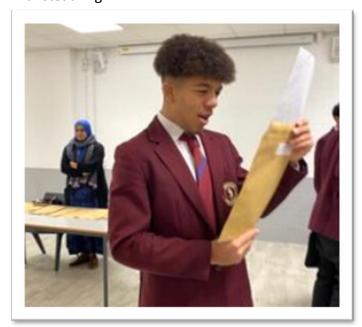
This has now started and pupils have followed the one-way systems very well in the main. The work will be a challenge for all of us but this community is positive and resilient. We will keep you updated and hopefully the end result will be worthwhile. The photo below is the current panoramic view from my window.



Message from Headteacher

What a start to term we have had!

The Year 11 Mock Results Day was a great occasion celebrating the hard work of the year group. There were some excellent results but also some reflection for those who had not performed as well as they could have done. We will support all pupils between now and the exams and will now start to analyse the data in more detail to target intervention etc. It was great to welcome external providers to support our pupils with post 16 pathways other than those at Wanstead High.



The Parents' Evening was also a great chance to speak to many parents and carers and one parent said, 'I have to say that the feedback we got this time was by far the best ever in terms of quality and our ability to help him put actions in place.'

I would like to congratulate all the sports teams that have had such great results; our Year 7 and 8 girls won the Redbridge Football Final and our Year 9 and 10s came 3rd. Congratulations to all! We have some exciting news coming up about some opportunities







for girls rugby so watch this space...

A huge good luck to all the pupils taking part in the Great Big Dance Off in Hayes this week—we wish you well and are sure you will smash it.

Thanks to Year 9 parents/carers for completing the Options Form last week and we will soon provide further details.

It has been great to have Year 8 pupils starting as Office Helpers and we look forward to them contributing to the school over the next few months. We also have our first tranche of Pupil Supervisors, pictured below, who will be paid to supervise breakfast club and the Library before school.

Look out for more news about the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge in the Heron Homelink and some excerpts from the winning speeches.

Further details will follow about the PTA event in early February and we look forward to seeing many of you there. It will be great to see more of you in person; it is a little odd telling pupils how I met their parent on-line!! Awkward pause!



Achievement Assemblies

These were postponed from last term due to the snow. Here is a taste of the events and the full list of winners will be in the Heron Homelink.











Food to Indulge!

A shout out to the kitchen staff who cook up amazing meals every day. This was the Tandoori and Jerk Chicken last week and was truly delicious. Thank you to them for all they do in feeding our children!



Year 11 Mock Results Morning

On Thursday 19th our Year 11 pupils received their GCSE mock exam results. They collected these in envelopes from our invigilator team, and Mr Ali, Mr Carfrae and Mr Langford were on hand to provide further support. This included our Prospects Careers Advisor, and representatives from our sixth form, local colleges and Redbridge apprenticeships team.



We would like to congratulate our pupils on their performance, and in addition to academic support for their GCSE exams those that still need assistance in deciding their next steps will be supported across the course of the term.



Pupil Helpers

Our pupil helper scheme is now up and running with our Year 8 pupils. Helpers are based in pairs in main reception, where they carry out various tasks that are essential to the running of the school. They are also provided with a Chrome Book so that they

can access subject work between tasks.

The helper rota will progress through each tutor group in order, and the experience will provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to build their skills and confidence and gain valuable workplace experience. Feedback gathered from the pupils so far has indicated that they have found it "really fun" and that it provided the opportunity to work with different people and experience what a work day would be like.

We will be using this feedback to make this experience even more impactful for our pupils.



Haven House Enterprise Project

On Tuesday 10th January our team for the Haven House Enterprise Project, comprised of eight Year 9 and 12 pupils respectively, attended the Project launch event at Forest School. The team is given £50 starting capital, and needs to raise at least £1500 by the end of March. They meet each week to formulate and refine their strategy, and are provided with a mentor from the local business community.

The team are off to a strong start-winning the marshmallow challenge at the lunch event! Further details of fundraising activities will be provided in the coming weeks.



