



Midlands Final IT session

We would like to invite you to the Final IT session of the year, to be held in the West Midlands. Please be aware that this final session of 2026 will be focused heavily on shiai practice for the selected squad, but all members are welcome to come along and train. We will also be taking a pause in training to attend the BKA AGM.

Woodrush High School
Shawhurst Lane
Wythall
Worcestershire
B47 5JW

on Sunday 18th October 2026.
Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.

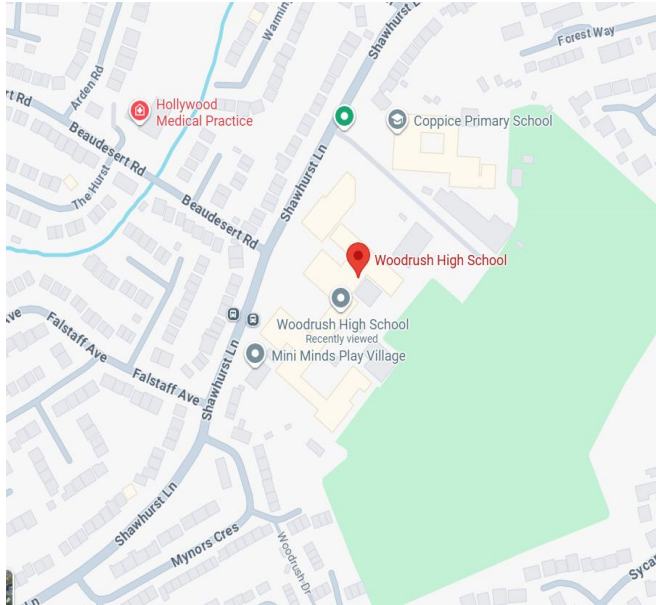
The IT Session will be led by the following Regional Squad Trainers

Martin Clark, 6th Dan Renshi
Kevin McNeill, 5th Dan



Venue

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ifBnmunQ4sFXHM6CA>



Information

By Car: come off the M42 and take the A435 North towards Wythall

Parking: Parking at the venue is free

Public Transport: There are no nearby train stations but there is a bus from Birmingham coach station, this still requires a 32 minute walk from drop off so arranging lifts would be advisable.

Rail Information: Can be obtained from the following website
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Schedule

Please note, training will start promptly at 09:30. Please arrive in ample time so that you are ready to start training at that time.

- 09:15 - Registration
- 09:30 - Session start
- 13:30 - Lunch
- 14:00 – Training pauses for AGM attendance
- 15:00 – training resumes
- 16:30 - Event closes

Price

The event has a fixed price of £20 for all members.

Accommodation

There is a Travel Lodge about 30 minutes walk from the venue

www.travelodge.co.uk

Lunches

****important****: There will not be time for participants to leave the venue to find food during the session, or the associated lunch break (Lunch is strictly limited to 30 minutes) It is therefore VITAL that you bring a packed lunch and any drinks that you require.

Booking

BKA Members

The seminar will be capped at 60 places due to hall size limitations.

Please book onto this event through the online booking system by going through your [Account](#)

Please make sure that you have booked:

laido Intensive Training Session (West Midlands)
18-10-2026

If you have any problems with the online booking system, please contact the Events Officer.

If you have a credit from a previous event do not book online. Instead email the laidō Events Officer who will manually add your name to the list

Cancellation and refund

If the event is cancelled for reasons beyond our control, all booking fees will be refunded or transferred to another event.

Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 16th of October for a full refund.

If you do not cancel, no refund will be made.

Under 18

Any juniors wishing to attend this seminar should contact the Events Officer before registering (email addresses below).

Juniors who are not with their guardians are assumed to be under the care of their Dojo Leader or

Appropriate Adult. Please inform the relevant Bucho by email the name of the responsible person.

Notes on this event

Videoed embu

Towards the end of the training session, participants will be asked to make a demonstration of 5 kata and reiho. Our plan is to record these embu in order to use them for player selection in the National Squad.

Should you not wish to participate in this, please inform the Squad Trainers present at the event during the lunch break.

Senior grade participation

Senior grades (i.e. 6th and 7th dan) are welcome to come and participate in these IT sessions.

It should be emphasised though that the leading, teaching and coaching at these events will be delivered solely by the named Regional Squad Trainers.

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