

Parent Bulletin

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Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

13th September 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been extremely impressed with the start back from our students. Well done to our students who are demonstrating personal excellence every day. It was lovely to see so many of our Year 11 families for our Motivational and Information Evening last night. We hope they found it informative and the links to our PowerPoints are here in case you need to refer to the information shared.

willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/our-letters

We can see that nine hundred parents have now logged onto Arbor so well done. If you are still having any difficulties, do reach out to us through the Parent ICT support desk on this email address:

parent.ithelp@willingdonschool.org.uk

We have our Year 6 Open Evening fast approaching and are already more than 700 visitors for the evening. Our students and parent body have the credit for this success, and we are immensely grateful that the community believe in us and want to attend Willingdon. We had our School Improvement Advisor from our Local Authority congratulate us on our improved outcomes. He met with senior leaders and went into many lessons. He was extremely impressed with the calm and purposeful lessons taking place. In terms of our school improvement plan, our focus as leaders is spot on. We want to continue working on the ambition of our young people. We want them to be the best versions of themselves striving to achieve their potential. We know that literacy is a barrier to many students and that must be the focus of every teacher through their subjects and communications. Finally, our bread and butter - we must consistently deliver quality first teaching and adapt our learning to meet the needs of every child. Whether that be to challenge our most able to achieve more grade 9s or whether it be to support our disadvantaged students, we must work hard to ensure every child is our priority.

I sent out the academy update earlier this week and I hope you found this useful. We will continue to keep you informed of the progress of this process and very much look forward to seeing many of you at the consultation events.

Have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all during Meet the Tutor evening. My team are here too if you need a catch up about anything.

Best wishes,

Mrs May
Headteacher

Travelling to School Safely

We wanted to share with parents and carers the expectations we are giving to students through tutor time and assemblies to ensure students are keeping themselves safe whilst travelling to and from school. The vast majority of students already meet these expectations.

Bus Travel – High expectations of Respect and Courtesy are expected at all times whilst using the public bus service. There should be no littering, throwing any objects or movement around the bus whilst it's travelling. Students should be sat in a seat where possible and avoid being a standing passenger. We will enforce our school's behaviour policy relating to any issues on the bus.

Cycling to school – Students should be wearing a helmet and not be cycling down Broad Road immediately outside the school, as there are far too many pedestrians and cars to do this safely at the start and end of the day. We also recommend that students are highly visible when cycling to and from school.

Pedestrians - We expect students to demonstrate high expectations of the Personal Excellence Values whilst walking to and from school regardless of the distance away from the immediate school site. Students should not be running across the road and not be crossing the road immediately behind the buses or at staggered locations outside the school amongst the parked cars. All students should use the pedestrian crossing. Students should not be using a mobile phone whilst crossing a road. Please do not walk on the grass verges that are so close to the road.

We kindly ask all parents to observe the speed limit (travelling slower if possible) and parking restrictions. Please do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways or garages.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1

SEPTEMBER

MEET THE TUTOR EVENING - THURSDAY 19TH - 3.15PM – 6.15PM IN PERSON

PARENT TOURS OF THE SCHOOL – THURSDAY 19TH, THURSDAY 26TH, MONDAY 30TH ALL AT 8.15AM-9.45AM.

ACADEMISATION STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION - TUESDAY, 24TH 5PM - IN PERSON.

ONLINE ACADEMISATION MEETING—MONDAY 30TH 6PM-7PM

SPONSORED WALK - FRIDAY 27TH

OCTOBER

YEAR 6 EVENING (EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE) - THURSDAY 3RD

PARENT FORUM - WEDNESDAY 9TH - 6PM

YEAR 11 PARENT EVENING—THURSDAY 17TH 3.15PM – 6.15PM IN PERSON

OPEN MORNINGS

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 9AM

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 9AM

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 9AM

INSET DAYS

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER (YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS)

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER (YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS)

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

(POSSIBLE YEAR 11 FRENCH/SPANISH SPEAKING MOCK EXAMS)

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

(POSSIBLE YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS)

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

TUESDAY 22ND JULY

TOUR OF THE SCHOOL REMINDER - 3 morning sessions available for Term 1 - If you would like to come and see the school in action, visit your child's class, see the cross over between lessons or even how the canteen works, please feel free to come and meet Mrs May or one of the senior leaders at the tours below. We need interest registered in advance please on the below google form.

Thursday, 19th September 8.15am - 9.45am

Thursday, 26th September -8.15am - 9.45am

Monday, 30th September -8.15am - 9.45am

[Tours of the school during the school day - September 2024](#)

Reminder of Parent Forum dates for this year

Wednesday 9th October 6pm - First half of the meeting Post 16 Options. Parents, please email stomalin@willingdonschool.org.uk for your suggestions on Agenda items.

Wednesday 4th December 6pm

Wednesday 5th February 6pm

Wednesday 19th March 6pm

Wednesday 30th April 6pm

Wednesday 11th June 6pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Homework will appear on students Arbor home page under Assignments that are due. Please see an example below.

