



PARENT BULLETIN

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8th March 2024



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Finally, spring seems to be in the air and we are grateful to have a few days without rain. There have been a number of events in the school this week celebrating World Book Day. Please see articles below to see what we've been up to!

This year we have celebrated World Book Day a little differently and tried to embrace the 'Read Your Way' theme. Our separate article about World Book Day is well worth a read!

World Book Day is just one day but reading for pleasure can happen on any day of the year. We hope that students will keep reading, keep empathising and keep exploring new ideas.

On Thursday, a group of 14 Year 10 students attended the AMSP Mathematics Enrichment Event 2024 at Bexhill 6th Form College. The event comprised of a number of workshops promoting the enjoyment of Maths, providing information on the options after GCSE as well as widening the awareness of Maths in careers. Students particularly liked the session on NASA's Perseverance rover mission to Mars.

A large number of Year 10 students were also involved in a Careers Fair at East Sussex College Eastbourne where local colleges and businesses, as well as the NHS, police, army, RAF and Royal Navy, were in attendance. Student feedback was that there were a good variety stands for all interests, including interactive stands with competitions and games, and that they had gained useful information to help with their future pathways post-16.

Finally, we have been celebrating careers week across the school. We are ambitious for all our students and encourage you to keep the topic of careers alive! Our website contains a wealth of information about careers at Willingdon and I would particularly like to draw your attention to the careers section on the website: [Careers Advice and Guidance](#)

Best wishes,

Miss Walters
Deputy Headteacher





During the start of term 4, all KS3 students experienced a series of lessons as part of the English curriculum in which they explored the World Book Day especially commissioned stories (including two by familiar authors on the Book Buzz list).

Students were invited to take part in a series of competitions in class and to continue for their own enjoyment. These included the opportunity to design an ultimate school library, participate in the National Book Token competition and the popular book cover lanyard treasure hunt. It was so exciting to see many students engaged in tracking down the book covers and meeting a range of teaching and support staff. Everyone can be involved in reading for pleasure and reading conversations!

Additionally, students were introduced to a variety of audio books, including the very popular 'Steady for This'. If you would like to see the range of free audio books available as part of World Book Day, click [here](#). They are a great way to test out new authors, genres and ideas – and still help students to build vocabulary, empathy and enjoyment. On Wednesday, six courageous Year 7 students gave a reading of their now published poems during their book launch to an invited audience of friends, Year 10 students leaders and encouraging staff. Finally, well done to the tutor groups who took the opportunity to take part in the 'Turn your door into a book cover' competition. At the time of writing, the votes are still coming in! [All books highlighted](#) during the celebration are available for students to borrow from the school library.



INTRODUCING OUR SUPPORT STAFF



Hello, my name is Mrs Pritchard and I have worked at Willingdon in Student Support since September 2022. If you come down to SS you will see me all day on Monday and Friday and also Tuesday mornings. I mainly deal with illnesses and injuries but will help with all sorts of other things, such as seagull misdemeanours on uniform, parent contact or just be needed as someone else to talk to.

In my spare time I spend a lot of energies running around after my own family, but also enjoy playing sport and pottering around my garden.

Lots of opportunities for our students at [Eastbourne Netball Club Juniors](#)

For bookings, contact Eastbourne Netball Club;
sgkennerson@gmail.com

Netball skills
tactical games
match play

EASTBOURNE NETBALL CLUB

NETBALL CAMP

EASTER HOLIDAY
Year 7 to Year 11

Willingdon Community School
9.30am - 3pm

DAY 1 - Wednesday, 3rd April 2024
DAY 2 - Thursday, 4th April 2024
DAY 3 - Wednesday, 10th April 2024
DAY 4 - Thursday, 11th April 2024

£30 PER PLAYER

EASTBOURNE NETBALL CLUB

AGE 10 - AGE 18

FUN, FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED CLUB

A club for all abilities, whether you want to start out and develop basic skills or move onto the next level and compete for the club in local, county and regional competitions. Weekly training, all year round.

