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**NEXT WEEK IS  
TIMETABLE...**

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### *Dear Parents and Carers,*

Thank you to all the Year 13 parents who attended last night's Parents' Evening. Your involvement is invaluable in supporting your child's progress.

If you experienced any issues accessing the online link, please refer to the Parent Handbook for the email address of your child's teacher. They will be happy to assist you with any additional information or queries.

This week, we also had a number of trips to various museums, and the feedback from pupils and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. I would like to extend my gratitude to all staff who organised and attended these trips and to Leonie Alderman, our parent governor, for supporting the trip to Bletchley Park. We would warmly welcome any parent volunteers for future trips, as your support makes a tremendous difference. If you are interested in volunteering, we will reach to parents before the next trip days.

It has come to my attention that there were some conflicting dates published on the website and in the Parent Handbook. I sincerely apologise for any confusion this may have caused. To clarify:

- **This half term ends on Thursday, 19th December**, with pupils finishing between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm. Dismissal will be staggered, starting with Year 7 and finishing with Year 13.
- **School will resume after the break on Monday, 6th January**, with all pupils expected to arrive by 8:35 am.

I would also like to apologise for the cancellation of the Year 7 trip. However, I understand that cinema, football, and pizza went a long way in making up for the disappointment!

I am pleased to confirm that the **Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held in person on Thursday, 28th November**. This is a crucial evening to gain insight into how your child is progressing and to learn more about the Post-16 process, as there will be a series of presentations that evening. Further details will follow shortly.

On a less positive note, I am disappointed to report that some pupils displayed very poor conduct in a local park this week. Such behaviour is not in line with our school's expectations, is unsafe, and brings the school into disrepute. I must emphasise the importance of parental responsibility in ensuring pupils are safe and appropriately supervised after school.

We expect all pupils to leave the local area by **4:00pm** and to change out of school uniform if they are playing outside. Your cooperation is essential in reinforcing these expectations and maintaining the school's reputation in the community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued engagement and support.

*Warm regards,*

*Sonia Close*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 18th November**

Key Stage 3 Challenge Week Begins

**Wednesday 27th November**

No Pens Day

**Thursday 28th November**

Year 11 Parents Evening & Presentation For Next Steps

### REMINDERS

- Breakfast Club pupils are expected to arrive and sign in via the main school reception before 8:15am - they will not be able to attend if they arrive after this time.
- Please ensure you download the Arbor App if you have not already done so. More information can be found here; <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/sections/201716749-Using-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App-as-a-parent>

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# School Notices

## PARENT READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Reading is one of the most vital skills for pupil success. We are currently recruiting for Parent Reading Volunteers to support pupils who do not currently have the skills necessary to achieve their full potential. Training is provided.



### What is involved?

Come into school for at least one hour regularly. Typically, you work with pupils individually for about 30 mins each week. Our reading programme runs in 6-week blocks.

### What will I do?

You will work with pupils to select books, listen to them read aloud and discuss what they have read.

### How do I sign up?

Please complete this [Google Form](#).

### Need more information?

Please contact Krista Mitchell, Deputy Head by emailing: [kmitchell@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:kmitchell@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk)



# School Notices

## After School Enrichment Activities

Enrichment activities have started. Please encourage your child to attend. We have a range of activities suited to the needs of all pupils.

## Work Experience – Year 10/12

**Year 10:** 30th June – 4th July 2025

**Year 12:** 7th July – 11th July 2025

## Stage 1 - Finding your own placement

Students are encouraged to find their own placement by directly contacting employers. This ensures they have the best chance of securing a position that interests them. Placements can be anywhere in the UK, as long as travel is manageable.

**Parents are encouraged to support students in this process.**

The deadline for arranging a placement is **24th February 2025**. Please ensure all paperwork is completed and submitted by **24th February 2025**.

All placements **must** pass health and safety checks and have Employer Liability Insurance (ELI). Please send a copy of the insurance document.

## Apprenticeship Vacancies

**Please see this link** for details on the latest apprenticeship vacancies available to our pupils.

**Ms Bashal**

***Assistant Head***



# School Notices

## Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition 2024-2025 students

**Dear Parents,**

Please see the links below for the timetables for our Year 10 and Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils. This has all the information for the lessons, the homework and any ingredients they will need for the coming year. Year 11 pupils started their coursework for **NEA 1** from the 3rd of September 2024.

All ingredients are placed in the homework section and are placed in the homework the week before they are needed. Hopefully this will stop last minute requests for ingredients.

The school will supply any one-off ingredients for recipes such as baking powder, syrup and jerk seasoning. If ever there is an issue with Ingredients please do not hesitate to email me or send your child in with a note.

All pupils will need to supply a plastic container to take their food home in. This can be a container such as a large sweet plastic tub. They will also need a hair band or hair tie if they have long hair.

Acrylic and false nails and nail polish are a health and safety issue in catering. So please refrain from fake nails and nail polish.

If there are any issues please contact me on [mroffey4.320@heathcoteschool.com](mailto:mroffey4.320@heathcoteschool.com) .

Thank you so much for your support and I look forward to working with your children in the forthcoming year.

[Please Click Here](#) for the Year 10 timetable.

[Please Click Here](#) for the Year 11 timetable.

**Ms Roffey**

**Food and Nutrition**



# Reading at Heathcote

## Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving a score of 90-100% correct in their A/R Quizzes.

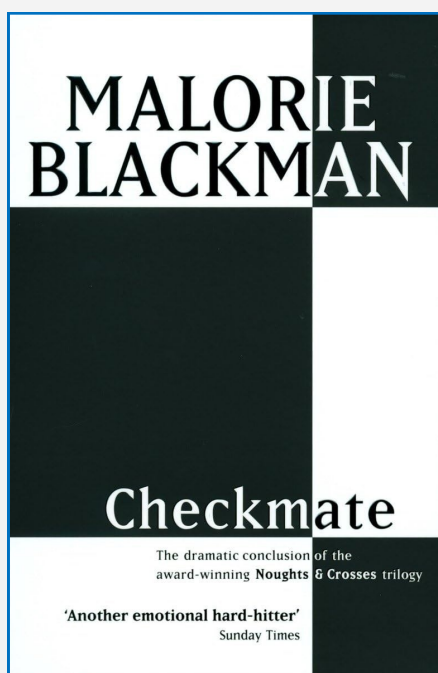
Well done to all those pupils who continue to read!

| Year 7                       | Year 8                        | Year 9                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Shanya I <i>100% correct</i> | Georgina T <i>90% correct</i> | Eleanor J <i>100% correct</i> |
| Dylan J <i>100% correct</i>  | Rae D-F <i>100% correct</i>   | Revin C <i>100% correct</i>   |
| Chuka A <i>100% correct</i>  | Reuben C <i>100% correct</i>  | Hannah S <i>90% correct</i>   |

JUST KEEP READING!

*Ms Elliott*

## Heathcote's Book of the Fortnight



### “Checkmate” by Malorie Blackman

Can the future ever erase the past? Rose has a Cross mother and a nought father in a society where the pale-skinned noughts are treated as inferiors and those with dual heritage face a life-long battle against deep-rooted prejudices. Sephy, her mother, has told Rose virtually nothing about her father, but as Rose grows into a young adult, she unexpectedly discovers the truth about her parentage and becomes determined to find out more. But her father's family has a complicated history - one tied up with the fight for equality for the nought population. And as Rose takes her first steps away from Sephy and into this world, she finds herself drawn inexorably into more and more danger. Suddenly it's a game of very

high stakes that can only have one winner . . .



# Year 7 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 7.1  | 160           | 91.7%      |
| 7.2  | 141           | 97.5%      |
| 7.3  | 115           | 98.5%      |
| 7.4  | 125           | 94.1%      |
| 7.5  | 215           | 99.0%      |
| 7.6  | 217           | 98.6%      |

## Key Messages

### Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks. In class pupils have been preparing for their first challenge week. Detail of their upcoming assessments can be found on GC along with revision materials. Please ensure your child is regularly checking their google classroom and completing their homework.



Last Friday a group of year 7 visited Chingford Mount Cemetery for the 'laying the flowers' event. The service was followed by a guided tour of the grades of service men. Pupils behaved both responsibly and respectfully.

This week 7.1 delivered a class assembly on kindness and respect to the rest of the year group (left). Well done to Ms Komba-Kono for and all involved. A clear and important message to all our pupils. Treating others with kindness and including everyone is a priority for us.

Today we had our cinema event in which we watched Paddington together and enjoyed some snacks pupils had brought in and popcorn the school provided. Then in an extended form time we enjoyed lots of pizza and some down time which pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

Well done to our pupil of the week Ben 7.5 (right) who volunteered with the Highams Park Snedders during half term. This is the second time Ben has done this – he cut down trees and worked really hard.

**Ms Gasper**  
Year 7 Lead



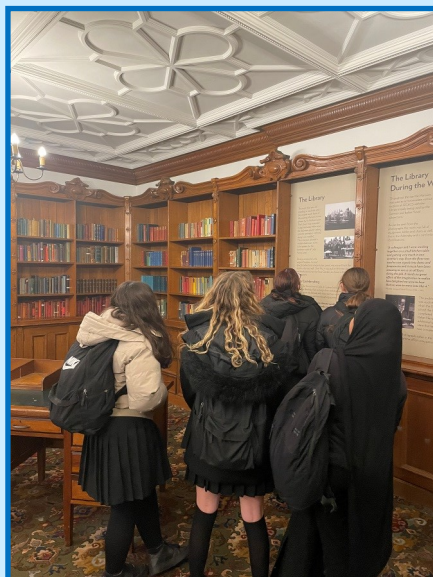
# Year 8 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 8.1  | 125           | 95.2%      |
| 8.2  | 191           | 94.3%      |
| 8.3  | 164           | 98.6%      |
| 8.4  | 112           | 96.0%      |
| 8.5  | 107           | 94.0%      |
| 8.6  | 146           | 96.6%      |
| 8.7  | 110           | 96.1%      |

## Key Messages

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Well done to all Year 8 pupils who attended the trip to Bletchley Park. Pupils demonstrated curiosity and engagement whilst exploring the historical site. Pupils learnt about the vital role Bletchley Park played in codebreaking during World War II. Pupils were respectful and represented Heathcote with pride.



I would like to thank Year 8 pupils for their engagement and contributions in my assembly this week. We discussed what it means to be outstanding, and how your mind-set can affect outcomes. Pupils understood how having a growth mindset means believing that you can improve through effort and learning from mistakes. During challenge week, pupils need to stay positive and be resilient, even if they are finding something difficult. Pupils should not be ashamed to ask for help as this will lead to better results.



## Notices

From Monday 18th November, KS3 Challenge Week will begin. Departments have uploaded revision resources onto Google sites and Google Classroom for pupils to prepare for their assessments. If you have any queries or concerns about a particular subject assessment, please contact your child's class teacher or the Head of Department directly.

## Upcoming dates

*KS3 Challenge Week* - From Monday 18th November

*No Pens Day* - Wednesday 27th November

*Ms Apperley*

*Year 8 Lead*



# Year 9 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 9.1  | 289           | 95.3%      |
| 9.2  | 248           | 93%        |
| 9.3  | 457           | 91.7%      |
| 9.4  | 262           | 97.5%      |
| 9.5  | 301           | 99.2%      |
| 9.6  | 393           | 96.1%      |

## Key Messages

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Art Trip – Friday 15th November

By the time you read this we will have completed our trips to the Tate Britain & Tate Modern. I hope that the pupils find these enjoyable and informative. We will, of course, expect the highest standards of behaviour, including adhering to the usual school rules around mobile phones and banned items such as energy drinks and glass bottles. I look forward to sharing positive feedback with you in the next newsletter.

### Challenge Week

Challenge week is fast approaching and will take place the w/c Monday 18th November. Pupils should refer to their subjects Google Site and Google Classroom for guidance and revision materials. Tests will take place in their usual lessons.

### Behaviour

Unfortunately I have had to deal with a large number of behaviour incidents in recent weeks, all concerning poor behaviour amongst the boys. I just want to reassert that physical contact, play fighting and generally manhandling others is not acceptable and will be sanctioned. Verbal abuse, teasing and emotional bullying are also unacceptable. Sadly many of the boys seem to have forgotten how to treat each other with kindness and respect, although that has been a big focus of mine with them. Also, providing an audience for incidents, thus encouraging them, is not acceptable. I will continue to work with them on this, but in the meantime, please do speak to your sons and let me know if you have any concerns in this area.

### Behaviour & Attendance

Well done to 9.3 for gaining the most praise points this fortnight and to 9.5 for receiving the least negatives. Keep up the good work! Also well done to 9.5 for a fantastic 99.2% attendance figure over the last two weeks! Best punctuality goes to 9.1 who have been on time 98.1% of the time, very well done to all.

### Upcoming Dates:

*Year 9 Options Presentation to Parent (Online) - Thursday December 12th, 5-6pm*

*Year 9 Parents Evening inc. Options Display & talk - Thursday January 30th 2025, 4.20-6.20pm (times tbc)*

*Ms Page*

*Year 9 Lead*



# Year 10 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 10.1 | 186           | 85.5%      |
| 10.2 | 114           | 90.4%      |
| 10.3 | 125           | 91.8%      |
| 10.4 | 127           | 93.1%      |
| 10.5 | 124           | 92.1%      |
| 10.6 | 125           | 83.3%      |

## Key Messages

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

### **Praise and Attendance**

Well done to 10.4 for their attendance score across the week. This continues to remain in a safe position above 90 %.

At the same time, well done to 10.3 for having no restorations, regulations across the week.

### **Challenge Week**

Another reminder:

Challenge week is two weeks away. This will run for two weeks across December. Please continue to encourage your child to discuss gaps in their knowledge with their class teacher. This is to ensure they are best prepared.

Assessments will cover taught GCSE topics from the start of September and students should be accessing the student portal / google classroom for their revision material.

### **School Trips**

Many school trips are taking place between now and Christmas. Information is primarily shared via your child's Arbor account. Please recognise that trips are planned in advance, and it is difficult to make sudden changes at short notice. As they are planned in advance, safety will always be at the forefront of our approach. This is due to the large number of students being taken off site.

If you would like your child to attend any eligible trips moving forward, please ensure you are responding to trip deadlines within the time frame. This will enable us to consider your child, coupled with the support that they may require on the day.

### **Work Experience**

Many thanks for your attendance at the work experience information session last week. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks to those who have already submitted their work experience forms. The attempt to secure a work experience place should not be left to the last minute. Please try to do this in advance of the deadline.

### **Conduct in the Community**

In the last week, we have been made aware of issues taking place within the community and primarily at the end of school days. This may be considered as anti-social behaviour or planned events where some students have been acting irresponsibly.

Please can I stress the importance of your child not being present at any planned or arranged events where the school is being brought into disrepute. If this is the case, and in line with our school behaviour policy, appropriate sanctions will be put in place.

Please ensure you are aware of where your child is or that they are making their way home from school.

*Mr Smith*

*Year 10 Lead*



# Year 11 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 11.1 | 83            | 88.3%      |
| 11.2 | 78            | 94.1%      |
| 11.3 | 66            | 85.6%      |
| 11.4 | 79            | 92.9%      |
| 11.5 | 93            | 93.3%      |
| 11.6 | 96            | 84.7%      |

## Key Messages

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

This week, Year 11 pupils experienced an important milestone in their journey toward final exams – their Mock Results Day. The afternoon began with an assembly led by Ms. Gite, where students received their reports and were guided through the minimum requirements needed for Sixth Form and college applications. Ms. Gite provided valuable insights into interpreting the reports and understanding the next steps in their academic journey. Parents can access their child's recent report on Arbor. Please let me know if you can't view this.

As the pupils opened their results, emotions were understandably mixed. Some celebrated hard-earned achievements, while others felt motivated to focus on key areas for improvement. Following the results opening, we spent time discussing effective ways to improve grades and outlined the range of support available within the school to help each student reach their full potential.

To support Year 11 pupils further, we have afterschool booster sessions available, which can be viewed on your child's Arbor timetable – these are live updates. These sessions are designed to help pupils deepen their understanding of subjects and make steady progress toward their targets. Attendance at these sessions is highly encouraged, as they play an important role in preparing pupils for their final exams. In addition to this I have booked a computer room on a Tuesday and Thursday afterschool for an hour where pupils can catch up and complete any outstanding coursework.

I would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality. This remains a concern for some Year 11 pupils, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all pupils arrive on time and in the correct school uniform each morning. Developing these habits now is crucial as we approach the actual exam period.

Looking ahead, we'd like to remind you that the Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for **Thursday, 28th November** via the **Sixth Form Building**. This evening is essential for all parents and pupils to discuss your child's progress report and provides an opportunity for one-on-one discussions with teachers about specific strategies to support each pupils progress. Ms. Elmi, our Head of Sixth Form, will also be delivering a talk on the application process for Sixth Form and college, outlining the steps and requirements involved. A letter will be sent out outlining the details of the evening and timings of the presentation.

We are also pleased to announce that Year 11 pupils have had the opportunity to explore various career paths during our trip to Olympia Hall. This event will provide valuable career insights and guidance as pupils begin considering their options for the future.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's success. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th and supporting your child's journey forward.

*Ms Clancey*

*Year 11 Lead*



# Year 12 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 12.1 | 2             | 89.3%      |
| 12.2 | 1             | 93.6%      |
| 12.3 | 4             | 92.8%      |
| 12.4 | 7             | 83.7%      |
| 12.5 | 6             | 95.7%      |

## Key Messages

*Dear Parents & Carers of Year 12,*

### Reminder about the Envision Programme launch trip—19th of November

The competition launch will happen on the 19th November from 1:00pm-4:30pm. This launch event is hosted at Bridewell Hall at St. Bride Foundation (14 Bride Lane, London EC4Y 8EQ). At this event, pupils will meet the Envision team and gain a better understanding of how the programme will run.

Pupils will leave school at 11:30 and arrive at Bridewell Hall at 1pm. We will travel to and from the event via public transport. The event finishes at 4:30 after which we will travel back to Chingford station. We expect to arrive at 5:40pm after which pupils will be dismissed from Chingford Station. Pupils will be expected to cover their own travel costs by topping up their oysters. Please ensure pupils have at least £5.50 on their oyster cards. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. Lunch will be provided for those on free school meals.

### Year 12 noticeboard

I would like to direct parents/guardians to remind their children to keep checking the year 12 noticeboard on google classroom as there are currently several opportunities being signposted on there. This includes a webinar giving an insight into banking and finance run by UBS.

### Work Experience

Pupils have also been given the form that they will need to complete when finding their own work experience placements. A copy of this form can also be found on the year 12 noticeboard. Completed forms will need to be handed to Ms Bashal by 24th February 2025.

### Contact Details

If you'd like to contact me via e-mail the address is: [pmiltiadou@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:pmiltiadou@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk)

*Mr Miltiadou*  
*Year 12 Lead*



# Year 13 News

| Form | Praise Points | Attendance |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 13.1 | 2             | 90.3%      |
| 13.2 | 0             | 89.9%      |
| 13.3 | 3             | 78.1%      |
| 13.4 | 21            | 79.3%      |
| 13.5 | 11            | 91.3%      |

## Key Messages

### *Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13,*

Thank you to all parents / carers who were able to attend year 13 parents evening yesterday. We hope this was a productive process resulting in clear targets for your child and a focus for the remaining months leading to both challenge week 2 and the summer exams. Please take the time to look at your child's report (accessible on Arbor) and choose specific targets with them to work towards per subject.

Well done to pupils for their recent efforts in drafting their personal statements for their applications to UCAS. We have seen a real determination in pupils to meet the internal deadline of 9th December, with the intention of submitting all applications by the end of term deadline.

Ms Elmi and I will be sending a Loom information presentation to all parents to support the post-18 destination process and are happy to meet parents and pupils that need bespoke support too. An additional well done to pupils who have received University offers and interview invitations, good luck.

You can contact me if you wish at [rlewis@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:rlewis@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend,

**Ms Lewis**

**Year 13 Lead**



# Other News & Events

## Headteacher Rewards Event

Ms Close was delighted to award her Headteachers Great Start certificates last week, acknowledging pupils from all year groups who have made an excellent start to the term. Pupils were rewarded with a session of games and fun activities along with a delivery of pizzas!

The following pupils were invited to take part...

|                   |                   |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Amelie K, 9.4     | Evelina S-B, 11.2 | Maeve B, 7.1     |
| Ariella M, 9.6    | Freddie S, 10.5   | Mason M, 7.1     |
| Caitlyn M, 11.4   | Gabriela P, 12.5  | Nini-Iman A, 9.1 |
| Cerys W, 7.3      | Georgia D, 9.5    | Rashmiya N, 9.2  |
| Chloe S, 8.1      | Harriet R, 10.3   | Semih C, 8.6     |
| Coco C, 8.6       | Harry H-M, 13.1   | Venus V, 11.2    |
| Darcey R, 11.1    | Imogen W, 10.1    | Yoan I, 8.2      |
| Edwina D, 9.1     | Imogen W, 9.3     | Zeynep V, 12.2   |
| Elizabeth A, 10.6 | Inaaya W, 11.6    | Jake K, 13.5     |
| Em B, 12.4        | Jenatie G, 13.2   | Rosie K, 10.4    |
| Evan B, 7.3       | Kalina S, 10.5    | Summaya N, 13.5  |



# Other News & Events

## Heathcote Year 7 Boys Win Big

Mr Dolan reports on a couple of superb victories for our Year 7 Boys football team...

### Match 2 – Heathcote 4 – 0 South Chingford

**Goals:** H Cela [2], A Ingrao, G Dolan

**Squad:** Placey, Sambridge, Dimitrov, Ingrao, Cela, Dolan, Pryce, Hutchison, Ly.

**Subs:** Annan, Thorogood, Birchenall, Andrews.

Playing in their inaugural league match of the season, our year 7 football team took on South Chingford setting up in a 3-4-1 formation with a backline of Sambridge, Dimitrov and Ingrao protecting Placey in goal, a midfield of Cela, Dolan, Pryce and Hutchison with Ly up top. It was a fairly even contest with South Chingford using their wings well but attacks were quickly



distinguished by Sambridge and the impressive Dimotrov playing at left-back with both boys coming out on top. The spine of the Heathcote team is strong and as they started to take control of the game our team started to create opportunities in attack leading to several corners. Pryce, delivering set-pieces from both sides, whipped a deep cross to the back-pot where Cela arrived to head home our season opener. This was repeated soon after from the opposite side of the pitch when Ingrao met another Pryce corner to make it 2-0. In the second half, with Heathcote now firmly in control, Cela added a crushing third before Dolan completed the scoring with a volleyed-finish to

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make the score 4-0. This was a good statement win that will surely alert our opponents to the quality and commitment this team have that will hopefully result in a positive season ahead.

## Match 3 – Heathcote 5 – 2 Hedingham

**Goals:** C Pryce [2], P Ly, J Houghton, J Annan

**Squad:** Placey, Dimitrov, West, Ingrao, Sambridge, Dolan, Pryce, Hutchison, Ly.

**Subs:** Annan, Goodacre, Houghton, Andrews.

Heathcote hosted Hedingham School from Halsted in the Essex Challenge Cup with Placey in goal, a backline of Dimitrov, West and Ingrao with Sambridge and Dolan in the engine room being flanked by Pryce and Hutchison left and right Ly leading the line. Heathcote came flying out of the blocks and created numerous early opportunities through Pryce, Ly, Hutchison and Dolan but the ball would not find its way into the back of the net. A well-worked goal was scored on the counter attack by Hedingham but the boys re-grouped and equalised through Pryce scoring from close-range after a Sambridge block tackle and nutmegged through-ball created the opening for Pryce to cancel-out the Hedingham opening.

After the half-time break, Hedingham again pulled ahead and threatened to make it 3 but a remarkable save from Andrews kept our boys in the game and boy did they make the most of this opportunity. Changing to a 2-4-2 with Ingrao moving into midfield, an immediate response came with a top-corner finish from Ly leaving the Hedingham keeper reeling from the ferocity of the effort.



Houghton, making his debut was fed through and finished low and hard to put Hedingham in the lead for the first time in the game and the boys never looked back. A looping, curling effort from Pryce made it 4-2 and the scoring was finished off by Annan to send Hedingham into the next round of the cup.

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Children's Services Directorate



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**Email:** [wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk)  
**Direct Line:** 0208 496 3000  
**Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent

**Re: Book your child for their free Winter holiday club**

I am pleased to be writing to invite you to book your child onto the free Waltham Forest's Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Winter 24/25.

These free holiday opportunities are funded through the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which enables us to provide a holiday programme across the borough for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November you will be able to visit the website below where you will be able to book your child onto a range of sessions. To ensure all eligible children have access to our programme, your child is able to book up to **4 sessions** during the Winter holidays from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

- To find out more and the places available to book, please visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays)
- If you have any queries regarding the holiday activity programme, please email [wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk) or call 0208 496 3000.

In addition to this free programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit> to find out more.

Yours faithfully,

**Lindsay Jackson**  
Assistant Director Access, Participation and Mainstream Inclusion  
Waltham Forest Council

[walthamforest.gov.uk](http://walthamforest.gov.uk)

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## WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

# 23 DEC 2024 – 3 JAN 2025

**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16 AND IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

Funded by the Department for Education, this winter we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough.

To book your place and find out more scan here:



or visit

**WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS**

Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

**WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK**



# Other News & Events

**Are you working with a young person, family member or carer affected by criminal exploitation?**

**SafeCall can support you and those you work with through:**

**Effective Safety Planning Support**

**Sharing specialist knowledge about County Lines and CCE**

**Confidential Case Discussions**

**Refer a young person or family member who you are working with**



**SAFECALL**  
**It's your call.**

**Call or text 116 000, 7 days a week, 9am-11pm**

**Scan QR code to access our referral form**

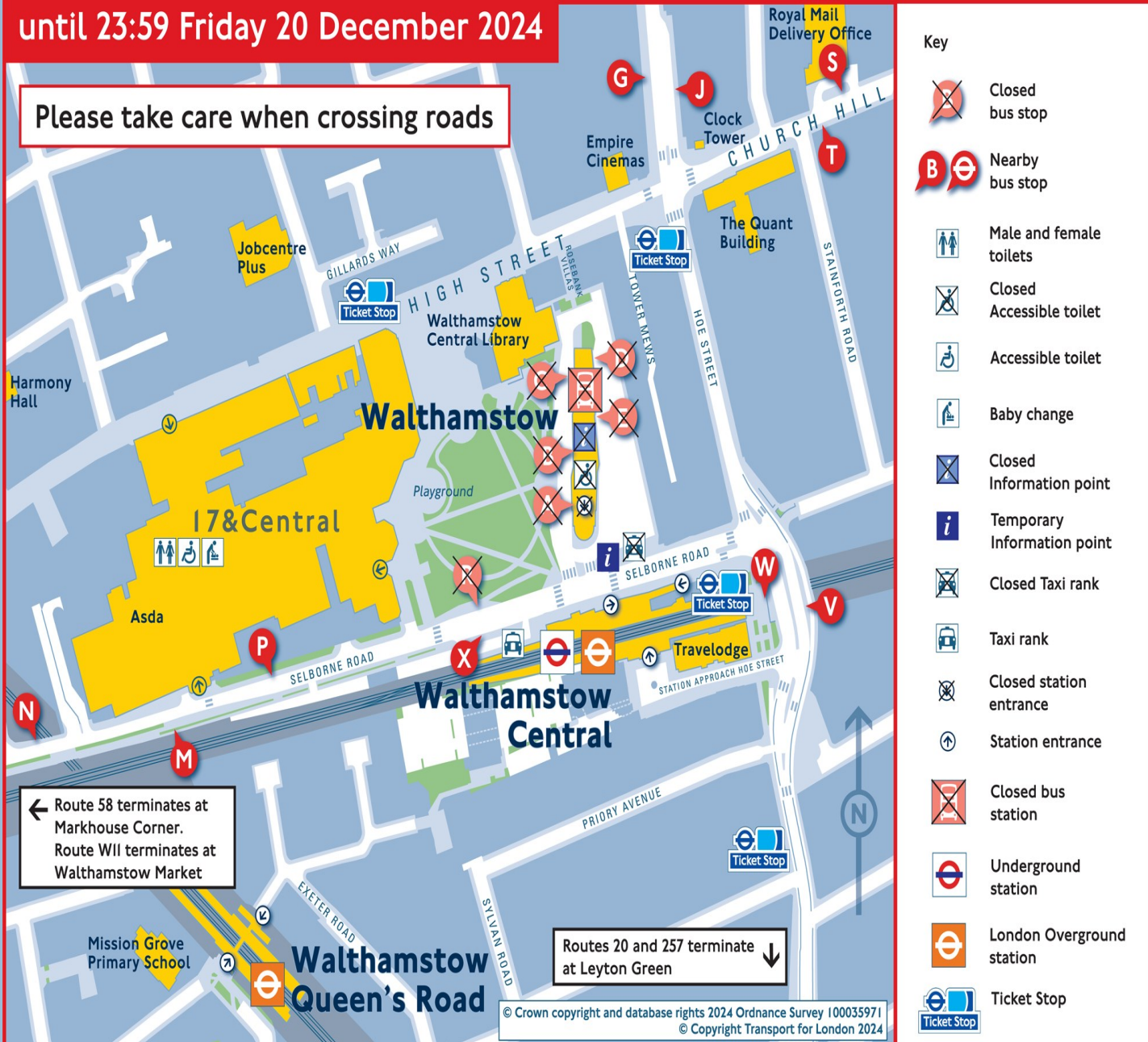
SafeCall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People  
Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)



# Other News & Events

Closure of Walthamstow bus station from 00:01 Friday 8 November until 23:59 Friday 20 December 2024

Please take care when crossing roads



| Route(s)  | Towards   | Nearest stop | Route(s)                | Towards   | Nearest stop | Additional information  |
|---|---|--------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| 34, 230, 275, SL1, SL2, W12, W15, W19, N38, N73 | Barnet, Upper Walthamstow, Barkingside, North Finchley, North Woolwich, Woodford Bridge, Hackney, Ilford, Oxford Circus, Victoria | N            | 215                     | Lee Valley Camp Site  | P            | Route 212 will terminate at stop M and will not serve St James Street.  |
| 55, 69  | Oxford Circus, Canning Town   | V            | 230, 275, W12, W15, W19 | Wood Green, St James Street, Coppermill Lane, Cogan Avenue, Argall Avenue | X            |   |
| 212   | Chingford station   | S            | N26                     | Chingford   | G            | Routes which normally terminate inside Walthamstow bus station:<br>Routes 34, 55, 69, 215, SL1, SL2, N38 and N73 - last stop will be stop X |
|   |   |              | N26                     | Victoria  | J            |   |

