



PARENT BULLETIN

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28th March 2024



Uniform expectations

We are reviewing the current arrangement whereby students wear their PE uniform on the days they have PE. We do recognise and are aware of the positives this can have, previously listening to the voice of parents and students when other local schools removed this opportunity. However, the increased infringement of this is now at a point where we need to reflect and re-consider the arrangement. We are looking for all students, with parent/carer support, to improve the standards of this in Term 5, to establish whether we can continue. We recognise the impact of the negative confrontations relating to uniform and want to alleviate this, particularly if this is having to be addressed in learning time. We believe that dressing smart leads to smart behaviour and effective learning.

A reminder, that PE kit policy must be followed:

- Plain black joggers/ sports leggings.
- WCS PE t-shirt
- WCS PE jumper or WCS PE tracksuit top
- Sports socks
- Sports trainers
- Football style/ loose fitting, plain black shorts.

Logos no larger than a credit card are permitted. Leggings should be of a sports material so they are durable when students are undertaking physical activity.

Cycling shorts are no longer permitted, and were removed from the PE kit list in October 2023- parents and students were informed of this adjustment. Students should ensure they wear **loose fitting, football style shorts** that are **mid-thigh/ just above the knee**. These should also be plain back with logos no larger than a credit card. Shorts should be worn **appropriately and not rolled**. Non- uniform branded tracksuit tops are not permitted and will be confiscated. WCS PE jumpers and WCS PE tracksuit tops are the only permitted sweatshirt on PE days.

A reminder- students should ensure they have the correct footwear for their PE lessons. Converse/ Vans/ plimsols are not permitted. These are not waterproof or supportive for the feet and ankles. Waterproof sports trainers, preferably running style, not high tops are advised for PE lessons. The field can become slippery and unsafe, even in the summer months.

Any PE kit infringements will be sanctioned in line with the uniform policy.

Furthermore, we expect all student on their non PE days to wear the smart uniform. No tube skirts (the stretchy material versions) are allowed and where straight skirts are the preferred option they should be a knee length, pencil skirt with no split. Ties should be worn and blazer each day. The PE black jumper is not a replacement for the blazer. Black Nike Airforce trainers or any other branded trainers (regardless of the material) are not permitted at Willingdon. They need to be leather/leather -look shoes. Please visit our website to view the full uniform policy <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/school-uniform>. At the start of term, we will be carrying out stringent checks to ensure standards are met. If we find that a significant minority continue to abuse the policy, we will make a difficult decision to return to full time uniform. Our PE department fully support this approach and are saddened that some students are letting many staff and students down.

Many thanks for your support.



The Diamond Challenge

The 3 students in each Year group that collect the most diamonds by May 1st 2024 will win a prize



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How to get Diamond

1. Log Into GCSE Pod (check emails via outlook for username and password)
2. Watch Videos
3. Complete Check and Challenge Questions

SOCIAL MEDIA



Congratulations to the KS3 swimming team who came 2nd overall in the Partnership swimming gala. Great effort!



We are overwhelmed by the generosity already from our community. Many thanks for helping us kick start our fundraising campaign. Here are the links if you wish to donate.

[JustGiving.com - Forest School](https://www.justgiving.com/Forest-School)

[JustGiving.com - Library](https://www.justgiving.com/Library)

[JustGiving.com - MUGA](https://www.justgiving.com/MUGA)

SOCIAL MEDIA



Our Year 7 students are holding a cake sale for McMillan Cancer Support.



A huge well done to Nate Wellsted of Year 7 who had his first boxing skills bout in December and followed it up last weekend with another skills bout against a boy from Surrey at [Eastbourne Boxing Club](#) home show at St Elizabeth's Church in Eastbourne 🍷



Let's Dance at the Congress Theatre. Amazing choreography by two students in year 8 and 9.

This year, five members of our school community are judges in the prestigious UKLA Book Awards, which offer prizes for outstanding books for children and young adults. On Saturday 23rd March, the staff members were invited to the University of Sussex to take part in the shortlisting panel. It was a great pleasure to read these books, to share them with classes and to discuss them with teachers from across the UK.



