



# PARENT BULLETIN

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19th January 2024



Dear Parent/Carers

From our parent engagement sessions, many have found it useful to understand our behaviour policy. As part of our behaviour policy we utilise a room for internal sanction called 'Reflection'. This is to prevent external suspensions which feature permanently on a child's formal school record and also to give the child a chance to reflect on their behaviours that have caused disruption to other members of our community. For the vast majority of our students, they will never see or visit reflection as they behave impeccably each and every day.

However, to ensure there is understanding and clarity for the students who are sent to reflection and the families who are contacted, we have outlined some amendments below to help the success of this measure.

When a student is placed in reflection, they will be read or will read the expectations of the room. They will then sign and date to show they understand and have had this expectation outlined to them. The rules of the room are in this bulletin so parents have the full understanding of the expected conduct of our internal suspension room.

If a student refuses to be read or read the expectations, we will follow the behaviour policy for a failed internal suspension. If a student refuses to follow the expectations having entered the room, this again will be a failed internal suspension. Students will be expected to complete the failed internal suspension before continuing with their lessons again. The Year and SEND teams will know who is placed in the room and ensure that any adjustments are made for specific needs to allow for a successful internal placement.

We hope this gives you clarity about the purpose of the room and how this is a significant step in ensuring all children can meet our personal excellence values.

## **Reflection room expectations**

You have been placed in reflection as a form of internal suspension to avoid a fixed term suspension from the school. You must have a successful day to be reintegrated into your classes.

Please place your bags and coats in a cube for the duration of the day. Including break and lunch.

Your phone must be handed over and placed into the safe or switched off and placed in your bag.

You must sit in the booth assigned to you and work in silence. Please put your hand up if you need support.

Year 10 and 11, please complete work assigned to you by your class teacher or homework and revision. You can access the main learning platforms only e.g. Sparxmaths, Educake etc.

Year 7/8/9, please complete work assigned to you by your class teacher or homework. Alternatively you can complete lessons on Oak Academy or the work book.

Do not leave your booth unless you have been given permission by a member of staff.

## **Break and Lunch**

You must remain in silence in your booth. However, you can play educational games only / do colouring and reading etc.

We will take you to the canteen if you need to buy lunch. Please use this time to eat and have a drink.

You will be given the chance to go to the toilet; please go now as you will not be able to go during lesson time.

This is your time to fill up water bottles. Please do so as you will not be able to do this during lesson time.



## **Have your say on the East Sussex Local Transport Plan Consultation 27 November 2023 - 25 February 2024**

We want you to have your say on the future of transport in the County.

The draft East Sussex Local Transport Plan 2024 - 2050, sets out how we will plan and provide transport for people taking every day journeys in East Sussex, which include getting to school, work or for leisure, now and in the future.

The plan recognises factors that are important for journeys to school such as enabling safer and more accessible journeys, the benefits to health and wellbeing from more active travel, even if this is part for part of your journey or being undertaken on certain days of the week.

Many of you will often be combining the school run with other journeys, so undertaking multiple trips, to get to work or for other purposes, so the plan recognises the importance of having a connected transport network.

To take part please select this link and complete the consultation questionnaire  
<http://eastsussex.gov.uk/DraftLTP4>

### **Contact details**

If you want to contact ESCC to discuss this you can do so in the following ways:

- Email - [LocalTransportPlan@EastSussex.gov.uk](mailto:LocalTransportPlan@EastSussex.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 0345 608 0190 lines (open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 4.30pm on Friday) and ask to be put through to the Local Transport Plan Team.



**67Kg**

January 2024

Your contributions do make a real difference.

## INSET Days for 2024/2025

**Monday 2nd September 2024**

**Monday 4th November 2024**

**Tuesday 5th November 2024**

## Monday 6th January 2025

**Friday 14th February 2025**

LET'S CELEBRATE

# CHINESE NEW YEAR



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
January

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

## MAINS

Kickin' Sticky Chicken Rice **or**  
Hot Kung Pao Chicken Baguette **or**  
Chinese Veggie Noodles

## SIDES

Vegetable Spring Rolls

## DESSERT

Gingerbread Cake **or** Mango Froyo

Menus may be subject to change

  
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## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION



### Teacher of English

My name is Mr Williams, and I am joining Willingdon Community School this July. I am active, working with the youth of the Eastbourne community, having lived here my whole life. I am training to be a teacher at the University of Sussex and have been placed at Willingdon School since September. I completed my degree in History and International Relations in July 2023. My strong belief in the vital skills that can be developed in an English class has led me to train as an English teacher, with my focus being children's engagement in oracy and literacy in English, with the goal of building skills that will help the student's develop skills for lifelong learning and adaptability.

My interests are mainly reading, sports, and various games. I enjoy playing five-a-side football; I used to play for the county. I also love reading, mainly dystopian fiction or poetry. I am currently reading through Brandon Sanderson's epic novel series 'Mistborn'.

I am looking forward to being able to share my enthusiasm for English and other extra-curricular ventures with the students here at Willingdon.

My email address is [jwilliams2@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:jwilliams2@willingdonschool.org.uk).

Matilda Callaghan joined our PE Department for 3 weeks from Eastbourne College where she is teacher training for her PGCE. Here she gives us her thoughts on her time at Willingdon.

