



# PARENT BULLETIN

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15th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy but very successful week at Willingdon. Thank you to our Year 11 parents and carers who attended our motivational evening on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you were unable to attend, we are sending out the information so you can access this.

We had our safeguarding review by the County Council this Tuesday which went exceptionally well. Please see below some of the comments from the County Safeguarding Team;

'Leadership and management have developed a strong culture of safeguarding'

'Team structures are brilliant'

'Really good behaviour across the school'

'Safeguarding can be felt and seen throughout the school'

'Record keeping strong'

'Governance of safeguarding strong'

'Well distributed responsibility for safeguarding'

'Good programme of RSHE, E-safety prioritised'

We also launched our house system in assemblies this week which were led by our student leadership team.

Finally, we have our School Sponsored Walk in 2 weeks time. A separate letter has gone out today about this. Attendance is **COMPULSORY** to school this day like every other day. If a student does not want to walk, they are in school completing other house activities.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs May

**Headteacher**

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## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Hello, my name is Mr Daniel May and I have been a Business teacher for 16 years. I have enjoyed teaching A level in my career and I look forward to stretching our GCSE Business groups to achieve their very best and be ready for a Business A Level Pathway should they choose to continue with this subject. I used to play football (county league) and enjoy keeping fit. I currently teach part time - three days a week and I spend the rest of my time looking after my two daughters. I hope to help prepare students for the world of work in my role and also am keen to start some enterprise competitions and tease out our Willingdon entrepreneurs!

My email address is [dmay@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:dmay@willingdonschool.org.uk)



My name is Simone Kane and I am an English teacher and tutor of 7SKA. I was hugely excited to join Willingdon School this September. I retrained as a teacher in 2020-21 and have worked at three other schools in Brighton and Hove and Horsham. I am a graduate in English and history, but English literature and language are my passion. I was previously a journalist and travel public relations consultant. I decided to become an English teacher so I could share this passion to inspire and share my experience with young people. I run and dance flamenco to relax.

My email address is [skane@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:skane@willingdonschool.org.uk)

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION ON OUR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND TO KEEP AN EYE ON ANY CHANGES TO CLUB DETAILS**

[willingdonschool.org.uk/learning/enrichment-programme](http://willingdonschool.org.uk/learning/enrichment-programme)



My name is Mrs Burton and I run a club at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday called "A Space to Grow" , this is open to all students. The group are asked to be mindful, kind, considerate and supportive of each other. This is a space students can use to come away from the main larger areas of the school into a quieter environment. We also have a garden area with a club called "Our Space to Grow" which I run on a Thursday after school from 3-4pm and is open to all year groups.

Mindfulness is being offered alongside these clubs for students who have already completed the 10 week course in Year 7. All students are welcome to come and see me at lunchtime in SC4 for an informal chat about any of the above before turning up.

**Year 11 Homework Club**

Need help with your Homework? Struggling to meet hand in dates? Worried about upcoming exams?

The Learning Mentors are offering a KS4 Homework Club for year 11 on Monday and Tuesday from 3:00 pm till 4:00 pm in IT1 and IT2 after school.

This is not a club that you will need to sign up for, so feel free to pop along whenever you need to. Just remember to bring your Homework!

Icons: A checklist with 'A+' and a person reading a book.

**BASKETBALL CLUB**

**MR. CRISP – BASKETBALL COACH/LEARNING MENTOR**  
RCRISP@WILLINGDONSCHOOL.ORG.UK

**YEARS 9, 10 & 11:**  
**MONDAY 3:00-4:00**

**YEARS 7 & 8:**  
**FRIDAY 3:00-4:00**

Images of Kobe Bryant and LeBron James.



**Willingdon Warhammer Club!**

**Please note that Warhammer has changed rooms. This will now be held in SC9**

Warhammer is a collection of strategy board games where you collect, build and paint your army of plastic figures.

This club is for those who already play or those who might be interested in getting into the game.

All years welcome!



**Whole School Homework Club**

Need help with your Homework? Struggling to meet hand in dates?

The Learning Mentors are offering a homework club for year 7, year 8, year 9 and year 10 on a Wednesday from 3:00 pm till 4:00 pm in IT1 and IT2 after school.

This is not a club that you will need to sign up for, so feel free to pop along whenever you need to. Just remember to bring your Homework!

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## Reward System – Update

Thank you for the feedback received over the summer regarding our school reward system. There were some excellent suggestions on improvements that can be made and these will be shared and implemented across the academic year.



Students that have claimed their rewards for the 2022-23 academic year will be receiving these during tutor time over the next few weeks. The claim forms have now been locked, so if any students have not logged their claim via the Google form, please email Mrs Kemp directly in the Pastoral Year 9 office at break or lunchtime next week.

The school is currently using two separate systems to log reward points; please bear with us whilst these are uploaded. We are aware that in some cases, rewards are logged but showing zero achievement points and this is in the process of being amended. Teachers will continue to reward students using the current system as well as with phone calls or emails home.

As a school, we are planning to extend the rewards system to include subject-specific vocational experiences, and these will be shared through contact home and our social media platforms. We will keep you up to date with improvements made to the system as the year progresses.

Mrs Kemp



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Enough*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Meet the Tutor Parents' Evening Wednesday 27th September -  
3.15pm-6.15pm

## REMINDER - MFL Science Trip to France - March 2024.



Dear Parents /Carers,

I am delighted to offer your child the fantastic opportunity to take part in our first MFL Science Trip to France in March 2024.

This trip is open to students in Years 8-10, and whilst the priority will be given to students who study French, it is also encouraged that any student interested in science / STEM should feel free to join if they wish to.

Dates: **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024** (back to school Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March)

The below is a provisional booking and itinerary arranged and agreed with Connect Studies Travel. Confirmed detailed itineraries and all details will be given in due course.

The itinerary includes:

- Return **Coach** (DVD and toilet facilities on board) and **Ferry** crossing from Willingdon School to Tours, France.
- Half board (breakfast and dinner)
- **Hotel** accommodation.
- Full day at **Futuroscope** (an amazing STEM theme park)
- Workshop at a **Pâtisserie Bigot** (a local French chocolatier)
- Visits to **Château du Clos Lucé** and the **Da Vinci Park**.
- Visit to a local **French market**.

The total cost of the trip will be £465 based on 50 students going (to be paid in 6 instalments spread over 6 months). This fee includes the cost of travel, accommodation, breakfast and dinner (students to bring packed lunch / or purchase lunch), and all entrance fees, however I would recommend students bringing some pocket money if they wish to purchase lunch / food or gifts whilst in France.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please contact the school who will look to provide some financial assistance in respect of the cost of the trip.

Students are unable to travel without the GHIC card. Please click on the Government link below for further information <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. Students need a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months left on their passports from the date of travel.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £75 on ParentPay. Please note, ParentPay states payment by 31/08/2023 to secure your booking, but this has now been extended. The instalment schedule will also be visible on ParentPay.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all students, students will only be allowed to participate if they have an excellent behavioural and attendance record.

As we can only take 50 students on this trip, spaces will fill up quickly therefore we will have to fill up places on a first come, first served basis.

Best Wishes,

Mr F Smith & Mr R Crellin

# EAST SUSSEX JUNIOR BADMINTON ACADEMY (ESJBA)



# OPEN DAY

**September 17th 9:00-12:00**

**Hailsham Community College**

**Battle Road, Hailsham BN27 1DT**

Contact: William Brown 07761 283736

[william@libraaudio.co.uk](mailto:william@libraaudio.co.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/ESJBA>



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# YEARS 9 TO 11



Please see the below FREE virtual work experience opportunity for years 9 – 11

## Virtual work experience - Allied health professions

The programme will provide an overview of what a career as an allied health professional in one of the 15 different allied health professions can offer, as well as develop key skills for each profession. There is also the opportunity to hear from NHS professionals, learn about their day to day work, as well as about the different areas of the allied health professions and complete assignment.

Upon completion, participants are awarded a certificate, which can be useful for CVs, personal statements and interviews.

Please see the following link that lists the 14 allied health professions: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ahp/role/>

# YEAR 10

**It is a big year for you**, beginning GCSEs and your journey towards a career. **In Year 10** you will also take part in Work Experience, attend 2 taster days at local FE colleges, take part in employer interviews and visit Sussex University to experience university life.

## **Work Experience - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

You are asked to find your own work experience placement. Finding an own placement will mean that you will be able to undertake a suitable placement that is of interest and personally rewarding to you. It also helps develop your communication, resourcefulness and initiative and can lead to employment in the future.

We need to know of any confirmed placements by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** due to suitability, risk assessment and health and safety checks that will need to be carried out by East Sussex County Council.

Should students be unable to source their own placement, we do have a database of available employers and placements, and we do our best to place students in a sector they are interested in. This is not always possible, however we do our utmost to ensure that they have a placement out in industry.

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**Future**



Any questions please see Mrs Rooney



# YEARS 10 & 11

Please see the below information regarding a Get Into Law conference, taking place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Get Into Law - Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

Please click to book: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

\*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. By sharing expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

The "Get Into Law" conference is the ideal opportunity for students with inquisitive minds and an interest in pursuing careers as solicitors, barristers, or judges, to learn about the legal profession. With insights from Judge Emma and a comprehensive agenda, students will gain valuable knowledge about the legal industry.

Explore the world of law with a Judge and learn about:

- Realistic insights into law as a career
- Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream!
- Application Timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law
- UCAS form – key components to be aware of
- Personal statement
- Academic Referencing
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance.



## OPEN EVENTS

Please see the below details of the upcoming events that will be taking place at the East Sussex College Eastbourne, Lewes and Hastings during October and November. These will be from 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.

<https://www.escg.ac.uk/whats-on/open-events/>