

Academic excellence in a nurturing community

## From the Principal...

A warm welcome to this week's edition!

### L6 Exams

Our L6 students approached their exams last week with a high level of discipline and focus. I have been impressed with their resilience and positivity. I am sure that this will be an experience that will give students opportunities to reflect and develop their learning. Thank you to all staff that supported with the process.

### Covid measures

A reminder that:

- Students should wear a face covering at all times indoors unless exempt.
- Students are permitted to eat in the canteen or marquee but cannot eat in the hub.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test twice a week.
- Students should not attend College if they have symptoms.

An updated flow chart [can be found here](#) and below, please can students familiarise themselves with it. Many thanks for collectively coming together to keep our community safe.

### And finally...

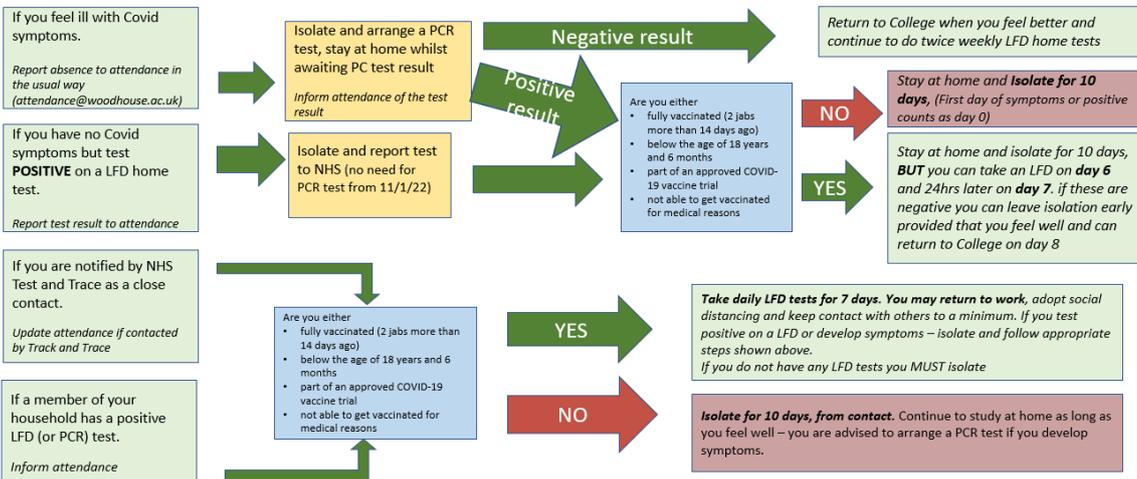
A huge congratulations to the students who have successfully secured offers from Oxford! A more formal update will follow once we have received offers from Cambridge. Well done all!

KEY DATES	
<b>Lower 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021: Summer exam week	<b>Upper 6<sup>th</sup></b> February: Mock Examinations
<b>All students</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022: INSET day 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022: INSET day	

## Woodhouse Student - Covid flowchart (January 2022)

All students should continue with the following control measures to reduce risk of transmission as per school operational risk assessments aligned with [Government advice](#).

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Ensure working spaces are well ventilated.
- Twice weekly LFD tests at home.



Sugra Alibhai  
Principal

# Messages From Staff

## L6 exam reflection

Are you happy with your exam performance last week? This informal group session will give you top tips on how you can manage your workload and make the small changes needed to create a healthy work/life balance to ultimately improve your grades. You can sign up on Woodle events. Please come along to Room 18 at 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January.



This week is L6 folder check week. If you would like some help with organising your folders or have any questions or concerns about your studies, I will be in the student hub tomorrow (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>) at break time so please come and have a chat. Looking forward to meeting you!

Lisa Fry  
Student Progress Manager

## News from the student societies

**ProgSoc** is a society for beginners and experienced programmers alike. Each week we meet up and create games together. No programming knowledge is required; we will teach you! Last term we learnt the basics of Pygame while creating a Flappy Bird game together. If you like the sound of designing and coding games as a group, or if you're interested in learning programming, drop in on any Thursday at 3.20pm in room 300 and see if you like it! Contact Sergi Lange-Soler: [20010571@woodhouse.ac.uk](mailto:20010571@woodhouse.ac.uk) for more info.



**Book Club** hold a Teams meeting every Monday at 6pm. Recently, we discussed 'It Ends With Us' by Colleen Hoover and specifically different interpretations of the story. This book deals with how we assign blame and responsibility to people and also explores the complex nature of romantic relationships involving abuse. Some of the issues we discuss can be challenging and if someone does not want to discuss particularly issues, then we happily discuss something else.



We have also talked about the effect social media has on which books we decide to read and if other people's reviews are true to the text. They tend not to be, with many Book Club members feeling underwhelmed by certain books that were 'hyped' on social media. Despite some disappointments, we often talk about social media and which books we've seen circulating amongst people our age.

There's no pressure to have read a certain book by a deadline. Overall, Book Club is a place to relax and talk about book-related things. We will also be organising a writing competition in March so watch out for that, and for more information please contact Sachi Dadaga: [20011051@woodhouse.ac.uk](mailto:20011051@woodhouse.ac.uk).

Kevin Lawrence  
Head of Year

# Messages From Staff

## Unifrog

Don't forget to [log into Unifrog](#) for help and advice on careers and university applications. If you are having trouble logging in then please speak to your tutor. You can also sign up for free Unifrog skills development webinars, please see below:

### **Skills development: Staying positive**

We can all find it difficult to stay positive sometimes. This webinar will give you the chance to hear from an expert on how to build your mental resilience, an essential skill for both the workplace and life! Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 5 - 5.45pm, [sign up here](#).



