

6th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

The Attendance Winners this week are:

Year 7: Navid, Year 8: Jemal, Year 9: Leila, KS4: Nadine

Congratulations to all our winners!

School Lunches

We encourage healthy eating at all times. A small number of pupils have been given crisps or chocolate bars with their lunches in the last few weeks. A packed lunch must not include any drinks other than water, not include nuts, not include crisps or sweet products. We have become a nut free school as we have students with severe nut allergies. If you are unsure about the suitability of any item for your child's packed lunch, contact the school office to check. There is more information about our school dinners and policies in the [Parents Section of the school website](#).

RSE Parent Workshop - Friday 13th October at 10.40am-11.30am

This workshop is to discuss the RSE (Relationships and Sex education) policy with parents. Parents will have the opportunity to review and discuss what is taught in lessons and have involvement in framing the curriculum. As the "Dynamic RSE Policy" is open to change to serve the needs of the individual pupil, parents' views are extremely important to shape the curriculum.

Please contact Patsy to confirm your attendance.

EHC Plan Workshop - Wednesday 18th October at 9 .45am -12.30pm.

EHC Plans are replacing Statement of Education. Pupils in YR 9 & 10 will be going through the EHC Plan transfer review in November. Woodfield are running a workshop for parents to understand what this means for your child and how important it is to attend the EHC Plan review meeting. Please contact Patsy to confirm your place.

Branching Out

Connexions and Brent council are again holding an information session on Tuesday October 24 at the Brent Civic Centre. If your child is aged between 12 and 24, it is well worth attending the evening to find out about transitions and possibilities for young people with learning difficulties. [See here for all details.](#)

Branching Out | Brent Connexions (LDD) transition event for young people aged 12-24 and their parents/carers

An exciting event for young people aged 12-24 with Learning Difficulties and / or Disabilities (LDD)

**Tuesday
24th October 2017
2pm - 6pm**
Brent Civic Centre,
Conference Hall - Level 3, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

Call Nadia Akhtar on 020 8438 1650 or 07836 677759 for further details



Come along and...

- > SPEAK TO professionals from local colleges, SENAS, Brent Volunteers, Brent Carers and many more
- > PARTICIPATE IN fun activities such as silk painting and sand art, and experience virtual reality careers programmes
- > JOIN IN workshops on Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's) and Project SEARCH (supported internships)
- > FIND OUT MORE about the Brent SEN Local Offer

> Make essential links with organisations that support young people with LDD
 > Project SEARCH - supported internships with large employers organised by the College of North West London
 > Meet colleges and training providers
 > Join in with fun interactive activities
 > A BSL interpreter available 2:30-5:30pm
 > Find out more about employment opportunities in your local area




Brent Civic Centre, Conference Hall - Level 3, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ
Public Transport 83,182,82,206 Wembley Park Station

Supported by:



Makaton

Makaton is a language programme that is used in conjunction with speech to aid the pupils' understanding of language and help them communicate with each other more effectively. Makaton is used across the school in lessons and break times. We would love for you to learn some signs so that you can sign with your child.

[Here is a link where you can access a weekly Makaton sign](#)

Annual Reviews

We would like to inform you there may be changes in the Annual Review dates being held this academic year. These possible changes will effect Transfer Reviews for Years 9, 10, 11 and 14. We will confirm any changes in future newsletters and via text message to parents.

Contact Information for Annual Reviews

Woodfield SENCO: Pam Ash

Email: sen@woodfieldschool.co.uk

Tel: 0208 206 1977

Brent SEND (Special Education Needs) Advice and Support Service

Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ,

Tel: 020 8937 3434

Email: sendias@brent.gov.uk

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school every day to make as much progress as they can. We do not authorise term time leave for holidays unless it is an exceptional circumstance. All requests must be made in writing to the head teacher. Also please try and make medical appointments during the school holidays, if possible.

Vocational Education in KS3

Hoorah! We started the vocational sessions in KS 3 last Tuesday with a big bang and all students were mixed into different groups to take part in different models of vocational education, such as running a mini enterprise, learning how to sell stuff online, running a French cafe, making various arts and crafts products, or taking part in creative arts such as drama and music while a few who find transitions and working in new groups very challenging are learning to relax through recreational activities. We will keep you informed about the progress made by our students.

Medical Appointments

It would be very helpful if parents could give the school advance warning of any medical appointments their child may have. If we know when you need to collect your child early we can ensure that they are ready when you arrive so that you are not kept waiting. If the appointment is in the morning and the child will not be in until later or will be out all day then we need not bother you with telephone calls asking where your child is. Wherever possible please send in a copy of your child's appointment card or letter if you have one. Thank you for your support with this. Please try and make appointments in school holidays where this is possible.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



Nick Cooper

Important dates

Friday 13th October	RSE Parent Workshop for KS3 parents
Friday 20th October 2017	INSET day- school closed to pupils
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2017	Half Term – school closed
Wednesday 6th December 2017	KS3 Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Wednesday 13th December 2017	KS4 & KS5 Parents Evening (4-7pm)
Tuesday 19th December 2017	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring term- all pupils in school.