

# Community Bulletin

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20th June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

This week marks the end of the public examinations for or current Year 11 students. They will have sat their final GCSE exam this week marking the academic end of their journey here at Willingdon. In total our Year 11 have sat a staggering 3911 exams over this exam period. We must say how proud we are of all of them for the effort, determination, commitment and hard work we have seen from them not only through their examination period but through their whole time with us at Willingdon. I must say how impressed I have been with their attitude and conduct during their exams. They have continuously displayed all our core values, and they have been a credit to themselves, you and the school. We now look forward to celebrating their journey and achievements with them in the Year 11 prom and GCSE results day in the summer.

This week has also seen the start of our Year 10 GCSE mocks in their Option subjects. Students have really engaged well with these so far and we would like to thank them for this, and the expectation that this continues in the remainder of their mock exams. These mocks are vital to give students their first chance to sit an exam paper in full exam conditions for these subjects. After seeing the preparation and effort our outgoing Year 11 have gone through for their GCSEs it is the first step in ensuring that they are aware of the expectations and academic level needed for them to succeed. These exams are all about preparation. Giving students valuable insight into how to revise, prepare and take an exam. These are vital skills that they need to continue to develop and master as they move into Year 11.

Term 6 also sees out Year 7, 8 and 9 students sitting end of Year assessments in English and Maths. These are also sat in our exam hall under exam conditions, much like our Year 10 and 11 students. These assessments allow all students to get an experience of what it is like to sit an exam in conditions similar to what will be expected of them as they get to Year 11. These assessments are about students having time and experience of these expectations, so that as they move through the school, they are becoming accustomed to the exam expectations and preparation, and we can help them manage any stress or anxiety they may have with this process. During these assessments students do not have the same exam access arrangements that they might eventually have by the time that they reach Year 11. We can not apply for these for students until 2 years prior to their GCSE exams. We also use these assessments as part of our screening process and evidence base for the applying for access arrangements. Please see the below for the full dates of these assessments.

	Start time 8:50am	Start time 1:30pm
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Yr 7 English 1hr	Yr 9 English 1hr
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Yr 8 English 1hr	Yr 7 Maths 1hr
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Yr 9 Maths 1hr 15 mins	Yr 8 Maths 1hr

Following all of these assessments end of year reports will be issued in the final week of Term 6. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> report that you will have received for your young person this year giving you an indication of their progress and engagement over the year. As always we value your feedback, so if you do have any comments that about our reporting system then do fill in the google form to let us know your thoughts.

Google form for feedback on our reporting system

<https://forms.gle/o1sMQNexFb4nmaVN6>

Many Thanks

Mr J Dubas-Fisher  
Assistant Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 6

### SAVE THE DATE

**Year 10 Mock Interviews** - Thursday 3rd July

**YEAR 11 School Prom** - Friday, 4th July

**PHOENIX FESTIVAL** - Monday, 7th July

**YEAR 10 PARENT EVENING** - Wednesday, 9th July

**SPORTS DAY** - Thursday, 10th July

**Activities Day** - Monday, 21st July

### **INSET DAYS 2024-2025**

Friday, 27th June 2025

### **INSET DAYS 2025-26**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### **EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

*(staggered by year group from 12.20pm-12.40pm)*



**Please join us in congratulating this week's Students of the Week for their outstanding contributions to our school community. Students will be invited to a 'Treat with the Team' in recognition of their hard work.**

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Max C 7EMC	Sophie W 8TST	Harry B 9DMA	Maisie C 10DMC
Alfie B 7SMI	Sidney R 8NKL	Alfie K 9PHI	Alfie H 10MDU
Milly M 7EMC	Imogen W 8RCR	Poppy U 9ARA	Kayleigh J 10EOR
Imogen S 7EMC	Iris S 8CFR	Harry T-C 9ARA	Jack D 10JHA
Alana D 7ABE	Shantel O 8CEW	Shelton S 9ARA	Mia H 10MDU

## **Road Safety for Students**

Following a recent report from a concerned member of the public in Stone Cross, where students crossed the road without looking near a school bus stop, it's essential to remind our young people about the importance of road safety.

Here are key pointers to ensure safety on the roads:

- \*\*Use Designated Crossings\*\***: Always cross at pedestrian crossings and bus stops. It's crucial to look for traffic signals and obey them.
- \*\*Stay Aware\*\***: With the excitement of daily activities, it's easy to get distracted. Avoid using mobile phones or wearing headphones when near roads to stay alert.
- \*\*Look Both Ways\*\***: Before stepping onto the road, make a habit of stopping and looking left, right, and then left again to ensure it's safe to cross.
- \*\*Walk, Don't Run\*\***: Rushing to cross the road increases the risk of accidents. Walk calmly to your destination.



## Your Voice Matters

At our school, we deeply value the voices of our students, parents, and staff. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our decisions, improving our practices, and creating a positive and inclusive environment for everyone.

We encourage you to share your views with us—whether through parent tours, forums, surveys, or direct contact. Your input helps us understand what matters most to our community.

We are proud to say that we do listen. While it may not be possible to act on every suggestion, many changes have been made as a direct result of your feedback. Some of these improvements are detailed below.

Thank you for being part of our continuous journey of growth and improvement.

### You said

Music was not part of the whole school. We needed to have this in the build. Facilities needed improving e.g. broken equipment.

### We did

This summer music moves into the main building for the first time in 15 years.

### You said

Facilities in DT are not great and the room is like something from the 1950s!

### We did

This summer, we will be spending a considerable amount of money refurbishing the room and replacing machinery that has either been condemned or needs improving.

### You said

Art room above DT needs a storage cupboard and improved facilities.

### We did

The room has had a complete repaint and over £15,000 spend has been mapped out to be spent on improving the facilities during the summer holidays.

### You said

You didn't have any outdoor space when it rains other than for year seven.

### We did

This summer holidays, we will be installing an outdoor canopy which will offer shelter for approximately 100 students. We are hoping to part fund this through your fundraising for £20.25 so please continue to support us. County are also helping put in the foundations for this installation to happen.

### You said

Students never see the newsletter and can support their parents if they received it too.

### We did

Renamed it the Community Bulletin and it is now sent to all of our student body.

## Volunteer opportunity



### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH US!

#### We are recruiting a Parent Governor

Willingdon Community School governors are a hard-working, friendly team, committed to helping our school be the best it can be.

We do this by supporting and challenging school leaders. Our most important job is to shape the direction and vision of the school.

With her team, Headteacher Mrs May is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school and governors concentrate on the big picture. We ask, 'What sort of school would we like to see in five years' time?' and 'What do we have to do to get there?'

We hope our new parent governor will have skills in one or more of the following:

*Previous governor experience is not necessary.*

*We are actively seeking parent governors from any background. We believe a diverse board will improve the way we support the school.*



As a governor, you will:

- Receive training and support
- Play a full part in governance through meetings, reading papers and visits
- Meet about seven times a year, and communicate regularly via email

Visit our [website](https://willingdonschool.org.uk/our-school/our-governors) for more information.

To find out more the role and how to apply, please see our school website: <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/our-school/our-governors>

Closing date for applications is 12 Noon on Friday, 4th July 2025



## Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Events



Due to popular demand, all our events will now be ticketed via Eventbrite. Please book your tickets by clicking on the below blue links.

For the Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please ensure you book your tickets for both the school open evening which includes a tour, and also the Headteacher's address, so we can accurately gauge attendance. The Headteacher's address will be held at 5pm and is repeated at 6pm and 7pm.

If any member of the community requires disabled parking or access, kindly let us know in advance by contacting the Headteacher's PA directly; [stomalin@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:stomalin@willingdonschool.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Year 6 Open Evening and Tour - book in by clicking the below link:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Evening Thursday, 2nd October 2025 Between 5pm-8pm](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Evening-Thursday-2nd-October-2025-Between-5pm-8pm)

**Year 6 Headteacher's Address - At 5pm and repeated at 6pm and 7pm - click one of the below links:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Evening Headteacher's Address 5pm](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Evening-Headteacher's-Address-5pm)

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Evening Headteacher's Address 6pm](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Evening-Headteacher's-Address-6pm)

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Evening Headteacher's Address 7pm](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Evening-Headteacher's-Address-7pm)

**There are 3 different dates for a tour of the school during the school day you can choose from, 7th , 8th and 9th October - click one of the links below to book in to see our school in action:**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Morning and Tour Tuesday, 7th October 2025 9am](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Morning-and-Tour-Tuesday-7th-October-2025-9am)

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Morning and Tour Wednesday, 8th October 2025 9am](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Morning-and-Tour-Wednesday-8th-October-2025-9am)

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon Community School Year 6 Open Morning and Tour Thursday, 9th October 2025 9am](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Willingdon-Community-School-Year-6-Open-Morning-and-Tour-Thursday-9th-October-2025-9am)

## **Athletics Success**

A huge congratulations to all students who have represented Willingdon Community School in the recent athletics competitions. The Key Stage 3 year groups had a preliminary competition at Hailsham Community College, followed by Town Sports Athletics at the Sports Park on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June for all four ages groups.

The Year 7 team won their event, named 'Super Sixes' and have qualified to compete at the K2 in Crawley on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Some fantastic performances from the team against some very competitive sides.

The Year 8 team also won their event with some very strong performances on the track and in the field events. A special mention to those in the relay teams who left the competing schools trailing by about 20 meters!

The Year 9 team had some very tough races, and although did not win their competition, put up a very strong fight. They used this event as a warmup for the Town Sports competition, allowing them to make a few alterations to events and running orders.

The PE Department are exceptionally proud of the students who represented the school at Town Sports. There were 12 schools competing in very warm and challenging conditions. A number of students competed in heats and finals, as well as field events and relays. It was an amazing day, and students were exposed to the heat and sun for around 7 hours.

Year 7 came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 8 3<sup>rd</sup>, Year 9 1<sup>st</sup> overall and Year 10 6<sup>th</sup>. The combined team across all four year groups came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! This is outstanding and shows that our students have the ability to perform under pressure and represent Willingdon school with pride.

A number of students won their events - so many we cannot list them all! Some deserve a special mention for setting new Town Sports records. Nathan in Year 10 set a new record of 22.59 seconds for the 200m. Zach in Year 7 set a new record of 9.6m for the shot put. Sonny in Year 8 set records for the shot put and the discus with distances of 13.23m and 29.45m. We are exceptionally proud of all of our students!

As a department, we are now looking forward to Sports Day which is on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and hoping to see some further outstanding achievements!



## **Visits to the school during the school day**

We would like to open our doors again to parents who would like to meet with a senior leader and have a tour of the school in action during the day. The times these will take place are listed below.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am-9.30am

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am-10.30am

Please click on the below link to book onto one of these tours. We will also see your child's class if you wish or we can avoid it if you would prefer! This is a great way of seeing the school, warts and all! The previous parent tours we did were very successful and we appreciated the parent feedback and observations made.

**[Visit to the school during the school day - Thursday 10th July 2025](#)**

# PHOENIX

We welcome you all to join us for our annual Music and Creative Arts Festival

## FESTIVAL

**7 JULY 2025**

**Willingdon School Field**

*3:15pm - 6:15pm*

**Rock Bands  
Musical Theatre  
Choirs  
Dancers  
String Ensemble  
Instrumental & vocal solos  
Duets and trios  
Staff Band**

We have many exciting stalls offering sweets, mocktails, party games and many other items. Most stalls will be cash only. Some stalls may have contactless payment.

If you are feeling hungry or need cooling down, there will be the external vans offering **hot food** and **ice creams**. Cash only.



**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Free Event  
All Welcome**

**Bring along a picnic blanket and deck chairs**

# PHOENIX

# FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT ALL WELCOME



**7TH JULY 2025**  
**3:15 - 6:15 PM**



**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# Local Sponsorship

As we look ahead, we are excited to share some ambitious plans to enhance our learning environments and facilities. We are actively seeking sponsorship to help fund the refurbishment of our Design & Technology and Art spaces, the relocation of the Music rooms, and the creation of a new Performing Arts hub. This hub will feature state-of-the-art practice rooms designed to nurture talent and creativity. Additionally, we aim to establish an Alternative Provision area to better support diverse learning needs.

If you or your company would be interested in supporting these vital projects, we would love to hear from you. Parental support plays a crucial role in providing the very best opportunities for our young people, helping them to thrive both academically and creatively.

If the company you work for, or your company can support our school and community, please express interest by contacting [talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk).



## **A Big Thank You to D.B. Appliances for their generous sponsorship!**

We are delighted to extend our heartfelt thanks to D.B. Appliances for their generous donation of £100 towards our Art supplies. This contribution has made a significant difference in enriching our students' creative experiences, allowing us to provide quality materials that inspire imagination and artistic growth. We are truly grateful for their support and commitment to our school community.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I enter my third week as Head of Year 7, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. Your efforts in helping us maintain high standards in both behaviour and attendance have been invaluable, and I'm pleased to report that these standards remain strong across the year group.

During my recent learning walks, I've observed a great sense of maturity from our students, which has also been reflected in assemblies. Uniform standards are currently very high—thank you for your support in maintaining this. Please continue to ensure these high expectations are met as we head into the final weeks of term.

A huge congratulations to all students who participated in Town Sports this week. Our Year 7 athletes performed magnificently, with several records broken—including an incredible 400m relay completed in under a minute. What an achievement!

Well done also to the students nominated for Treats for the Team—they will be receiving chocolates this week in recognition of their excellent efforts.

Max C

Alfie B

Milly M

Imogen S

Alana D

Congratulations to 7RHA, the winning tutor group for attendance this week, maintaining a rate of over 96%. Keep it up!

In light of the hot weather, students are permitted to attend school without blazers and jumpers this week to help them stay comfortable.

Please note the following upcoming dates for your diaries:

- Friday 27th June – INSET Day: Students are not in school.
- Monday 7th July – Phoenix Festival: A celebration of student talent. Parents are welcome in the afternoon. Merchandise, food stalls and games will be available.
- Thursday 10th July – Sports Day: This will be Year 7's first, and we're expecting a fantastic day of participation and competition.
- Monday 21st July – Activities Day: A range of exciting trips and in-school activities are planned. Most of Year 7 will be visiting the Sea Life Centre in Brighton.
- Tuesday 22nd July – Final Day of Term. (Early closure - 12.20pm)

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the sunshine.

**Mr Roche & the Year 7 Team**



Head of Year  
Mr Keast / Ms Johnson

Email - [pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a vibrant and inspiring week at school, full of enriching experiences for our students.

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Tia Fisher, the acclaimed author of *Crossing the Line*. Tia spoke with our students about her journey as a writer and the themes explored in her powerful verse novel, which tackles the complex and challenging issue of County Lines and child exploitation. Through her talk, she helped students understand how young people can be drawn into dangerous situations, and how important it is to recognise the signs and speak out. It was a thought-provoking session that encouraged reflection, awareness, and some very meaningful discussion.

On Thursday, Mr Dubas-Fisher delivered an informative session for students about their upcoming Year 8 exams. He explained what to expect, how best to prepare, and why these assessments are a valuable part of their learning journey. These exams are not just about testing knowledge - they're an opportunity for students to experience the structure and setting of formal assessments, helping to build the confidence and familiarity they'll need when it comes to their GCSEs in Year 11.

Here are the details for the Year 8 exams taking place next week:

- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 8:50am** - Year 8 English (1 hour)
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm** - Year 8 Maths (1 hour)

Please ensure your child arrives on time and brings the necessary equipment for each exam.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**The Year 8 Team**



Head of Year  
Mr Gordon

Email - [pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another fantastic week for Year 9 at school, with students continuing to demonstrate all our school values both in lessons and around the school.

As I complete my third week as Head of Year 9, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support. During lesson walk throughs this week, I have been very impressed by the focus on learning and the progress students are making across their subjects.

We've also had some incredible sporting successes to celebrate. Our Year 9 football team finished 1st place at the Bexhill College Football Tournament, an outstanding achievement. In addition, the Year 9 athletics team finished 1st in their year group competition at the annual Town Sports Athletics event held at the Sports Park on Tuesday.

A huge well done to all the students who have represented the school so brilliantly at these events.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch [pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk)

**The Year 9 Team**

# EXAM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Exam expectations and requirements were shared with Year 9 during our assembly this week for their exams next week. Please can you discuss these guidelines below with your child and ensure they have the required equipment and water bottle for their exam.