Email: eastbournejuniornetballclub@gmail.com
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Facebook: Eastbourne Netball Club Juniors

ESTABLISHED IN 2009

FEEDBACK FROM JARVIS EDUCATION AFTER VISITING SOME OF OUR STUDENTS AT MVM (MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE)

Just a quick one. I've just met some of your pupils down at the garage as part of my visit to St Catherine's. Just to say they were super respectful, really polite and talked me through what they were working on. It's clearly helping them.

Best wishes,

SHAUN JARVIS

CONSULTANT

Junior Cricket Club
Founded 2006

Junior Cricket Outdoor Training

Starting Wednesday 17th April - All through the summer

All sessions are open to boys and girls
Always spaces for new juniors of all ages, abilities and previous experience. No equipment required, just a desire to learn and have fun.

£4 per session, pay as you go, first session free for new juniors

If you have any questions, please contact us at
HailshamCC@outlook.com
07960146841

Under 8s 6.00 - 6.45pm
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Under 10/11s 6.00 - 7.00pm
Under 12s 5.30 - 6.30pm
Under 13s 5.30 - 6.30pm
Under 13 Girls 6.30 - 7.30pm
Under 14s 6.15 - 7.30pm
Under 16s Fridays 6.00 - 7.30pm

2024
Junior Cricket Training

Wednesday 17th April - All through the summer

Western Road Recreation Ground
£4 per session
25 ECB qualified coaches
Free first session for new members
Open to boys & girls aged 4-14
No previous experience/equipment needed

Under 12's & Under 13's 5.30 - 6.30pm
Under 9's 6.45 - 6.45pm
Under 8's 6.00 - 6.45pm
Under 10/11's 6.00 - 7.00pm
Under 13 Girls & Under 14's 6.15 - 7.30pm

LET'S GO!

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Competition Time!



What:

Write a thrilling mini-saga, a story told in up to 100 words.

Why:

- Opportunity to be published in a book
- Prizes for students

Hand your mini-sagas to your English teacher before the closing date for a chance to win.

Closing date: Wednesday 27th March 2024

STORY STARTERS

You can use one of these to start or inspire your work

- I didn't mean for this to happen...
- "Breaking news, the Prime Minister has declared..."
- Was I the only one left?
- "Emergency! Evacuation plan activated."
- Everything went dark...
- The thick smoke was choking...
- I was having the worst day ever...
- One text changed everything...



Top English classes in February:

- 9AT1
- 8AM2
- 9AB1

Big shout out to the following student who had the greatest **Bedrock achievement** last month:

Henry F who made 809% progress in February

This month, students have been learning the following words: cursory, fluctuate, apathy, fabricate, convalesce, dissent

THANKS
FOR
BEING
AWESOME

SOCIAL MEDIA



17 of our Year 10 and 11 students successfully completed The Girls' Network Mentoring Programme last week. The programme, which aims to inspire and empower girls by connecting them with a mentor and a network of professional role models who are women, took place over 10 monthly sessions. We celebrated the girls' success, during the final session last Wednesday, with certificates and donuts! Well done girls!!

Isabella has completed her 2000m swimming badge - that's 80 lengths of a pool in under an hour! This was part of a swim challenge at her external swim club, Eastbourne Otters. Well done Isabella for this amazing achievement!

The year 7 and 8 Partnership Swimming Gala is in a few weeks time- if you swim for a club, and would like to be part of the swimming team, please come to the PE office and tell the department!



Well done to Year 8 student Imogen, who is a 2 x Sussex Champion in swimming.

Imogen trains relentlessly, dedicating hours and hours each week with great determination and focus.

Following the recent County Championships, Imogen won gold in the 50m fly and 50m free events silver in the 50m back and 100m free events and bronze in the 100m back alongside making it to the final in 4 other races.

Imogen now turns her attention to the Regional Championships in April, where she has already achieved 3 qualifying times and hopes to achieve 3 more!

Well done Imogen a great asset to the school, your swimming club and your family too! Keep up the hard work.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Due to the school closure on Friday, unfortunately the Year 7s missed out at their chance to compete in the partnership Basketball tournament.

However, here are our Year 9 teams that showed great commitment and determination throughout and some fantastic individual and team play. The boys team came 5th overall and the girls team 6th.