Extra-curricular Opportunities for Pupils

This is a fantastic time of year for pupils to begin taking part in extra-curricular groups in the Music department, which are detailed on **Page 8**. All of these groups will be working on new material following their universally excellent performances at the winter concert last term.

In particular, all pupils are invited to take part in the Redbridge Choral Festival, which takes place at the Royal Albert Hall in the evening of Monday 13th March (there will be some rehearsals at the venue during the day).

The programme from this includes songs from the

Broadway show 'Hamilton' amongst others and the concert will involve almost every primary and secondary school in the borough.

The choir will be rehearsing this on Mondays after school (3:00pm-3:50pm) and new members from all year groups are extremely welcome.

All pupils who want to be involved in this should sign up to the following Google Classroom (Google Classroom code oprmd4z), where they'll find audio of all the songs as well as sheet music and lyrics.

By Mr Sweet

THE GOVERNING BODY AT WANSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL Veronica Knock Emma Hillman Hannah Fisher Donna Cini Maggie Leggett Sara O'Donnell David Wills Liz Smith Alison Tobe Co-opted Governor Vacancies: Local Authority Governor, 2x Co-opted Governors Ian Selby Anya James Co-opted Governor

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Governing Body has been busy during the Autumn Term recruiting governors to bring us back to full strength. We have made good progress and have 3 left to appoint.

In December, I joined the Governing Body of Wanstead High School as the new Chair along with other two new members, Alison Tobe and Ian Selby. Meet the full team here

We have had one full Governing Body Meeting together and we all agree on our commitment to improving openness, transparency and really getting to know the school.

Our plan for this month is to address some of the

basics, and we will soon be sharing a bit more about ourselves and what we do.

Alongside the remaining recruitment activities we will identify areas for improvement and put a plan together to make sure that we and the school continually improve.

We will share more on this in due course, but in the meantime we are looking forward to being part of the school community and working with you and Emma to make Wanstead a great place for the pupils to learn and excel.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Fisher

Chair of Governors

Pupil Lockers

If you have booked and paid for a locker for your child they should now be making full use of it. So far, the introduction of these has been very successful and pupils have been very grateful.

We still have lockers available. Please see below how to book.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Williams on s.williams@wansteadhigh.co.uk







Scan this QR Code

Once on the web app do the following:

- Enter your LOCATION
- Choose your PREFERRED LOCKER AREA from the drop down menu (If available)
- Click on CHECK AVAILABILITY
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and conditions
- Click on RENT LOCKER and follow the instructions for entering your payment details
- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

How to Access your Locker:

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the 4 digit code detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can reissued by visiting www.locker.rentals and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Park.	Before School							
	Mon Tues		Wed	Thurs	Fri			
		Before School	Breakfast Club I	Every morning				
	Library Year 7	Library Year 8	Library Year 9	Library Year 10	Library Year 11			
		Years 7 & 8 Well-being morning Well-being room	Year 9 Well-being morning Well-being room	Years 10 & 11 Well-being morning - Well-being room				
		Lunch Time Clubs Year	7-9 Lunch is 12.20-1.00pm; Year	11-13 is 1.20-2.00pm				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri			
	Boys Multi Faith Prayer Club Room S1	Boys Multi Faith Prayer Club Room S1	Boys Multi Faith Prayer Club Room S1	Boys Multi Faith Prayer Club Room S1	Boys Multi Faith Prayer Club Room S1			
	Girls Multi Faith Prayer Club 1.30 -1.50pm - Room SS2	Girls Multi Faith Prayer Club 1.30 -1.50pm - Room SS2	Girls Multi Faith Prayer Club 1.30 -1.50pm - Room SS2	Girls Multi Faith Prayer Club 1.30 -1.50pm - Room SS2	Girls Multi Faith Prayer Club 1.30 -1.50pm - Room SS2			
	Year 8 Textiles Club - Week 2 Only Pupils in 8W2 Tech Room 42	KS3 Year 7 - 9 Origami Club Room S2	Year 9 Dance Company Dance Studio	KS3 Year 7 - 9 Photography Club (Week 1) NB09	KS3 Year 7 - 9 Dance & Drama Open Studio			
	KS4 Year 10 & 11 Maths Homework Club	KS3 Years 7 & 8 Dance Company	KS3 Year 7 - 9 Maths Homework Club	KS4 Year 10 & 11 Maths Homework Club	KS4 Year 10 & 11 Dance & Drama Open Studio			
		Week 2 – GCSE PE Revision Room S13	Week 2 KS3 Year 7 - 9 Board Game Club Room 14	KS4 Year 10 & 11 and KS5 Year 12 & 13 Choir - Room 36	Week 1 & 2 – GCSE PE Students - Badminton/Sports Hall			
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			Week 1 & 2 – GCSE PE Students Badminton/Sports Hall	KS3 Year 7 - 9 LGBT+ Club - Room 15				
				KS3 Year 7 - 9 Maths Homework Club				
		7		KS4 Year 10 & 11 Spanish Conversation Club Room 19				
	Week 1 - GCSE PE Revision Room S13							
		Mary L	900	LGBTQ+ Club KS3 Year 7 - 9 Room 15				
		Afte	r School C	lubs				

