



PARENT BULLETIN

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13th October 2023

Willingdon Community School and Stone Cross Primary School presents

Illuminate Firework Extravaganza

Friday 10th November 2023

Gates open 6 - 8pm

At Willingdon Community School, Broad Road

Huge Firework
Display

By Frontier Fireworks

Eastbourne Bonfire Society & Torch Lit Procession
Long Man Brewery, Catering Vans & Refreshments,
Entertainment, Music, Stalls, Fairground & Lots of Family Fun!

Tickets £5 each (Under 5's free)

Tickets available from Stone Cross Primary School / Willingdon Community
School & the British Queen Public House

Limited tickets available, tickets are non-refundable.

PURCHASE NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Contact: friends@willingdonschool.org.uk or Foscs@yahoo.com Tel: 01323 485254

Tickets are now on sale for our fantastic annual Firework Extravaganza! Tickets can be purchased from the British Queen Public House, Willingdon School Office, or the Crafted Coffee Lounge at Stone Cross. A great family fun filled evening! All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

IT SUPPORT

If parents/carers require IT support, you can contact them direct via
parent.ithelp@willingdonschool.org.uk

WANTED!

YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY



Book Amnesty: please return your overdue library books or make a donation!

Ahead of the redevelopment of our school library over the October half term, we would like to do a full recall of all overdue library books. Please check any bags, boxes or bogs for any Willingdon library books that might be lurking hidden and ask your child to return them to the library, their tutor or their English teacher.

If you are unable to find a book that has been borrowed, you can make a donation to our Library fund on ParentPay. All donations will go towards new stock for

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Donations Welcomed

If you have items of uniform which your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Items are free if swapping.

Swapped items must be clean and in good condition. No zips or buttons missing and no stains.

Should your child require any items, please get in touch. We try to have a stall up at all events, including parents evenings so do come and visit us.

We do not have all sizes but please email if you have any questions.

uniformswap@willingdonschool.org.uk

Purchase swap Shop items for the prices below.

	Blazer	Coat	Skirt	Trousers	PE Tee	PE Jumper	Zip PE Top
Swap Price	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00	£5.00	£7.00	£7.00

We are in particular need of blazers and PE uniforms. No white shirts needed at this time thank you.



12th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Forum

We are writing to invite you to our first Parent Forum this academic year. These forums are a fantastic way to keep you updated with our school improvement plan and national educational policy.

Wednesday, 8th November 2023

6pm – 7pm - By Zoom

Homework – All years - Mr Holt

Reading and Reading Ages – All years - Mr Lambert

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) – All years - Mrs Borrell

Please be reminded that these forums are not an occasion to discuss individual students. Please refer any individual issues to your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

If you would like to attend the above Zoom Parent Forum, please complete the below google form and a zoom code will be emailed to you.

Parent Forum 1 - Wednesday, 8th November 2023

If you are unable to attend this forum, we will place any relevant PowerPoint slides on the school website for you to view.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E May
Headteacher

THIS WEEK



Some great skill on show from our KS4 Basketball Team on Wednesday.

Excellent team work and togetherness, topped off by an MVP performance from Chris to secure the victory! Well done boys.



A superb effort from our athletes at the Eastbourne Schools Partnership Cross Country competition. Lots of determination, enthusiasm and commitment to completing their races ... representing the school so well and supporting each other in such good spirits

THIS WEEK



Thank you to Homestay International for their generous donation for the sponsored walk. We enjoy working with our international students and have a long and positive working relationship with Homestay International.



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Years 10 & 11

Medic Mentor - application support

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the national free UCAS conferences for students interested in becoming doctors has opened. Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance which can be listed on their Medical School UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'. The events have marked a valuable turning point for students and are open to students from any school and background in 10-12 year groups.

Conference Registration Form: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0>

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

Saturday 4th November

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships



We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity that has helped thousands of students secure medical school places since it launched: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian.

Getting into medicine may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps.

Our Chief Mentors look forward to meeting your students at our conference!

Best wishes,

Dr Siva

Chief Mentor

Your Medic Family



13th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

UK University & Apprenticeship Fair – Amex Stadium / Tuesday 14th November 2023

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our Year 10 students.

The UK University & Apprenticeship Fair is a great way for students to explore which university or apprenticeship might be right for them. This informative event will provide students with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include Russell Group universities (such as Oxford, Cambridge, Durham & Exeter), red brick (Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield), modern institutions, as well as many of the UK's biggest apprenticeship providers and local colleges. In addition, there will be some seminars that students will be able to attend including UCAS (University & Colleges Admissions Service) personal statements, why take an apprenticeship, university life/courses, and Russell Group universities.

The date of the fair is **Tuesday 14th November** and is being hosted at Brighton Amex Stadium. We will travel there by coach for a two-hour slot, from 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m., and then return to school for the remainder of the afternoon. We believe our students would gain a great deal of information from this event, meeting prospective colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers.

There are 45 spaces available and it is therefore on a first come first served basis. We kindly request that each student pays a contribution of **£12.10**, payable via ParentPay, to cover the coach fee. If you require assistance with payment, please email or call me on the contact details below. Students are required to wear school uniform and bring food/drink along with them. Those students that receive free school meals will have a packed lunch provided for them.

Please note that this is now live on ParentPay.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Rooney

Careers Adviser

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COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

East Sussex College Group/ 4.30 – 7.00p.m.

It is not essential for students to register, however if they do, they will receive an email reminder about the event/s.

If you wish to do so please click on the following link: [ESCG Open Events](#)

Eastbourne Thursday 19 th October 2023 Thursday 30 th November 2023 Thursday 14 th March 2024	Lewes Thursday 23 rd November 2023 Thursday 21 st March 2024
Hastings Thursday 16 th November 2023 Thursday 7 th March 2024	Newhaven Thursday 9 th November 2023 Tuesday 26 th March 2024

Bexhill College / 6.00 – 8.30p.m.

There is no requirement to register in advance.

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Thursday 19th October 2023

Plumpton College / 9.00a.m. – 12p.m.

To book please click here: [Plumpton Open Events](#)

Saturday 25th November 2023

DV8 Sussex

Dv8 Sussex Open Days will take place at the following times in both the Brighton and Bexhill Campuses.

There is no requirement to register in advance.

Saturday 14th October 2023 / 10a.m. – 12.00p.m.

BHASVIC (Brighton, Hove & Sussex Sixth Form) / 4.00 – 8.00p.m.

Wednesday 8th November 2023

Thursday 9th November 2023

Although BHASVIC do not require a booking in advance, they invite you to register an interest via the following form. This will allow them to provide you with information ahead of the event to help you get the most out of the event. Maps and additional information in support of the open evenings will also be provided on this page in the weeks leading up to the evenings: [BHASVIC Open Events](#)