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# Year 9 Secondary Enrichment PROGRAMME 2026



*Miss Norman*  
**Head**

At Woodbridge School we aim to provide an educational community which prepares individuals to play full and effective roles in society, to be curious and inquisitive in their outlook, and to build important relationships with those around them.

Our Enrichment Programme provides an exciting and dynamic mix of topics and skills which appeals to so many areas of interest, and is intended to bring genuine joy and enjoyment to all within its learning.

I really hope that you decide to be part of this experience with us.

Woodbridge School Enrichment Programme is provided free of charge to schools in our community and beyond. These opportunities will allow students to develop new skills and gain hands-on experience across various curriculum subjects and beyond, strengthening and broadening their knowledge of possible career prospects.

Enclosed, you will find information about our events with dates, locations and all the information you need to book your free place. If your school would like to join us for any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can discuss availability and other requirements.



*Miss Carretta*  
**Assistant Head Academic,  
Head of Enrichment**



## Need some help getting to us?

Where possible we can assist with transport with our own minibuses and drivers. If you are interested in any of our events and would also like to enquire about transport, we will help wherever we can. Just let us know by contacting:

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## The Gatsby Benchmarks

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a series of guidelines that were developed by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation for schools, colleges and educational institutions, to ensure students receive high quality careers advice and support.

Our Secondary Enrichment programme is aligned with the benchmarks, supporting students' personal development and career readiness through targeted, high quality experiences.

Throughout this brochure you will find markers that confirm which benchmarks are being met as a result of attending each event.

- 1 A stable careers programme
- 2 Learning from career and labour market information
- 3 Addressing the needs of each pupil
- 4 Linking curriculum learning to careers
- 5 Encounters with employers and employees
- 6 Experiences of workplaces
- 7 Encounters with further and higher education
- 8 Personal guidance



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# Dance Workshop

*Supported by Dance East*

**FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2026, 90 MINS**

This energetic contemporary dance and choreography workshop is designed for Year 9 students looking to develop their confidence, teamwork and individual expression. From learning the foundations of contemporary dance through fun, practical movement and phrases, to exploring how to create your own dance sequences and working together in groups to experiment, problem-solve and develop your own choreography.

Join us for this workshop, where no previous dance experience is needed, just a willingness to get involved, move and be creative!

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# Game Development

**WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026, HALF DAY**

*Lunch provided*

Year 9 students are invited to join us for a day of game development using the Python programming language. As a part of this session, students will learn to use the Pygame library to code a 2D arcade game, and it will be delivered by our Head of Computer Science, Mr Harrod, and our Year 12 Computer Science students.

A working knowledge of Python (inputs, variables, If statements and loops) and the ambition to study Computer Science at GCSE would be advantageous.

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**Ri** The Royal Institution  
Science Lives Here



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# Fuel for the Future

*Ri Science Show*

**THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2026, 60 MINS**

Explore the chemistry, physics, and history of using our planet's natural resources, the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on our planet, and the technology used to make society more sustainable with The Royal Institution.

Year 9 students will have the chance to discover the science behind generating, transferring, and storing electricity, through a medley of mind-blowing demonstrations. Fuel the Future is an exciting journey through what it means to be sustainable, and why that's so important. Supported by a grant from google.org.

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# Veterinary Experience

*Supported by the Central College of Animal Studies*

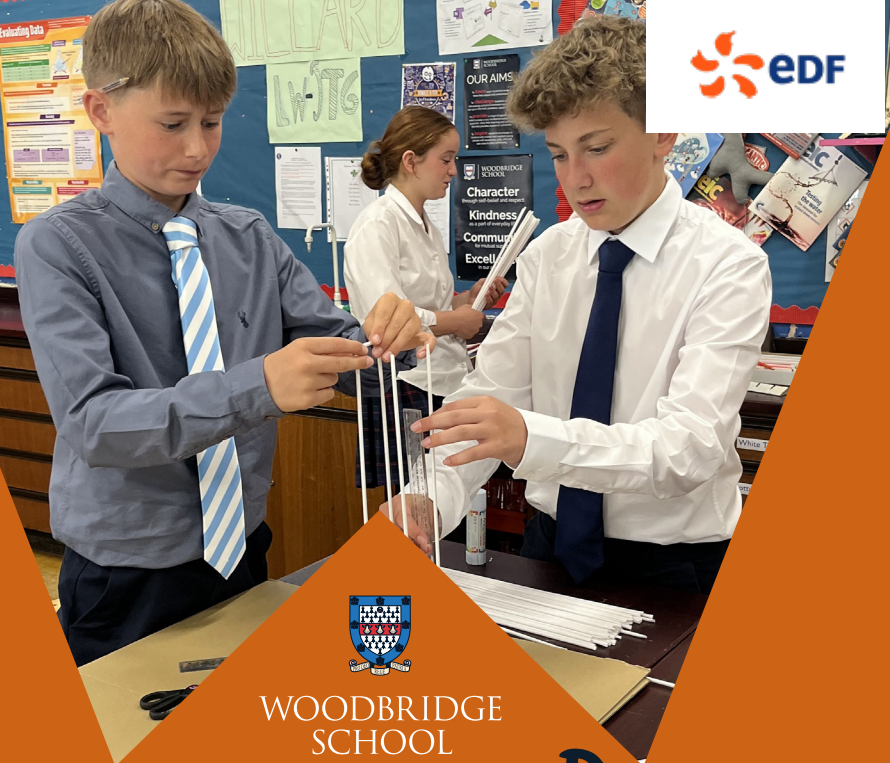
**FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026, 120 MINS**

This workshop has been designed to give Year 9 students a taster into the life of veterinary nursing, allowing them to take part in a variety of activities covering basic animal care, including how to bandage, perform a basic suturing pattern, perform the WHO method of cleaning hands, gloving and gowning for surgery, and identifying the use of instruments, equipment, specimens and more.