Date	Subject	Start time	Duration	Location
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	English	1.30pm	1 Hour	Sports Hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Maths	8.50am	1 Hour 15	Sports Hall

## What to do on exam days

- ▶ Line up on playground in rows (either Coaching Groups or Class Groups)
- ▶ Line up in silence
- ▶ Be on time to start, line up ready **IN SILENCE**
- ▶ Have all equipment out of bag ready to go
- ▶ Clear see through pencil case
- ▶ Black pen to write with
- ▶ No case on calculator
- ▶ Phone turned off in bags
- ▶ DO NOT wear a watch. Take off and put in bag
- ▶ Clear water bottles with sports lid no logos or writing/label
- ▶ Place bags on floor in taped off area before going into exam hall
- ▶ Enter exam hall in silence, from back and filter into your row and seat
- ▶ Make sure you do not have anything with you that you should not have!!

## Congratulations!

Well done to the Year 9 football team for winning the annual Bexhill College football tournament on Wednesday. The team competed against other schools from East Sussex at the tournament and dominated at the event winning the trophy. Well done to all the girls that represented the school at the event who demonstrated great work rate and team work to achieve their success.





It was lovely to meet with some of the Year 9 students during coaching time this week. These students have been working hard in lessons and met with myself. It was great to talk to the students and discuss their interests outside of school, their options for KS4 and their future career pathways.



We have a few spaces for the school Ski Trip to Austria that have become available. If you would like to book your child a place on the trip to go in February 2026, please use ParentPay to book their place. If you have any queries regarding the trip please contact [lgordon@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:lgordon@willingdonschool.org.uk)



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

**Year 10 work experience / 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

I am writing with regards to Year 10 work experience which will take place during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026. Please see the below requesting that students source their own work experience placements by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

Work experience is an important part of education and supports young people to make career decisions, develop employability skills and support successful transition into further education, higher education, apprenticeships and the workplace.

**Finding a work experience placement**

We would ask that students find their own placement for work experience with your support. This could be a placement with you or other relatives, friends/connections, or by simply approaching an employer directly\*. Finding an own placement will mean that students will be able to undertake a suitable placement that is of interest and personally rewarding to them. It also helps develop communication, resourcefulness and initiative, and will help ensure that they have access to a wide range of jobs and employers.

Should students be unable to source their own placement, we do have a database of available employers and placements, and we do our utmost to place students in a sector they are interested in. However, it can sometimes be challenging to find placements that are aspirational and match student needs.

**Please note:** A work experience placement cannot be outside of the UK or in a place where your child would need to be over 16 to access it (i.e. a tattoo parlour). It is also a legal requirement that all employers have 'Employers Liability Insurance' in place unless the placement is with a parent.

**\*What pupils should consider when approaching an employer directly**

- What interests you?
- What careers are you interested in?
- Discuss ideas with family/friends.
- Think of/discuss a placement that will be beneficial and rewarding to you.
- Contact the employer (email, call, visit or write) to introduce yourself and what you are contacting them for. Ask if they would consider you for a placement.

**Please note:** Emails should be sent from a personal email address as employers won't be able to respond to a school email address.

- Explain why you want to work for them, what you are hoping to gain from the experience and future career ideas.
- Provide any other information that might support your application i.e. any relevant experience, predicted grades, membership of a sports club or group.

### Phone call example

*"Hello, my name is.....and I am a student at Willingdon Community School. I will go out on work experience from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 and I am keen to gain experience with your company if possible. Is there someone that I could speak to about this please?"*

### Email example

*Dear Sir/Madam (or enter the name of the contact if you have it),*

*I hope this email finds you well.*

*I am a student at Willingdon Community School, and I will participate in work experience from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026. I have a real interest in the IT sector (or enter alternative sector) and would like to gain experience in this field. I would be very grateful if you might consider me for a placement with you.*

*Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Kind regards,*

*(Enter your name)*

### **What happens next?**

Students and parents start to explore options over the summer holidays. We would need to know of any confirmed placements by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025** due to suitability, risk assessment and health and safety checks that will need to be carried out by East Sussex County Council.

Once you have a placement confirmed, please can you email me on the following email address [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) with the below:

- Name and address of the company
- Contact name and email address at the company to send the information to
- Your child's name and tutor group
- Any medical or learning requirements that we may need to make the employer aware of

Those students that are unable to source their own placement will receive support in finding a suitable placement during school time.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the above email or 01323 485254 ext 281.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Rooney

**Careers Adviser**



Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week and full-on week for our Year 10 students, coaches, and the pastoral team!

From a sporting perspective, we would like to say a huge well done to Nathan B, who last weekend won the Under 15 Sussex Athletics 200m title. He followed that up on Tuesday with another fantastic performance, winning the Year 10 200m event at the Town Sports competition held at the Sports Park. Not only did he win, he also set a new Town Sports record, beating the previous time by over half a second. An incredible achievement! We would also like to wish Ezra H the very best of luck as he heads into the English Schools Golf National Final on Monday. Ezra has been preparing hard for this and we are excited to share an update with you next week.

On the academic side, students have now completed their mock exams in Business Studies, Psychology, Dance, Sociology, Latin, and Geography. Well done to all for their hard work!

Looking ahead, next week is another busy one, with lots happening on different days throughout the week:

Monday: DT, French, and Childcare mock exams

Tuesday: East Sussex College Group Eastbourne Campus Taster Day

Wednesday: East Sussex College Group Lewes Campus Taster Day

Thursday: East Sussex College Group Hastings Campus Taster Day

Friday: INSET Day

There are lots of events happening, so please keep an eye on emails and messages, both students and parents/carers. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's coach or a member of the pastoral team – we are here to help.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to another productive week with our students next week!

**The Year 10 Team**



Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 10 Taster Days – REMINDER**

Please see the below reminder of the upcoming taster days.

Please note that registration for booking Eastbourne, Lewes, Hastings and Bexhill is now closed. Should your child wish to attend Plumpton College, DV8 Sussex, or BACA, these can still be booked via the links below.

<b>East Sussex College Group</b>	
<b>Eastbourne:</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Lewes:</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Hastings:</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Seaford Head Sixth Form:</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June or Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Plumpton College:</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July Please click on the following link to book: <a href="#">Year 10 Taster Day – Plumpton College</a>
<b>DV8 Sussex</b>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 4pm - 7pm
<b>Brighton &amp; Bexhill:</b>	For more information and to book please click on the following link:
<b>Bexhill College:</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>BACA (Brighton Aldridge</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July

Those students attending Eastbourne, Lewes, or Hastings should have received a schedule for the day, including start/end times. Please note that Willingdon Community School do not provide the transportation to the taster days and students should make their own way to and from the college.

I will be on site at the Eastbourne, Lewes, and Bexhill taster days and students that are entitled to free school meals can collect a food voucher from me on the day. For those students that are attending other colleges, and are entitled to free school meals, I will liaise with the colleges and then inform you of where students should collect their meal voucher from.

If you have any questions, or would like to ask about a college that is not listed above, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01323 485254 ext 281 or email [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk).

Best wishes,

Sarah Rooney  
Careers Adviser



Head of Year  
Mr Gordon

Email - [pastoral-11@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-11@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 11

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to all our Year 11 students for completing their GCSE exams. This marks a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity, determination, and resilience they have shown throughout the exam period.

It has been a privilege to support and guide this fantastic year group. They have consistently shown our school values, and it has been inspiring to see the way they have grown, both academically and personally over the past five years.

Now that the exams are over, we hope all students take the time to relax and enjoy a well-earned break. Whether they are moving on to college, apprenticeships, or other pathways, I wish them every success and happiness in the exciting journey ahead.

We are looking forward to celebrating with many of them at the Year 11 Prom on Thursday 4th July at The Cavendish Hotel, a final opportunity to come together and mark the end of their time at Willingdon.

Thank you once again to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your partnership has made a real difference in helping our students succeed.

**The Year 11 Team**

## REMINDER: Year 11 Prom – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at The Cavendish Hotel

If your child is attending the Year 11 Prom, please find details for the evening below

We are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students at their prom. Please find the evening's schedule below:

### Prom Schedule:

**6:00pm onwards** – Student can arrive at the venue and have photographs with friends and watch everyone arrive

**6:30–7:00pm** – Mocktails served in reception of the hotel, with live entertainment from a magician

**7:00pm** – Students will be seated and dinner is served, with the magician circulating tables as entertainment.

**8:00pm** – Speeches and prize draw

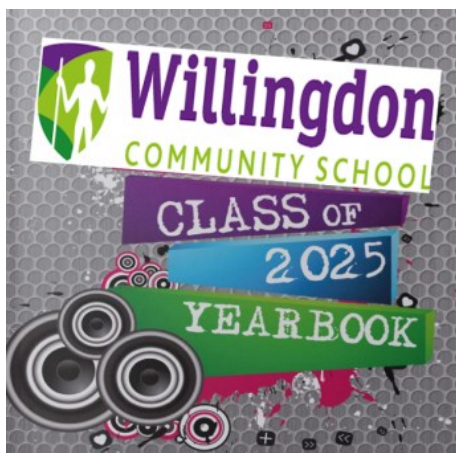
**8:30pm–11:59pm** – Disco and time for students to have their complimentary professional photograph with the photographer who will be present for the whole evening. If students would like to purchase further photographs, this will be possible all evening.

If you are booking taxi's to collect your child please can you arrange for them to be collect from 11.30pm.

There will be security at the event for the whole evening. **Any student that has consumed any alcohol will not be permitted to enter the event and will be sent away from the venue.**

We look forward to a fantastic evening of celebration!



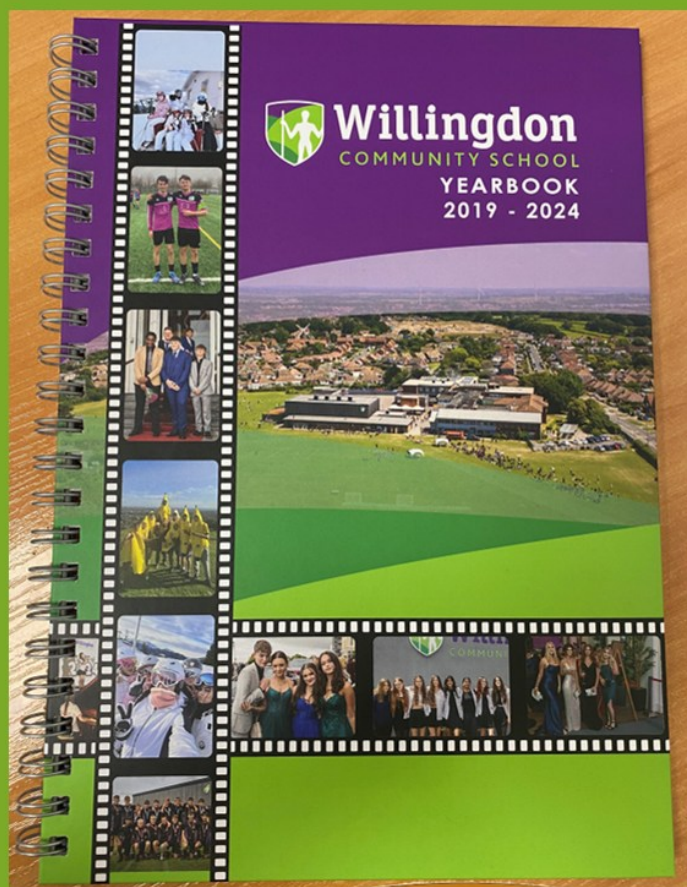


Your child has been sent a google form for them to attach up to 5 photos for the school memories section. Thank you for the photos that have been sent in to date, can you encourage you child to send in photos if they haven't already.

You can now make payment for the **Year 11 Yearbook** via ParentPay. The cost of the Yearbook will be £16. Collection of the Yearbook will hopefully be on GCSE Results Day. We will have very limited spare copies of the book to purchase on the collection day, so please ensure you purchase a copy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please ensure your child has completed the google form [Year 11 Yearbook Memories 2025](#) with their memories they wish to be included in the book.

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# Careers Page

## Career of the Week



### TV/Film Camera Operator

Workers in this field operate cameras and other equipment to record, manipulate and project sound and vision for entertainment, cultural, commercial and industrial purposes.



#### Salary\*

Variable, with an average of £30,378



#### Skills

- setting up camera equipment
- planning and rehearsing shots
- following a camera script
- working closely with other technical departments such as sound and editing



#### Subjects

Great if you like Media, Art, English and Geography.



#### Jobs

This job is expected to increase by 2% by 2025.

\*In 2018 the national average salary was £29,000. Remember, this figure will go up or down, depending on where you live.

How to become a...

### TV/Film Camera Operator

You can get into this job through:

- working towards the role
- a college/university course
- industry training, such as the Guild of British Camera Technicians Trainee Scheme

**Please see attached to this email the Year 10 Careers Timeline for applying for post-16**