Photos from Ypres



Photos from the France STEM Trip



YEARS 8 & 9



EASTBOURNE
RUGBY CLUB

THE BENEFITS ARE HUGE

- Make lifelong friends**
- Enhance physical fitness**
- Develop new skills**
- Gain confidence**
- Improve mental health**
- Learn to win and lose**

TRAINING/MATCHES

MINIS

(Under 8's – Under 11's)

Sunday Training: 10am – 12pm
Sunday Matches: Times Vary

JUNIORS

(Under 12's – Under 16's)

Sunday Training: 10am – 12pm
Sunday Matches: Times Vary
Wednesday Training: Times Vary

COLTS

(Under 17's – Under 18's)

Tuesday Training: 7pm – 8:30pm
Thursday Training: 7pm – 8:30pm

WOMEN

(Adults & Youth Combined)

Tuesday Training: 6:30pm – 8pm



Find out more about playing rugby at Eastbourne
as well as age specific information about training and matches

www.eastbournerugby.com

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YEARS 9 & 10



Building from our first successful Plumpton Bake Off last year, we are excited to launch the 2024 Bake Off for Food Tech students with a topical **Olympics theme**.

Year 9 and 10 students are to **pair up** and **submit their recipe** and accompanying drawing or photo.

Finalists will be invited to join us at our **Open Day & Spring Fair** on **Saturday 11th May** to create their masterpieces using our state of the art training kitchen facilities and be judged by some very special bakers!

TIMELINE

Submit Recipe By
Friday 19th April 2024

Shortlist Announcement
Tuesday 30th April 2024

Final - Open Day & Spring Fair
Saturday 11th May 2024

Email submissions to
schoolsliasion@plumpton.ac.uk
by Friday 19th April 2024



YEAR 11

Day	Subject	Teacher	Room	Morning 10-12	Afternoon 12-2
Tuesday 2nd April	P.E VCERT	ALE	IT3	x	
Tuesday 2nd April	Child Development	KJA	IT2	x	
Tuesday 2nd April	Maths	PMA	MA4	x	x
Wednesday 3rd April	Child Development	KJA	IT2	x	
Thursday 4th April	Music	SPA	MU1	x	
Monday 8th April	Computer Science & IT BTEC	ARO	IT1	x	
Monday 8th April	DT	ARO	DT1		x
Monday 8th April	English	HAR	EN6	Grade 7-9	Grade 4-6
Monday 8th April	English	SCR	EN5	SCR Class	Invitation only
Tuesday 9th April	Spanish	CPH	LA3	x	
Tuesday 9th April	Sociology	RGA	BS1	x	
Wednesday 10th April	Geography	BMA	G1	x	x
Friday 12th April	Maths	HPO	MA1	x	x

Over the Easter period we are offering intervention sessions which your child can attend. Please contact the relevant teacher if you wish for your child to attend.

CAREERS

Years 10 & 11

Please see the below information regarding Springpod's FREE University Experience programmes. These are **now open for students to start right-away!**

These short university experience courses take around an hour to complete, can be started at school or home, and include video content and activities for students to work through.

Students can explore Springpod's wide range of FREE programmes in industries like law, engineering, medicine, computer science, and more.

Who is Springpod?

We are an online career and university exploration platform. We connect students to world-leading employers and universities through online programmes. Through our free virtual experiences, young people can gain the experience, knowledge, and skills they need to take their next steps. Upon completion of a programme students will receive a certificate to reference on their CV and/or Personal Statement.

How do students get started?

All students need to do is create a free account and click 'start now' to access the programme. Students can come back to the programme via their dashboard and complete it at a later date when it suits them.

We're well reviewed by over 500,000 students who have completed an experience with us such as Khadaija - *'This was such an amazing experience and I got to learn so many new things which I didn't even know before. I highly recommend this, it's really fun!!'*

We want to help your students join the 500,000+ others learning from experts at the University of Oxford, Durham University, The University of Birmingham and many more top universities.

[A selection of our top experiences are on this pdf to share.](#)