A big well done to all the students who have represented the school last in the various Basketball competitions.



Year 8 Champions 🏆

Well done to the Year 8 boys for their 8-2 win in the Partnership Cup Final! Goals for:

- ⚽ Archibald x4
- ⚽ Lavender x2
- ⚽ Tomlin
- ⚽ Goodall

Fantastic effort from all involved

As part of National Careers week, students have been hearing about the previous jobs of the Maths Teachers. Mr Ratcliffe talked about the use of Maths in his job as a meteorologist and Mr Higgins spoke about using perspective and scale when he worked designing, building and painting theatre scenery.



YEAR 11

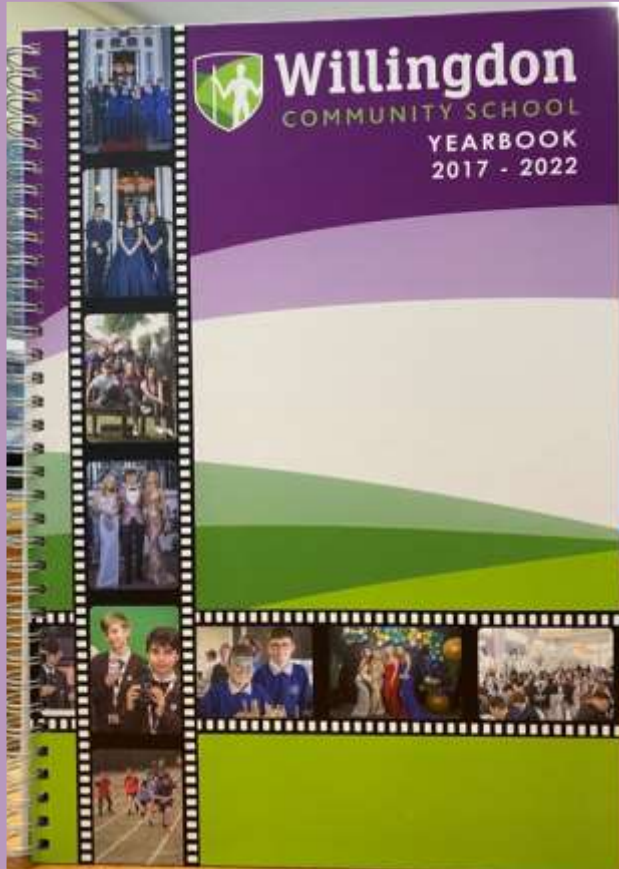
Year 11 Yearbook

To all Year 11s

This is a reminder that we need your entries for the yearbook as soon as possible.

The first stages of putting the yearbook together have started. The success of the yearbook depends on you!

Our first task is to collect in personal details and photographs from all Year 11 students. To help with this could you please check your school emails and follow the link to complete and submit the Google Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We still have — —students who have not submitted an entry!



You will be able to upload up to five photos within the form if you so wish. The Google Form asks a few questions such as, future career, best friends, favourite memory and also asks for a leaving quote. If there are any questions, you do not wish to answer please leave blank. You can amend, any of the information that you submit on your original Google Form by submitting another one and we will use the most recently submitted entry. If you have any concerns, regarding your submission, please email resources@willingdonschool.org.uk or pop in to the resources office and they will be happy to help you.

YOUNG CHEF OF 2024



**Do you like cooking?
Could you be our Young Chef of 2024?**



Olympic / Paralympic Games 2024

This year the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games are to be held in Paris with athletes from across the globe competing. Every country in the world has its own special food dishes and flavours and as people have travelled, these different flavours have travelled with them. You should select one country and prepare a dish that best represents the food from that country. You will need to explain your choice of country and dish choice to the judges and why you have chosen these.

Mrs Borrell and Mrs Naylor will organise the first round of the competition in your school, one finalist from each year group (Years 7/8 and 9/10) will be chosen. You will then compete with finalists from other schools, where a team of judges will choose the overall Eastbourne Young Chef of 2024

For further information, please see Mrs Borrell or Mrs Alley in the food room