



Summer Newsletter

It seems a strange way to start an end of term newsletter; however, I would like to start by sharing information about the start of the new academic year ahead.

Start of Term –	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
½ Term –	Monday 22 nd October 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018
Christmas Break –	Monday 24 th December 2018 – Friday 4 th January 2019
INSET -	Monday 21 st January 2019
½ Term -	Monday 18 th February 2019 – Friday 22 nd February 2019
Easter Break -	Monday 8 th April 2019 – Monday 22 nd April 2019
½ Term -	Monday 22 nd May 2019 – Friday 31 st May 2019
Summer Holidays -	Monday 22 nd July 2019 – Wednesday 5 th September 2019

Uniform

In February of this year, I communicated details of the uniform expectations for all students at Woodlands Education Centre and throughout the spring and summer terms we have had the opportunity to review the policy and make a few tweaks to ensure that our students can meet the expectations whilst being comfortable and healthy.

The uniform guidance can be found in our Student Dress Code on our website (www.woodlandsec.org.uk):

Woodlands' uniform consists of:

- Black/grey school trousers or skirts (no leggings or denim)
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain navy blue sweatshirt (provided by the Centre)
- Black school shoes (no logos or branding)

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Changes to uniform as follows:

We have seen very warm weather throughout the summer term and due to having no recognised PE uniform we have found it difficult to reinforce a dress code to enable the students to keep cool.

With this in mind, we have decided to introduce a PE uniform from September 2018. It consists of the following items and **must be worn for all PE and O&A timetabled lessons:**

- Light Blue Plain Polo Shirt
- Black or Navy PE Shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no logos or branding)
- Trainers or Plimsolls (any colour)

The introduction of a PE uniform will enable us to inform you of relaxed uniform days as and when very warm weather is forecast.

Please can we remind you when purchasing new uniform or getting your child a haircut over the Summer break to adhere to our school dress code to avoid potential 'issues' right at the start of a new academic year. September 2018 will be an opportunity to ensure that all pupils adhere to our clear guidelines. Please email office@woodlands.hants.sch.uk for any clarification or questions you may have that are not answered by accessing the Dress Code on our school website.

Timetable Changes

There are no significant changes to the school day for September 2018; however, there is a minor tweak that sees Tutor times change to enable a more end-to-end support model to be introduced.

With effect from September 2018, the school day will be as follows:

08.45 – 09.00	Breakfast Club
09.00 – 09.15	Tutor Time (Registration)
09.15 – 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 – 10.45	Lesson 2
10.45 – 10.55	Break
10.55 – 11.40	Lesson 3
11.40 – 12.25	Lesson 4
12.25 – 12.55	Lunch
12.55 – 13.40	Lesson 5
13.40 – 14.25	Lesson 6
13.50 – 14.35	Tutor Time
14.35	End of School Day
14.35 – 15.15	Detention (all detentions will be 40 minutes in duration and communicated home)

Screening, Searching and Confiscation

Our Behaviour Policy identifies how we use the DFE guidelines to inform how we at Woodlands conduct searches of students to promote positive environments for learning. I would like to reiterate that our policy is written to reflect the DFE guidelines and we will be reinforcing expectations with all pupils via our whole school assemblies.

Our policy states that we are authorised to search all pupils on entry to the site and remove items that fall into our prohibited list (see Behaviour Policy on School Website).

Our policy states that we can confiscate and dispose of certain items, e.g. cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol, lighters and drug related paraphernalia. We will retain all confiscated items in a secure case until handover to the relevant authority can be achieved or the items can be disposed of, we are not permitted to return such items to children.

Please discuss this with your child as we will be reinforcing a tobacco free school and will confiscate all items as informed.

Parent/Carer Communication Platform

Parents and Carers have regularly commented that they are often confused about what happens during a school day at Woodlands, they do not receive timely information about positive achievements or situations that might require support from home. To help this situation we have recently invested in a new state of the art communication platform that will enable us to communicate directly with you by email, SMS and App almost instantly. We will be able to communicate school events; parent evenings, sports days and student review meetings at the push of a button. You will receive directly to your handset or portable device all the latest information concerning your child and the activities they participate in at school. Our Platform is 'Schoolzine' and you can access it by downloading an App from either Google Play (Android) or Appstore (Apple). Simply download the App and search our school details. If you follow this link, it will take you to the FAQs for the App. <http://www.schoolzine.co.uk/szapp>

Farewell....

I would like to send sincere thanks to valued members of staff who are leaving the Woodlands Team during the summer:

- Miss Walker, who as our Interim Deputy Headteacher for the past year, has been a fantastic addition to the team– bringing stability and purpose back to Woodlands.
- Mr Proszko, who, since starting at Woodlands has been responsible for teaching PE, Outdoor and Adventurous and most recently Maths.

Learning and Achievement at Woodlands

Year 11 Exams

This year we saw a fantastic 26 students sit GCSE exams in a range of subjects including; Maths, English, Science, Art, Food Tech and Child Development. We are truly excited about receiving the results that will be published and available on 23rd August 2018.

Out and about with O&A



Students have been working hard this year during their conservation sessions with Chichester Harbour Conservation Team. We currently have 3 large planting boxes at Eames Farm. Students have replaced panels, repainted and named our boxes. We have 3 planters with wild flowers, herbs and vegetables growing. Students are looking forward to cooking up a treat with their home grown vegetables.



Sailing has been extremely successful out on Southampton Water. Students have learnt to sail, work and communicate as part of a team, as well as develop individual skills seeing them learning how to set up their own boats. A few students have been successful in achieving their first sailing qualification through the Royal Yacht Association.



Abseiling and wall climbing at various locations, inside and out has challenged our students. Their comfort zones have certainly been stretched. The camaraderie and demonstrating the Woodlands values, especially Trust has given students a new level of understanding and confidence in their own ability to succeed (with appropriate support of others).



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Numerous activities and places of interest have been visited during 2017 & 2018. This has enabled our students to learn outside of the classroom to develop physical learning whilst supporting their core lessons within school.



Our PE and O&A department would like to thank their students for all the hard work and dedication in achieving personal goals and achievements.



The KS4 pupils really enjoyed preparing their two course meals for their Edexcel BTEC Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills Level 2. They worked really well using skills they have learnt over the past year to prepare some delicious meals for staff.



Finally...

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for the support over the past year and an extra special thank you to all of those who attended our end of year Parents Evening on 11th July 2018. We look forward to continued partnership working and growing our community spirit.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing summer break.

Kevan Wayne-Morris
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