



PARENT BULLETIN

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29th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you as our students are completing our annual sponsored walk. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students walk together as a house community, enjoying the fresh air and our beautiful surroundings. It was lovely to see a number of our younger students stop and take in the views.

Many were amazed by the mass of green space in front of them. I am also really proud of our students who engaged in our seaside walk and our house activities back at school. Many thanks to our parent community who have supported with the fundraising for sponsored walk. We are about to embark on our collection for the local food bank and are hoping each house will compete against one another to bring in the most donations. This is such an important charity, helping many in our community struggling with the cost of living. All non perishables welcome and we can start the collection from Monday.

We are also looking forward to hosting our Open Evening on Thursday. We have 300 families already signed up to visit us that evening and we have 120 students already signed up to give tours. We need more tour guides so if your child wants to help, they need to complete the google form sent by Mrs Collins.

All students in Years 7-9 will have either completed or are completing a reading age test. Before half term, we will be writing to you with the result and giving parents any advice and strategies on how we can improve reading ages if necessary. Year 11 also need to be focusing on their homework and revision schedules as the mocks are now three working weeks away. We have a whole host of interventions that have started and 150 Year 11s have already taken part. Please do encourage them to take advantage of this extra support that teachers are kindly providing in their free periods and after school.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend and students are buzzing after taking part in our annual sponsored walk!

Best wishes

Mrs May



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to join the governing body, because one of our parent governors is coming to the end of their 4 year tenure. Parent governors keep the governing board aware of the parental perspective. They are a vital part of our team. Could you give your time and commitment to this important role?

If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, you will need to complete a nomination form and election statement, along with a declaration of eligibility. To apply, visit the [Our Governors – Willingdon Community School](#) page of the website. Here you will find information about the governors and our job and a link to the application forms (see Appendix B, C and D). You can also ask the school to send you a hard copy of the application forms.

Please note, on this occasion, we are particularly keen to recruit someone with experience in safeguarding. The nomination form, election statement and declaration form will need to be returned to the Clerk to the Governors, by **12 Noon on Friday, 13th October 2023**.

If more than one suitable nomination is received, I shall arrange for an online ballot (a paper ballot will be available if required) which will include the candidates' election statements. All parents will be notified of the result. If you are interested but want further information, you might find it helpful to contact me by email via the Clerk at clerk@willingdonschool.org.uk. You can also view East Sussex County Council's website about Governors and their roles at:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/supportforteachers/schoolgovernors/becoming/>

Yours sincerely,

Jane Branson
Chair of Governors

REMINDER - Early School Closure

Thursday 5th October for Open Evening

Year 7 – 12:30pm

Year 8 – 12:35pm

Year 9 – 12:40pm

Year 10 – 12:45pm

Year 11 – 12:50pm

Necessary arrangements will need to be made for your child to return home. If this presents difficulties, students may remain in the care of their pastoral team until 3pm, when the buses will be running as normal. If your child will need to remain in school, could you please complete the google form here

[Early School Closure - Google Form](#)

Message sent to our Year 9 students

Year 9 Options:

Dear Year 9s,

We are pleased with the positive start to the year we have had, and I want to share the following exciting news with you.

Each year we undertake student voice to help shape the option blocks that you will be choosing from in January time.

Please **complete the form below** by selecting 4 options that interest you:

[Student Voice - Options subjects 2023-2024](#)

Deadline is Friday 6th October.

These might not end up being the ones you choose in the end, but it is important we get this student voice as early as possible.

The more people that respond, the more likely we are able to provide option blocks that suit most people.

All best wishes,

Mr Holt

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*Reflections on
Reading*

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CHESS CLUB

Due to popular demand, Chess Club will now be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime.

Do you have an unwanted chess sets at home? It would be fantastic to have a few more if you have one that you no longer need and are happy to donate it to the school. Please drop it in to our reception, where it will be very gratefully received.