*I have really enjoyed my three weeks at Willingdon and have loved being a part of the PE department. Pupils here are extremely lucky to have such great PE teachers who are very passionate and knowledgeable about a variety of sports. I have particularly enjoyed being able to deliver a range of different sports to an array of different year groups. I look forward to returning in the summer term to deliver some cricket coaching to the students.*

I have really enjoyed it here so thank you for having me!

FRIENDS OF WILLINGDON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PRESENT

# QUIZ

# NIGHT

**FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024**

**6.30PM ARRIVAL**

**7PM QUIZ STARTS**

**FREE  
PARKING**

**£5**  
PER PERSON

**Food and drink available**

**Parking available on site**

**Tickets can be purchased from main reception or  
on ParentPay.**

**Please do email in who you are sitting with if  
paying via ParentPay**

**Max number of 6 people per team**

**Email:**

**[learningmentors@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:learningmentors@willingdonschool.org.uk)**

Book your place for an evening of fun. The £5 entry fee will automatically enter you into our raffle for a cash prize, which will be held at the end of the evening.

**Willingdon Community School**  
**presents**

# **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**

***Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February 2024***  
***6PM (doors open at 5.45PM)***

Tickets are available  
on ParentPay  
Adult £7 / Child £4

Willingdon School  
Broad Road  
BN20 9QX



**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



# THIS WEEK



A huge well done to Harry Doree who has passed his grading and received his orange belt in Goshin Ju Jitsu!



Earlier this week five Willingdon students represented the school in this year's Sussex Schools Cross-country Championships in Brighton, at the Waterhall & RFC grounds. In the Junior Girls event Lydia Verth and Darcie Goodall competed alongside over 280 other runners from across the secondary schools in the county. Luke Goodall, Lucas Archibald, Ben Wright and Ewan Delgado-Howell made a four strong team in the Junior boy's race with again well over 280 runners. The course is mostly flat and fast with an absolute killer of a single-track hill halfway through; all athletes showed a tremendous amount of determination and commitment throughout their races.

A special mention to Year 9 athlete Ben Wright, who qualified for the next round of this competition on the back of 5 months out injured, a fantastic achievement and we wish him all the best in the next round.

A big thank you to the parent and guardian support for this event. We look forward to our next cross-country fixture next month, the Year 7 & 8 annual race at Christ Hospital School.



This week fourteen of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Eastbourne Schools Girls Indoor Cricket competition at Hailsham Community College. Year 7 student and Hailsham Cricket Club player Savannah P captained the 'purple' team and Year 8 student Daisy S captained the 'Green team'. Apart from Savannah the other players have only just started their cricket journey and recently been attending our after-school indoor cricket club. We look forward to continuing our Willingdon girls' cricket journey next term, alongside our U15 team that competed before Christmas.



# THIS WEEK



Congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 athletes who took part in last week's Eastbourne Schools Secondary Indoor Athletics Competition. The competition was high with eleven other local secondary schools taking part. Across the Year 7 and Year 8 track races and field events, Willingdon placed in the top three out of the eleven schools for all four competitions, with the Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls coming in first place and, as champions. They will go on to represent Eastbourne in the

Sussex Games Indoor Athletics Finals in Burgess Hill on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. The Year 7 Girls team came a close 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Year 8 Boys narrowly missed out coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. A great performance all-round from the 40 Willingdon athletes that took part, showing great determination and support for each other throughout.

As hosts, we had our Year 9 Sports Leadership Team running the event alongside School Games Coordinator Liz Price. The students did a fantastic job, officiating the track and field events as well as organising the equipment set up and welcoming the arrival of the teams. The leaders gave up time earlier in the week to run our team selection trials and then volunteered on back-to-back days last week for both the events. Liz Price was very complimentary of our leaders, saying they were a real credit to the school.

## Willingdon Pompeii visit - 03/03/2025

### Be part of the first ever Languages trip to Italy

- An amazing opportunity to visit the ancient city of Pompeii.
- The tour will include visits to ruins of Pompeii, Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius and other local sites of interest (including gelato factory).



- Price includes flights, transfers, accommodation for three nights in a hotel full board  
Initial deposit: £106 by 31st January 2024  
Then five further instalments of £174 by November 2024  
Total cost of trip: £976 - See ParentPay for full details.



# Building Future You - Webinar



Andrew from AYP will explore how to build the skills of resilience to be successful in learning and life.

We will focus on key skills of:

- Well-Being
- Mind Management
- How to work with the brain's incredible learning and memory systems to be successful

7th February 7pm

Please sign up [here](#)

## YEAR 10



Dear Parents/ Carers of Year 10 students.

We have sent the Head Student Application form to every Year 10 student via Edulink message. They have had a considerable amount of input and advice regarding the application but the whole staff, learning mentors and Student Leadership Team are very happy to help with any application.

Please do discuss the roles with your young people, whatever their attributes and qualities, we would really encourage them to apply.

The deadline for all applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm.

This is a really strong cohort with so much to contribute, so much enthusiasm and drive. The whole team are looking forward to working with the future Student Leaders on their projects and vision for the school.

Kind regards

Mrs Lucy Collins