Thurs Mon Tues Wed Choir, 3.00-3.50 Room 36 New Views Script Writing KS5 Room 3/4 Orchestra, 3.00-3.50 Room 36 Jazz Band Steel Pans 3.00-3.50 - Room 36 Room 36 Week 2 - KS3 Year 7 - 9 Geogra-phy Homework Support 3.15- 4.00pm - Room NB2 KS4 Year 10 & 11 KS5 Art Club Room NB11 Week 1 - Meteorological Brass Group 3.00-3.40 Society - 3.15 - 4pm Room NB1 KS5 Year 12 & 13 Film Club (Week 2) Room 25 KS4 Year 10 & 11 Dance Team Rehearsals Studio KS3 Year 7 - 9 Board Game Club Room S3 KS3 Year 7 - 9 & 4 Film Club (Week 1) Room 25 Robotics Club - Room IR1 Max number of students only 20 allowed Band Rehearsals 3.00-3.50 Room 38 & Practice rooms New Views Script Writing Post 16 - Room 3/4 Wind Band 3.00-3.50 Crochet Club - Room MA3 Room 37 KS4 Year 10 & 11 Coding Club - Room IR4 KS3 Year 7 - 9 Creative Writing Club Room 1 Year 11 Maths Homework Club Room MA6 From March 2023 KS3 Year 7 - 9 Wanstead's London Geography Society - 3.15-5.15 pm Room NB3 KS5 Year 12 & 13 Creative Art Club Room NB10 KS3 Year 7 - 9 Dance Team Rehearsals Studio KS4 Year 10 & 11 Design & Tech. (Yr11 Only) - Room 44 Basketball Year 9, 10 & 11 Sports Hall KS3 Year 7 - 9 Drama ClubTheatre Dodgeball - Gymnasium ps://docs.google.com/forms/d/15 IEN9p9m RB-NGo Tlo-nl.Gmg_hcb-cW0apzOklj1rU/edit KS4 Year 10 & 11 D&T Technology Textiles Club (Yr11 only) - Room 42 New Views Script Writing class for KS5 Years 12 & 13 - Room 3 Badminton KS4 - Year 11 History Fitness Club - Gymnasium Interventions Room 13 forms/d/11sq4QuHi3LTZvcQ4nVTCvlH-4CBRYOFxW20m WGQMqHY/edit

KS5 - Year 13 History Interventions Room 13

KS5 Year 12 & 13 Philosophy & Ethics Essay Writing Clinic 3- 3.40pm - Room NB7

Classics Club - Room 2 KS5 - Year 13 Stem/TMUA/MAT Prepartation - Room 22 UK Maths Challenge Club Room 23 Basketball KS3 Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall

Food Tech Week 2 KS4 Year 10 & 11 Catch up session to support

Fri

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHAT ARE THE RISKS? TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under 16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Official report for a volume people aged 12 to 17 media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

IN-APP SPENDING

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

of your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

READ THE SIGNS

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a



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REDBRIDGE SCHOOL-AGED IMMUNISATIONS CLINICS



Children and young people attending a Redbridge school will automatically be contacted through their schools with a link to consent when they are due for vaccinations for in-school offer. If your child has missed the school session and you would like to attend a clinic, please either email us at appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 0203.343.2400

Flu Vaccinations: Reception – Year 9

• HPV: Year 8

DTP & MeningitisACWY: Year 9

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 17th January	3:30pm – 5.30pm	Rebridge Central Library
Thursday 2nd February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 14 th February	10:00am – 2:00pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16 th February	10:00am - 2:00pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28th February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28 th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre

Fullwell Cross Library	Redbridge Central
140 High Street	Library
Barkingside	Clements Road Ilford
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	Week 1 Menu						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Option 1	Cottage Pie	Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas	Chicken Roast: Lemon, Tikka, or Plain with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice and Mixed Pepper Siracha Slaw	Fish and Chips with Peas and Baked Beans served with Ketchup, Tartar Sauce, or Curry Sauce		
Option 2	Veggie Loaded Naan (like a pizza without saying pizza)	Vegetable Biryani	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea and Spinach Curry with Naan	Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips, Peas, and Baked Beans Served with Siracha, Ketchup or Curry Sauce		
Option 3 (Grab and Go)	Quorn Fishless Fish Finger Wrap with Siracha Coleslaw	Grilled Chicken Ciabatta	BBQ or Hot and Spicy Chick- en Wings with Wedges and Sweetcorn Sal- ad	Veggie Noodle Pot	Fish Finger Bap with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup or Tartar Sauce		
Dessert	Vegan Chocolate and Kale Brownie	Marble Berry Cake	Fruit Shortbread	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Muffin		
Dessert	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly		

	Week 2 Menu						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Option 1	Chicken and Vegetable Pie	Lasagne with Garlic Ciabatta Bread	Chicken Sausage and Mash with Roasted Veggies	Chicken Naandoori with Asian Slaw	Fish and Chips with Peas and Baked Beans served with Ketchup, Tartar Sauce, or Curry Sauce		
Option 2	Bean and Cheese Burrito	Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Sausage Yorkshire with Mash and Roasted Veggies	Teriyaki Noodles	Veggie Plait with Chips		
Option 3 (Grab and Go)	5 Bean Chilli Nachos	Chicken Fajita	Sloppy Guiseppe Open Sandwich with Wedges	Macaroni Cheese Pot	Fish Finger Bap with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup or Tartar Sauce		
Dessert	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Flapjack	Autumn Iced Loaf	Banana Oatbar	Strawberry Mousse		
Dessert	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly		

	Week 3 Menu						
*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Option 1	Chicken Burger	Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodle	Chicken Carvery Roast Done 3 Ways: Lemon, Tandoori, Plain with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, and Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Jalfrezi with Rice	Fish and Chips with Peas and Baked Beans served with Ketchup, Tartar Sauce, or Curry Sauce		
Option 2	Vegan Pad Thai	Spicy Falafel and Hummus Wrap	Cheesy Baked Mediterranean Gnocchi	Chickpea, Sweet Potato, and Spinach Curry with Brown Rice	Chickpea Masala Samosa with Chips		
Option 3 (Grab and Go)	No Chicken Tikka Naan Wrap	Beef Bolognese and Pasta Pot	Sausage Roll with Spicy Wedges and Slaw	BBQ Chicken and Rice with Siracha Slaw	Fish Finger Tacos with Chips		
Dessert	Carrot Cake	Apple Shortbread	Lime and Coconut Drizzle	Raspberry and Coconut Flapjack	Chocolate Custard Pot		
Dessert	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly	Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly		