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**NEXT WEEK IS
TIMETABLE...**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. I would like to begin by thanking parents and carers for collecting pupils today and for the calm, supportive way you have worked with us. Your cooperation and reassurance have been greatly appreciated.



I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to my staff, many of whom remained out in the local area until 5.00 pm to ensure that your child got home safely. Their commitment to our pupils' wellbeing goes above and beyond, and I am incredibly grateful for their dedication.

In particular, thank you to families who have contacted us to share concerns relating to social media. We greatly value parents and carers working in partnership with us to keep pupils safe. Social media presents a significant challenge for young people, and it can often be difficult to decipher what is real and what is not.

I have been extremely impressed with the way our pupils have approached these issues. I spoke to pupils today about keeping themselves safe online, and we were pleased with the thoughtful and sensible way they engaged with this message and the mature choices they made by going straight home.

This week, I also held assemblies building on last week's focus on positive character and becoming a good person. We discussed the importance of small acts of kindness, doing the right thing because it is right, not because you are asked and the positive impact this has on others. I have been so impressed by pupils' responses, and we have seen pupils being noticeably politer and kinder throughout the week.

I would also like to commend KS3 pupils for their excellent effort during Challenge Week exams. Many pupils have been using their break times and lunches to revise and prepare, demonstrating real commitment and resilience. We are already seeing some very encouraging results and are proud of the hard work pupils are putting in.

Finally, a reminder that our second Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday **12th March**. At this event, you may not be able to see every teacher. It is an opportunity to prioritise subjects where your child may need additional support and to ask those key questions.

We ask that you continue to monitor social media over the weekend and inform the school of any concerns so that we can respond swiftly and appropriately.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for working so closely with us.

Yours sincerely,
Sonia Close
Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2nd March

Challenge Week Begins (Year 10 and Year 12)

Wednesday 4th March

Stop & Search Assemblies

Thursday 12th March

Year 11 & Year 13—Second Parents Evening

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>

Heathcote School & Science College, 96 Normanton Park, Chingford, London, E4 6ES

School Notices

Trips & Enrichment

Summer trips confirmed so far:

- **Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park** - Monday 13th July
- **Year 8 trip to Thorpe Park** - Wednesday 15th July

Please ensure you secure your child's space by paying a deposit - all details are in the parent letter sent to you.

Other upcoming trips and enrichment activities

<i>18th March</i>	Music Students Trip to College Arts	Yr 9
<i>9th March</i>	Maths Day at Leyton Sixth Form	Yr 11
<i>4th March</i>	Ecology trip	Yrs 7/8/9

If your child has been invited to any of the above, please give permission via Arbor to secure their place.

Careers and Work Experience

Yr 12 University of Hertfordshire Visit - 4th June

We are asking for a contribution to cover the coach costs. Please confirm your child's place and make your payment asap - all details are in the parent letter sent to you.

Year 10/12 Work Experience

We are still in stage 1 of work experience where students find their own placements with support from family and friends. I have managed to secure an extension for this to the end of March so please support them with finding a placement.

I will keep you updated when stage 1 closes and stage 2 opens which will be access to jobs available through BEP's portal.

Impetus Education Scholarship

We are excited to share a scholarship opportunity for ambitious students at Heathcote School and Science College who are interested in studying Economics, Engineering, Law, or Medicine.

Impetus Education's Future Leaders summer programmes give students aged 16-18 (exceptional 15-year-olds are welcome) a chance to:

- Experience university-level teaching from Cambridge and Oxford alumni and academics
- Explore their chosen subject in depth and gain insights not typically available in school
- Receive 1:1 mentoring, including academic guidance and career advice
- Connect with a global community of motivated peers



School Notices

About the Programmes

- Duration: 2-4 weeks with 15-20 hours of live interactive teaching
- Content: Covers core principles, practical applications, leadership, and research skills
- Outcome: Designed to strengthen university applications, particularly for top global universities including Oxbridge
- All of our programmes are fully online, making them ideal for distance learning

Scholarships

[Apply For Scholarship](#)

Students can apply for full or partial scholarships here:

Scholarships are awarded on a **rolling basis**, so early applications are encouraged.

Why This Matters

- Provides access to **world-class education** for talented students, regardless of background
- Combines **academic enrichment with mentorship**, helping students stand out in competitive university applications

For questions or further information, please contact us at info@impetus.education.

Educake Exams Seminar

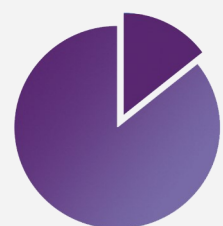
Educake would like to share a free upcoming parents webinar that could be really helpful for pupils.

www.educake.co.uk/parents-webinar-supporting-success-in-secondary-exams/

This session gives parents practical, easy-to-use strategies to support learning at home. It's completely free, and even if families can't attend live, please still encourage them to register because everyone who signs up will automatically receive the full recording, to watch at a time more convenient.

We genuinely see parent confidence at home as a key part of helping students feel more secure and successful in their revision.


Ms Bashal



Educake



Extra Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 7	<p>Boxercise (AAN) H14</p> <p>Boys' Fitness (GPE), Fitness Suite</p> <p>Music Practice Club (ENN) H17</p>	<p>Dance Club, (CLN) H21</p> <p>Boys football fixtures (Au1) AAN</p> <p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Court</p> <p>The Aqua Lab; Fish Tank Club</p> <p>(AAD) H137 WEEK A/B</p> <p>Watch Me Grow; The Bloom Lab (AAD) H137</p>	<p>Music tech & performance Club (ENN) H14</p> <p>Crafty Books, H201 (SKD), Week B</p> <p>Spanish Club (RTT), H114, Week A Currently doing Y11 Booster for this half term</p> <p>Girls' Football training (GPE) Meadow</p> <p>Drama Club, Week B (SAY) H21</p> <p>Artful Maths - H129 (NMK)</p> <p>Sparx Maths Club - Library (GMY)</p>		<p>Basketball ACS, Sports Hall</p> <p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p>
Yr 8	<p>Boxercise (AAN) H14</p> <p>Boys' Fitness (GPE), Fitness Suite</p> <p>Music Practice Club (ENN)</p>	<p>Dance Club - (CLN) H21</p> <p>Boys football fixtures (Au1) GPE</p> <p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p> <p>Watch Me Grow; The Bloom Lab (AAD) H137 WEEK A/B</p>	<p>Music Tech & performance Club (ENN) H14</p> <p>Crafty Books, H201 (SKD) - Week B</p> <p>Spanish Club (RTT), H114, Week A—Currently doing Y11 Boosters for this term</p> <p>Drama Club, Week B H21</p> <p>Girls' Football Training (GPE) Meadow</p> <p>Artful Maths - H129 (NMK)</p> <p>Sparx Maths Club - Library (GMY)</p>	<p>Boys Football Team ADN</p>	<p>Basketball ACS, Sports Hall</p> <p>Art club RRU, H212 Art club RRU, H212 week A</p>
Yr 9	<p>Girls' Football (JFH)</p> <p>Boys' Fitness (GPE), Fitness Suite</p>	<p>Dance Club - (CLN) H21</p> <p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p> <p>Watch Me Grow; The Bloom Lab (AAD) H137 WEEK A/B</p>	<p>Crafty Books, H201 (SKD) - Week B</p> <p>Drama Club, Week B H21</p> <p>Girls' Football training (GPE) Meadow</p> <p>Artful Maths - H129(NMK)</p> <p>Sparx Maths Club - Library (GMY)</p>		<p>Basketball ACS, Sports Hall</p> <p>Boys' Football training (AAN) BHF</p> <p>Dungeons and Dragons Club (RTT)</p> <p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p> 

Extra Curricular Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 10	<p>Girls Football (JFH)</p> <p>Boys Fitness (GPE), Fitness Suite</p> <p>KS4/5 Workshop Club (RRU H212) Week A, Week B 15 spaces</p>	<p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p>	<p>Music Tech & performance club (ENN) H14</p> <p>Sparx Maths Club - Library (GMY)</p>	<p>Boys' Football fixtures Au1 ACS</p>	<p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p>
Yr 11	<p>Girls' Football (JFH)</p> <p>Boys' Fitness (GPE), Fitness Suite</p> <p>KS4/5 Workshop Club (RRU H212) Week A, Week B 15 spaces</p>	<p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p>	<p>Sparx Maths Club - Library (GMY)</p> <p>Y11 Boys' Football fixtures AU1</p>		<p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p>
Yr 12	<p>Heathcote Choir (ENN) - H17</p> <p>KS4/5 Workshop Club (RRU H212) Week A, Week B 15 spaces</p>	<p>Musical Theatre Club, Week A</p> <p>Film Club- (MSW) 6118, Week B</p> <p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p> <p>BTEC PE Boosters (ACS)</p>	<p>Music Tech & Performance club (ENN), H14</p> <p>Spanish Club (RTT), H114, Week A</p>		<p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p>
Yr 13	<p>Heathcote Choir (ENN) H17</p> <p>KS4/5 Workshop Club (RRU H212) Week A, Week B 15 spaces</p>	<p>Film Club- (MSW) 6118, Week B</p> <p>Girls' Netball (RLS/DCY) Hard Courts</p>			<p>Art club RRU, H212, week A</p>



Reading at Heathcote

Heathcote's Book Of The Fortnight



The Hunger Games Set

By Suzanne Collins

This stunning paperback box set includes all three books in Suzanne Collins's internationally bestselling Hunger Games trilogy together with the prequel *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.

"At its best the trilogy channels the political passion of 1984, the memorable violence of *A Clockwork Orange*, the imaginative ambience of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and the detailed inventiveness of *Harry Potter*." *New York Times Book Review*

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts.

The Capitol keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV...

And the odds are against all who play.

- With all four of Suzanne Collins's Hunger Games novels in one box set, you can step into the world of Panem and continue all the way to the electrifying conclusion.
- Three books, four films and one worldwide phenomenon, The Hunger Games original trilogy changed the face of global YA.
- All three of the Hunger Games original novels have been made into major feature films, starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson & Liam Hemsworth
- The best-selling prequel to The Hunger Games, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, was a global number one feature film in autumn 2023 and a number one *New York Times* and *The Times* bestseller in hardback in May 2020.

Ms Nash

Librarian



Year 7 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
7.1	104	94.4%
7.2	123	98.8%
7.3	72	91.6%
7.4	135	97.8%
7.5	145	93.7%
7.6	203	88.6%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Before half term, Year 7 enjoyed a very successful trip to Epping Forest. I was lucky enough to lead 7.3 on the day and was incredibly impressed with their behaviour and map-reading skills navigating their way around the route. A particular well done to Finnan and William for their high levels of engagement throughout the day. Feedback from the remaining form groups was equally positive, and pupils on the whole appeared to have a fantastic experience despite the very muddy conditions!

Our Reward Assembly also took place during the final week of term. Congratulations to all pupils who received an award in recognition of their effort, achievement and positive contribution to school life.

Year 7 have returned to school with a strong and focused start to the new term. They appear organised and confident as they prepare for their remaining Challenge Week examinations. Standards of uniform and overall attitude to learning have been excellent and are a credit to the year group.

Please be aware that the Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday **26th March between 4.20pm and 6.20pm**. Please note that we do not operate an appointment booking system for this evening. All subject teachers will be available for you to speak with regarding your child's progress so far this year. I will be sending out a letter via Arbor with more details in the coming week.

Finally, thank you to those families who have ensured that payments for the Gilwell Park trip are up to date. This is a polite reminder that all outstanding balances must be settled by **Friday 27th March**. Despite previous reminders, a number of payments remain outstanding. Please be aware that failure to complete payment by this date may result in your child being withdrawn from the trip.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Clancey

Year 7 Lead



Year 8 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
8.1	77	95.4%
8.2	101	92.9%
8.3	51	96.1%
8.4	104	85.8%
8.5	137	96.7%
8.6	90	95.4%

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of Year 8 for their excellent behaviour this week. Pupils have shown real maturity and focus in lessons, and their conduct during assembly was particularly impressive. They represented themselves and the school with pride.

It has also been wonderful to see how well Year 8 conducted themselves on the trips prior to half term. Staff were extremely proud of the way pupils engaged, participated and demonstrated our school values beyond the classroom. There are some highlights on our school Facebook page.

A reminder that details regarding the upcoming trip to Thorpe Park have now been sent out. Pupils have been reminded that attendance is dependent on meeting our behaviour expectations. We know they can rise to this and continue to demonstrate the high standards they have shown so far.

We would also like to commend Year 8 for their focus, revision efforts and positive behaviour during our recent Challenge Weeks. Their commitment to their learning has been evident, and we are grateful to parents and carers for the continued support at home, it truly makes a difference.

Well done again to all of Year 8. We are very proud of you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Gasper
Year 8 Lead



Year 9 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
9.1	31	95.8%
9.2	83	97.6%
9.3	133	94.6%
9.4	37	91.7%
9.5	46	85.2%
9.6	149	97.2%
9.7	63	97.4%

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term break. I am delighted to share that Year 9 pupils have returned with a strong sense of focus as they move into this important stage of the academic year, particularly as they begin considering their option choices. Over the next 3 weeks, our department leads are delivering Options/Subject Presentations during form time. These sessions are designed to give student a clear understanding of course content, expectations for each subject, assessment structures and exam requirements and guidance to support informed option choices. Presentations are scheduled daily from 8:40am–9:00am. It is essential that students arrive on time to school so they do not miss these valuable sessions, your support in ensuring punctual arrival is greatly appreciated.

We would like to again ask for your support in carefully overseeing your child's screen time and their use of social media. We continue to see an increasing number of issues arising from group chats and online calls that take place at home. While these interactions happen outside of school hours, their impact is very much felt during the school day and can significantly affect students' wellbeing, focus, and relationships. We know that navigating the online world as a parent can be challenging, but consistent boundaries, regular monitoring, and open conversations at home make a real difference. Please ensure you are aware of the platforms your child is using, who they are communicating with, and the nature of those conversations.

If you would like guidance on setting parental controls and managing online safety, we recommend the following trusted resource:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

To report harmful or inappropriate online content, please use:

- <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/harms/>

I would like to congratulate Year 9 on a successful visit to the Imperial War Museum. Staff at the museum commented that our students were the best behaved school group they have hosted! We also received positive feedback from members of the public while travelling. A special mention goes to Gheorghe B and Melissa S, who kindly gave up their seats for elderly passengers on the train. I had the pleasure of accompanying 9.3 on the trip, their engagement throughout the day was brilliant. A special shout out to Jude, Jenson and Tristan for asking insightful questions, sharing knowledge and historical facts with others and demonstrating outstanding enthusiasm and engagement. Overall, it was a fantastic trip. Year 9 should be extremely proud of themselves.

Reminders

- If wearing a skirt, pupils must wear tights only – no socks.
- Skirts must be knee length.
- Windbreakers are not permitted as a replacement for blazers, school blazers must be worn.
- No bracelets and pupils with multiple piercings will be given clear studs to wear if necessary.
- Religious necklaces may be worn but must be tucked inside shirts.

We appreciate your support in ensuring students leave home dressed correctly.

We are increasingly concerned about the number of pupils consuming energy drinks before school. Students have been seen purchasing and drinking them on Station Road in the mornings. Consumption of energy drinks is causing sudden spikes in behaviour, difficulty concentrating, and mid-morning energy crashes. We ask for your support in discouraging your child from consuming energy drinks before school, thank you.

Ms Apperley



Year 10 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
10.1	177	94.4%
10.2	63	89.2%
10.3	131	90.6%
10.4	78	92.1%
10.5	176	93.3%
10.6	131	93.8%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Challenge Week 2 begins on **Monday 2nd March** and will run for two weeks.

Please support your child by ensuring that they are fully prepared with:

- All required equipment (including a calculator if necessary)
- Revision materials for any gaps between exams

If you have any questions before the assessments, speak to your teachers as soon as possible.

Do your best, stay focused, and good luck!

Maths Mentoring

Thank you for the many responses regarding places for Y12 Maths Mentoring. If your child has been allocated to this you will have received a confirmation email. I have added any additional pupils to a waiting list, and will be reviewing this in due course. Please note, due to the high demand, if your child misses 2 consecutive sessions I will remove them from the club and replace with another pupil.

Work experience – last call for forms

Thank you to those who have already submitted their work experience forms. We continue to encourage pupils to find their own placements, which may include a family business or a parent's place of work where appropriate. Placements are most beneficial when they are tailored to a pupil's interests or potential future career goals.

The deadline for submitting work experience forms is **Friday February 27th**.

Uniform Expectations

Finally, a thank you for your support with uniform expectations, this is much improved.

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd – Friday 13th March – Challenge Week 2

Friday 27th March – End of Term

Thursday 23rd April – Year 10 Parents Evening & Work Experience Presentation

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards.

Ms Page

Year 10 Lead



Year 11 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
11.1	70	86.0%
11.2	49	89.2%
11.3	54	95.1%
11.4	51	94.4%
11.5	106	90.0%
11.6	54	83.8%

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope February half term was a good break for pupils and gave them the opportunity to rest and recuperate, especially after the challenge weeks. Pupils expectedly conducted themselves well during this process, which we hope has been a good learning opportunity.

Staff feedback from the exams will be invaluable for pupils and is a reflective process that helps pupils to identify and direct their revision in the coming months. Meanwhile, department leads and I will utilise this data and information to provide any further support required. You will soon be receiving your child's final year 11 report. Next half term, we will returning to option boosters after school. With only 40 school days left till the first exam, every day counts and every hour makes a difference. Please ensure your child attends the boosters and these will be visible on Arbor.

Well done to all winners of achievement awards prior to the half-term break. Their commitment to their studies has not gone unnoticed and rewards were definitely deserved.

Thank you to all parents that made their payments for the year 11 leavers hoodies. If you have missed the deadline for this and still wish to purchase please inform us by Monday 2nd March.

Upcoming Dates:

12th March: Year 11 Parents Evening (2).

We hope the interactions with staff will provide valuable feedback about how your child is performing and how they can progress and achieve the high standards they are striving for.

Ms Lewis

Year 11 Lead



Year 12 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
12.1	19	90.3%
12.2	10	88.1%
12.3	3	92.3%
12.4	7	95.6%
12.5	7	85.5%

Dear Parents & Carers of Year 12,

I hope you and your families had a restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming students back for what will be a very important half term.

This period includes mock examinations, progression planning and key preparation for Year 13. Your support at home is invaluable in ensuring students approach the weeks ahead with focus and maturity.

Challenge Week—Mock Exams

Challenge Week will take place this half term and will consist of students' mock examinations.

These mocks are a crucial opportunity for students to:

- Practise exam technique under timed conditions
- Identify strengths and areas for development
- Experience the expectations of the summer examination series
- Inform predicted grades and progression discussions

Revision Expectations:

- A structured revision timetable should now be in place.
- Students should be revising daily, not just the night before exams.
- Independent study periods must be used effectively.
- Phones and distractions should be minimised during revision time.

Uniform Expectations

As we are entering into sunnier days, we expect pupils to have the same high standards of presentation, and this remains essential. As Year 12 students, they are role models within the school and should present themselves accordingly.

Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are especially important during this half term.

- Students must arrive on time to school and to every lesson.
- All absences must be reported in line with school procedures.
- Medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours where possible.



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Every lesson now contributes directly to mock performance and future outcomes.

Progression – 6th July

Progression Week begins on 6th July. This is a key week focused on preparing students for Year 13 and their post-18 pathways, including university, apprenticeships and employment. Further information will follow, but please ensure students are present and fully engaged.

Work Experience 29th June—Paperwork Reminder

Work experience is fast approaching. Any outstanding paperwork must be completed and handed in as soon as possible. Placements cannot proceed without the required documentation, so we appreciate your support in ensuring deadlines are met. Deadline for paperwork is Deadline to complete your placement form: 27th February 2026

Buddying Programme

Buddying has resumed and will continue every Thursday. This remains a valuable leadership opportunity and contributes positively to students' wider development.

Rewards Trip—Rowans, Finsbury Park

We are organising an exciting reward trip to Rowans in Finsbury Park for students who demonstrate excellent achievement, attendance and commitment this half term.

Criteria will include effort during mock preparation, behaviour and overall contribution to school life.

PIE Lessons—CV Drafting

Next week in PIE, students will begin drafting their CVs in preparation for:

- UCAS applications
- Apprenticeship applications
- Employment opportunities

This is an important early step in ensuring students are competitive and well-prepared for their next steps.

Parent's Evening—May

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place in May. This will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, particularly following their mock examinations. Further details will be shared shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Ms Singh/Ms Ismail

Joint Year 12 Lead



Year 13 News

Form	Praise Points	Attendance
13.1	10	86.5%
13.2	30	84.8%
13.3	12	84.4%
13.4	8	89.8%
13.5	5	95.1%

Key Messages

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13,

Year 13 Leavers Hoodies

As you are aware our year 13 Leavers Hoodies were available to purchase on Arbor until Friday 27th February. As part of this process, we asked you to complete the order form via this link: [Leavers Hoodie Order Form](#). Completing this form is essential to ensure we order the correct colour, size, and any personalisation (if selected).

Thank you very much to those who have already submitted the form – we really appreciate your prompt response.

If you have purchased a hoodie but have not yet completed the order form, please could you do so by **Wednesday 4th March** so that we can ensure all orders are processed smoothly and on time.

Year 13 Parents Evening

As you are all aware the year 13 parents evening will be held on Thursday 12th March. Please can I ask all parents and guardians to attend if you are able to as this is a great opportunity to see how your child is performing and what they need to do in order to reach their potential in their final exams. This evening is compulsory for students and they must attend even if they are not able to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Reminder of uniform expectations

A reminder that your child is expected to attend sixth form in smart business wear. Hoodies, Converse and Ugg boots should not be worn to sixth form and students will be sanctioned for wearing these items. A polite reminder that skirts should be knee length.

Pastoral Reminders

A polite reminder that parents should inform the Sixth form reception of absence via sixthformattendance@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk or 020 8498 5110 option 3 if their child will not be present at school. This needs to be done every day of non-attendance.

Contact Details

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

Mr Miltiadou

Year 13 Lead



Other News & Events

Children's Services Directorate



Waltham Forest Town Hall, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, London E17 4JF

Email: wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk
Direct Line: 0208 496 6076
Date: Monday 2nd March 2026

Dear Parent,

Re: Book your child for their free HAF Easter Half Term 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 Easter Half Term.

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 2nd March 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 Easter holidays from Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April 2026, excluding banks holidays, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of inclusive fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

The HAF programme offers an inclusive programme for all children and young people in attendance. Parents/ Carers can use our booking system to view the provisions available to accommodate and support their child's individual needs.

- To find out more and the places available to book, please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays
- If you have any queries regarding the holiday activity programme, please email wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 0208 496 6076.

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,

Mary Jarrett
Corporate Director for Education

walthamforest.gov.uk

Other News & Events



WALTHAM FOREST
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

EASTER 2026

30 MARCH - 10 APRIL

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

Funded by the Department for Education, this easter 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@
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Lunch Menu

Week Beginning 2nd March

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	Chilli Con Carne with Mixed Rice	Vegetable Biryani (ve)	Beef Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Sausage and Mash with Onion Gravy	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers or Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chipped Potatoes
Main Meal	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge & Garlic Bread (v)	Southern Fried Chicken Burger and Jacket Wedges	Samosa with Mixed Rice & Sweet Chilli Sauce (ve)	Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche with Mash (ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With Garlic Bread (v)
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (v) (ve)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (v)(ve)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (v)(ve)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (v)(ve)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (v) (ve)
PASTA POT	Pasta King (v)(ve)	Pasta King (v)(ve)	Pasta King (v)(ve)	Pasta King (v)(ve)	Pasta King (v)(ve)
UNLIMITED VEGETABLES	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables & Baked Beans
UNLIMITED SEASONAL SALADS	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads
DESSERTS	Peach Melba (v)	Eves Apple (v) & Custard (ve) (v)	Frosted Carrot Cake (v) & Custard (ve)(v)	Rice Pudding with Fruit Compote (v)	Sticky Chocolate Brownie (v)
Selection of Fresh Sandwiches/ Baguettes/	Selection of Sandwiches. Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches. Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches. Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches. Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches. Baguettes & Wraps
FRESH FRUIT / YOGURT	Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Pots/ Organic Fruit Yogurt/ Ice Cream tub	Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Pots/ Organic Fruit Yogurt/ Ice Cream tub	Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Pots/ Organic Fruit Yogurt/Ice Cream tub	Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Pots/ Organic Fruit Yogurt/ Ice Cream tub	Fresh Fruit/ Fruit Pots/Organic Fruit Yogurt/Ice Cream tub
WATER AND FRUIT DRINKS	A selection of natural fruit drinks /milk shake /bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks /milk shake /bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks /milk shake / bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks /milk shake /bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks /milk shake /bottled water

Week Beginning 9th March

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Curry Day	Thursday	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Spaghetti	Peri Peri Chicken with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Curry and Mixed Rice with Naan Bread	Cottage Pie with Gravy	MSC Deep Fried Fish or Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
Main Meal	Vegetable Bolognese with Wholewheat Spaghetti (ve)	Jollof Rice (ve)	Mac n Cheese (v)	Impossible Chicken Noodles (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice with Garlic Bread (v)
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (ve)(v)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (ve)(v)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (ve)(v)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (ve)(v)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (ve)(v)
PASTA POTS	Pasta King (ve)(v)	Pasta King (ve)(v)	Pasta King (ve) (v)	Pasta King (ve) (v)	Pasta King (ve) (v)
VEGETABLES	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
SEASONAL SALADS	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads	A variety of mixed salads
DESSERTS	Apple Pie (v) &	Banana Cake (v) &	Lemon Drizzle Cake (v)	Chocolate Cracknel (v)	Fruity Flapjack (ve)
FRESH FRUIT / YOGURT	Fresh Fruit (ve) / Fruit Pots (ve) /Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) /Ice Cream tub (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve) / Fruit Pots (ve) /Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) /Ice Cream tub (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve) / Fruit Pots (ve) /Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) /Ice Cream tub (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve) / Fruit Pots (ve) /Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) /Ice Cream tub (v)	Fresh Fruit (ve) / Fruit Pots (ve) /Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) /Ice Cream tub (v)
Selection of Freshly Prepared Sandwiches/	Selection of Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps	Selection of Sandwiches, Baguettes & Wraps
WATER AND FRUIT DRINKS	A selection of natural fruit drinks/milk shake /bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks/milk shake /bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks/milk shake / bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks/milk shake / bottled water	A selection of natural fruit drinks/milk shake /bottled water