### **Skills development: Leadership skills**

Find out why employers believe that leadership is one of the most important skills to have in the workplace. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 5 - 5.45pm, [sign up here](#).



### **Skills development: Communication and presenting skills**

Find out what activities you can be doing now to build your communication and presenting skills. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 5 - 5.45pm, [sign up here](#).



### **Skills development: Problem-solving skills**

This webinar will give you top tips on how to showcase your problem-solving skills to boost your employability. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 5 - 5.45pm, [sign up here](#).

Kevin Lawrence  
Head of Year

## Library display

Please do pop into the library to see our display for Holocaust Memorial Day.



Kellie Hodgson  
College Library

# Messages From Staff

## Solutions not Sides (SNS) Workshops

Solutions not Sides are running hour long workshops at the College on the afternoon of Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. SNS is designed to prepare young people to make positive, solutions focused contributions to debates on Israel-Palestine.

The **Solutions Not Sides Youth Education Programme** aims to tackle Antisemitism, Islamophobia and polarisation around the issue of the Israel-Palestinian conflict in the UK. The non-partisan programme has been formulated with the input of both Israelis and Palestinians as well as senior members of the Jewish and Muslim communities.



Workshops will be jointly hosted by visiting SNS speakers who have lived experience of Palestine and Israel. In addition, there will be two 50 minute long preliminary sessions taking place over two weeks during lunchtimes on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Participants must attend these sessions so they get a thorough understanding of conflict resolution tools and concepts before the workshops take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

The SNS programme is broken down into three parts: Exploration, Empathy and Empowerment. The educational elements which Solutions Not Sides workshops provide are: Humanising encounters, considering diverse narratives and developing critical-thinking skills.

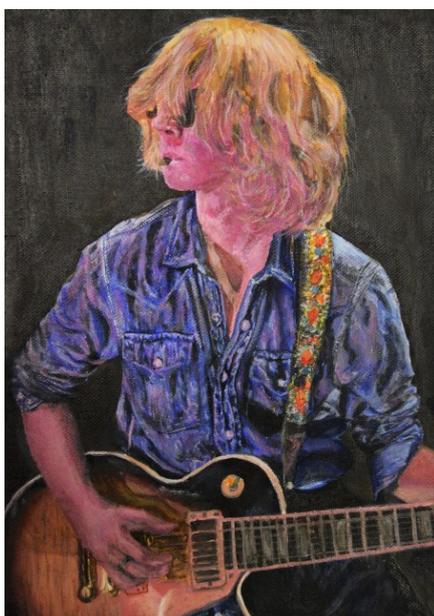
**We have limited numbers for the workshops, so please book using this [on line form](#).**

If you need more information please contact **Colin Passfield** on MS teams or email [cpassfield@woodhouse.ac.uk](mailto:cpassfield@woodhouse.ac.uk). **More on SNS:** [About us](#) | [SNS \(solutionsnotsides.co.uk\)](https://www.solutionsnotsides.co.uk)

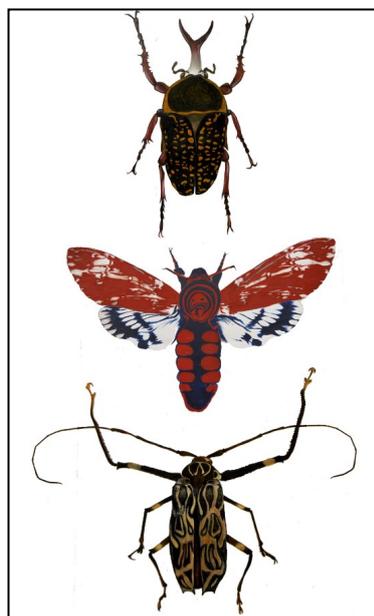
Colin Passfield  
Tutor

## Woodhouse Arts & Culture

### Artwork of the week



*Acrylic portrait  
on canvas  
by Kate Onona (L6)*



*Insect studies by  
Emilia Trim-Nancarrow (U6)*

Yvette Kissi  
Art Department

# Wider Opportunities

## Insight into University

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart & Inspire) is a comprehensive on-line course allowing students to experience STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It will provide access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

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Whether you are interested in life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, computer science, sustainability, aerospace, built environment, tech or maths we have something for you. With specially developed content and live sessions from universities including Cambridge, Sheffield, Lancaster, Abertay, UCL, Imperial, Oxford, Liverpool, Birmingham and more! We will also have some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from BP, GE, GSK, Balfour Beatty, Tech Partnership, Rees Jeffreys Road Fund ....and more! [Apply today.](#)

Kevin Lawrence  
Head of Year

## The Sutton Trust Summer School

Applications are now open! Sutton Trust Summer schools offer students a week-long residential at one of their thirteen partner universities. Their Summer Schools increase confidence, raise aspirations and equip students with the necessary skills to navigate the Higher Education system. Upon completion of their programme, students also gain access to their outstanding alumni community. All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and their partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend. You can watch a [short video here](#) that features students and programme alumni to give you a taste of what Sutton Trust Summer Schools are like.

The Apprenticeship Summer School is focused on building an understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice. Students will hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use.



[Find out more and apply here.](#)

Samantha Evans  
Student Progress Manager

## Adobe x SFCA Creative Challenges

A creative challenge for you to stimulate the brain, develop digital skills, have fun, and win prizes! You can see the challenge, follow a short video tutorial, submit this month's entry and see last month's winners [by clicking here.](#)



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