# Lunch Menu

## Week Beginning 18th November

| WEEK 1   | MONDAY<br>CLIMATE<br>CHANGE DAY   | TUESDAY<br>BURGER DAY  | WEDNESDAY<br>TRADITIONAL<br>DAY  | THURSDAY<br>CURRY DAY  | FRIDAY<br>CHEF'S CHOICE   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>MAINS</b>   | HOMEMADE CHEESE AND POTATO PUFFS WITH POTATO WEDGES<br>STICKY TOFU WITH MIXED RICE<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | SPICED DIRTY CHICKEN BURGER IN A FLOURED BUN WITH JACKET WEDGES<br>JERK POWER SAUSAGE IN A FLOURED BUN WITH JACKET WEDGES<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | SPAGHETTI BOLOGANISE<br>ROASTED WINTER VEGETABLE BIRYANI<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS              | CHICKEN CURRY AND MIXED RICE<br>SWEET POTATO AND CHICKPEA CURRY WITH MIXED RICE<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | MSC DEEP FRIED FISH WITH CHIPPED POTATOS OR MSC FISH FINGERS WITH CHIPPED POTATOES<br>SPICY VEGETABLE QUESADILLA<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS |
| ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES OR MIXED SALAD        |   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>STREET</b>  | MEXICAN STYLE QUORN LOADED BURRITO  | BEEF ENCHILADAS  | SIZZLING CHICKEN AND GINGER STIR FRY WITH NOODLES  | MAC N CHEESE   | JERK CHICKEN WINGS  |
| <b>PASTA</b>   |    |   |                             |                                     |    |
| <b>COLD</b>  | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS  | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS   | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS   | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS   | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS  |
| <b>DESSERTS</b>  | JAM COCONUT SPONGE AND CUSTARD<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB                      | BANANA CAKE AND CUSTARD<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB  | CHOCOLATE CRACKNEL AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB | LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE AND CUSTARD<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB                   | FRUITY FLAPJACK<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB   |
| A SELECTION OF NATURAL FRUIT DRINKS / MILK SHAKE / BOTTLED WATER |   |  |  |  |   |

## Week Beginning 25th November

| WEEK 2   | MONDAY<br>CLIMATE<br>CHANGE DAY   | TUESDAY<br>BURGER DAY   | WEDNESDAY<br>TRADITIONAL<br>DAY  | THURSDAY<br>CURRY DAY  | FRIDAY<br>CHEF'S CHOICE   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>MAINS</b>   | CREAMY PASTA BAKE<br>SWEET AND SOUR VEGETABLES WITH MIXED RICE<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | SPICY NACHO TOPPED BEEF BURGER IN A FLOURED BUN WITH ITALIAN DICED POTATOES<br>HALLOUMI BURGER WITH ITALIAN DICED POTATOES<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | ROASTED GARLIC AND LEMON CHICKEN WITH ROSEMARY ROAST POTATOES, SAGE AND ONION STUFFING, AND GRAVY<br>HOMEMADE CHEESE AND SWEET CORN QUICHE WITH ROSEMARY ROAST POTATOES<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | LAMB ROGAN JOSH WITH MIXED RICE<br>THAI KATSU CURRY WITH MIXED RICE<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS | MSC FISH FINGERS WITH CHIPPED POTATOES OR BUBBLE CRUMB SALMON WITH CHIPPED POTATOES<br>STUFFED BELL PEPPER<br>JACKET POTATO WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS |
| ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES OR MIXED SALAD        |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>STREET</b>  | SPICED BANGKOK NOODLES  | FISH AND CHIP WRAP  | TEX MEX  | CHILLI TOPPED NACHOS   | PIRI PIRI CHICKEN WINGS   |
| <b>PASTA</b>   |                    |    |   |                       |    |
| <b>COLD</b>  | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS  | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS  | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS   | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS   | SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES AND WRAPS  |
| <b>DESSERTS</b>  | PEACH MELBA<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB                     | APPLE CRUMBLE SERVED WITH CUSTARD<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB   | ETON MESS<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB  | LEMON CHEESECAKE<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB                     | CHOCOLATE AND BEETROOT MUFFIN SERVED WITH CUSTARD<br>FRESH FRUIT<br>FRUIT POTS<br>ORGANIC FRUIT YOGURT<br>ICE CREAM TUB                           |
| A SELECTION OF NATURAL FRUIT DRINKS / MILK SHAKE / BOTTLED WATER |   |   |  |  |   |