THIS WEEK



Excellent performance and team spirit from the Year 11 Football Team who won 4-2 this evening to make it 2/2 wins in the league this year! Well done to all involved 🏆



Exciting and entertaining game for the Year 7s and their first time representing the school! A great 3-2 victory and lots of positives to build on. Well done to all of the boys involved 🏆

Baking



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Sussex Discovery College provides courses to **support young people** with their **mental health, resilience** and **emotional wellbeing**.

As our **confidence** in the kitchen grows, so too does our **self-esteem** and sense of **wellbeing**. We can be proud of ourselves for achieving something and baking delicious food. Whatever your baking ability this **free Baking course** welcomes everyone to come along and have a go.

When?

Fortnightly on
Thursdays from 4.15pm

12 October (meet and greet), 19 October, 2, 16, and 30 November and 14 December

Where?

Online via Zoom

Safe

Non-judgemental

Written and delivered
with young people for
young people

Free

Who For?

Anyone aged **12-20** seeking mental health and wellbeing support in **Sussex** and **Brighton & Hove**.

**Register your
Interest**



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Art Lab



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Art Lab is a **free course** which will nurture talent, **confidence, resilience** and **friendships** in a relaxed atmosphere.

Come and join us to experiment with a range of arty stuff, such as: sculpture, photography, drawing, printmaking, collage and painting.

All abilities welcome!

When?

Saturdays 2-4pm

4 November (online),
11, 18 and 25
November (in person)

2 and 9 December (in
person) 1.30-4.30pm

Where?

De La Warr Pavilion,
Bexhill

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Discovering Our Best Selves



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On this **free course** you will have support in thinking about your **wellbeing** and building **resilience** in **creative** ways and managing **connections** with other people and yourself.

Activities will include; creative journaling, mindfulness exercises, collage art and crafting.
All artistic abilities welcome.

When?

Tuesdays 4-6pm

31st October, 7th,
14th, 28th November
and 5th December

Where?

The Old Market,
Brighton

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Inside/Outside



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Do you have stories to share? Would you like to reach out to a wider audience through **drama, film** or **music**? In this **free drama course** we will create a 30 minute play. Through working together we will **support** each other, develop **mutual understanding** and **friendship**.
Performance is not compulsory.

When?

Tuesdays 5-7pm
(snack provided)

3 October - 5
February with breaks
for half term and
Christmas

Where?

St Saviour's Church
Hall, **Eastbourne**

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Nature Space in the woods



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Sussex Discovery College provides courses to **support young people** with their **mental health, resilience** and **emotional wellbeing**.

Would you like to come to a **woodland space**, try out some activities and spend time away from your usual environment to be **outside in nature**?

Some of the activities we might try during this **free course** are: simple cooking on the fire, nature games, conservation, nature art and woodland crafting.

When?

Friday 27th October
10.30 - 3.00pm

Where?

Woodland in
Laughton

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October Half term Holiday Club



- Rock pooling
- Exploring
- Scavenger hunts
- Fire making
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YEAR 10 & 11

Year 10 Work Experience - 13th – 17th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for sending me the details of the work experience placements that have been secured so far. For those students that have not been able to find a placement, the next stage of the process will be to make some choices from the Aspire database; this will take place during tutor time in the coming weeks. We aim to place students in one of the 4 choices that they will make however, in some instances, this is not possible due to some placements no longer offering work experience or because the places have already been taken.

We will, however, do our utmost to source work experience placements for all students so that the full Year 10 cohort are out on work experience from 13th - 17th May 2024. In addition, we will try to match those placements to students as much as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns on srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk or 01323 485254 ext 281.

Best wishes,

Sarah Rooney

Careers Adviser & Work Experience Co-ordinator

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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 12 th October 2023 Thursday 23 rd November 2023 Thursday 21 st March 2024
Hastings Thursday 5 th October 2023 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



Bexhill 6th Form College

Plumpton College / 9.00a.m. – 12p.m.

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

Saturday 14th October 2023

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.

Wednesday 11th October 2023 / 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.

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](#)