Join us for this exciting opportunity to learn more about the opportunities in veterinary science.

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# Enterprise Day

*Supported by the EDF Sizewell B team*

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, HALF DAY**

*Lunch provided*

Our Enterprise Day, supported by members of the EDF Sizewell B team, aims to test Year 9 students on their design, entrepreneurial and engineering skills by pricing up and buying resources to complete the challenge set. Each school can enter **one team of five students**, and participants will present their findings and finished structure to a panel of judges, who will award points based upon not only the height and strength, but on teamwork, design, cost effectiveness and presentation.

Join us for this fun-packed day of thought-provoking enterprise and engineering, where students will learn about their own strengths, and how working as a team can bring together the best outcomes.

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# Music Day

**TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026, FULL SCHOOL DAY**

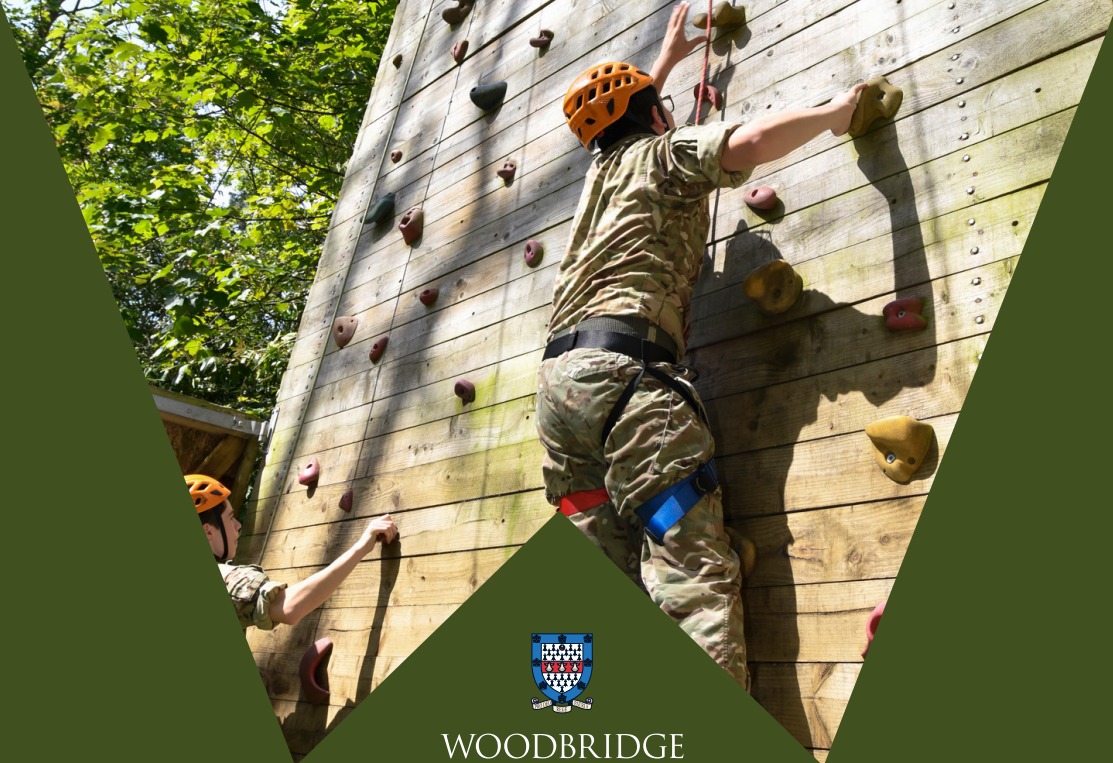
*Lunch provided*

Our Music Day is designed to offer Year 9 students who have already opted for Music GCSE a valuable experience. It encompasses focussing on building students' core skills through engaging, practical workshops delivered by our Director of Music, Jonathan Woodley.

Join us for this day of composition, critical listening, ensemble playing and essential music theory, aimed at giving students a solid foundation and building overall excitement about Music at GCSE.

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# Combined Cadet Force

**SUMMER TERM, 60 MINS**

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 9 students to experience a sense of service, and develop skills in leadership, responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance.

Join us for this workshop, where students will take part in a variety of outdoors activities led by our qualified instructors, from instruction and practice on our confidence course to paintball target shooting.

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## Our Enrichment Programme

SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Dance Workshop	Enterprise Day
Game Development	Music Day
Fuel for the Future	Combined Cadet Force
Veterinary Experience	

For more information, to book your session, or to discuss the possibility of adding new dates for your school, please contact Ambra Carretta via email to: [secondary\\_enrichment@woodbridgeschool.org.uk](mailto:secondary_enrichment@woodbridgeschool.org.uk) or visit [woodbridgeschool.org.uk/secondary-enrichment](http://woodbridgeschool.org.uk/secondary-enrichment)