Assignments that are due	
11PE2/Pg: Skills practice test (Due 13 Sep 2024)	Waiting for student to submit ▶
11AB2/En: English Homework: Term 1 Week 2 (Due 16 Sep 2024)	Waiting for student to submit ▶
11AT2/Ma: Method Maths - Past Paper (Due 17 Sep 2024)	Waiting for student to submit ▶
11AB2/Bi: B2 recap homework (Educake) (Due 19 Sep 2024)	Waiting for student to submit ▶
11AB2/Bi: Oceans Matter (Due 28 Feb 2025)	Waiting for student to submit ▶

If a student has submitted all their homework through Arbor, or has no homework to complete, then this section will not appear.

Students can get more information about a piece of homework by clicking on the homework. In this view you can see the detailed teacher notes and information about how it is submitted.

Assignment: B2 recap homework (Educake)

B2 recap homework (Educake)	
Title	B2 recap homework (Educake)
Due	19 Sep 2024
Course	Biology: Year 11: 11AB2/Bi ▶
Marking	No mark
Status	Waiting for student to submit
Submission Type	Submit via Arbor

Student Instructions

Instructions Hello year 11. Even if it is not set by your class teacher, please complete this homework. You will still only have one homework from science each week but it may be set by different teachers each time. You will be set questions from a previous topic that you learnt recently to support with your recall and revision. The links attached to the quiz will support you in answering these Qs. You MUST retake the quiz until you get at least 70%. Your science teacher will be tracking this. Strive for your best score and use this opportunity to fill gaps in your knowledge. Good luck! 🍀

My Submissions



Drag or click to upload

Mark as submitted

With submissions, teachers have 2 options. They can either allow students to submit homework through Arbor or have students submit the work to the teacher. If the homework is to be submitted via Arbor then a green Mark as submitted box will appear at the bottom right of the detailed homework screen. Once clicked, this will submit the homework and it will move the Assignment from the due section to the Submitted Assignments section on the students Arbor home page.

If the teacher has not selected for the student to submit the homework via Arbor, then the student will not have the green Mark as submitted button on their homework task. In this case once students have completed and handed in the work to the teacher, it is the teachers responsibility to go through Arbor and mark the work as submitted. This will then move the assignment to the submitted assignment section. Teachers have been instructed about this and asked to keep up to date with marking assignments as complete if they have chosen to set the homework in this way. If you or your child feel that this is not happening, please do encourage them to talk to their teacher in the first instance. You can find the email of teachers on the website if you need to discuss this with them <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/our-school/our-staff-team>.

Submitted Assignments

11AB2/Bi: B1 Recap (Due 16 Sep 2024)	Submitted ▶
11AB2/Bi: B1 Recap (Whole Topic) (Due 13 Sep 2024)	Submitted ▶



Friends
OF WILLINGDON

AGM

Tuesday, 24th September 6.15pm

Please come along and find out about the different events and activities the Friends get involved with throughout the year. We are already looking ahead to our spectacular Fireworks event on Friday, 8th November.

The Friends raise much needed funds for the school, which help provide all the little extras which the school budget can not provide.

At this meeting, we shall be appointing new officers to the committee. It is with great sadness that Rosie the Chair, is standing down after 7 years, and we are looking for a new leader/s to bring new ideas to the table and carry on the success of the Friends of Willingdon School.

The event on the 24th September will be held in school, with Mrs May the Headteacher attending, and refreshments will be provided. If you can let us know via friends@willingdonschool.org.uk if you are coming, so we make sure we get enough nibbles in! We look forward to seeing you there.

Dear Parents/Carers

Please see the table below advising of the week you will receive the first report for your child. The report will give you an indication of your child's progress in their subjects. This progress is always personal to the student and based on their individual KS2 sats scores. This means that students with different KS2 data can be achieving the same grade or marks in a subject, but be making different levels of progress.

This is a normal process for secondary school, as the school performance measures for Progress 8 are derived from students KS2 data. Their KS2 scores will determine a target outcome for them in all of their subjects once they do their GCSEs. We subscribe to national recognised assessment companies to predict what this target outcome will be for each student in each of their subjects. It is this that we then measure progress to.

Along with this progress measure, teachers will be reporting your child's behaviour, engagement and homework in their subject. These will be graded excellent, good, requires improvement or inadequate. We will provide a rubric along with the report to explain in detail what each grading means. No grade should come as a surprise. We ask all our teachers to communicate with you through the year if they have any concerns.

Like many secondary schools, we do not provide written reports. Instead our reports work alongside our positive progress parent evenings and meet the tutor evening to allow you time to discuss your child's progress with their teachers.

Year group	Reports in Week Commencing
11	9 th December
10	2 nd December
9	25 th November
8	16 th December
7	16 th December

Many thanks

Mr Dubas-Fisher

Feedback from Parent Behaviour Forums

It was great to meet parents this week online and in person to discuss the modified behaviour policy. We were able to share with parents the improved therapeutic approaches and allow parents to raise concerns. Parents liked the adaptations we have made to the uniform policy to allow a child to express their own individuality. Furthermore, we demonstrated the ways we hold staff to account to ensure we continue to strive to achieve consistent application of this policy. The behaviour policy can be found online from the link below along with the appendices which show the updated approach.

<https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>

Any further comments from parents are always welcomed. Please do not allow behaviour situations to escalate. We are always happy to take parent feedback.

Mrs Townsend-Smith

Timetables, Curriculum, and groupings 2024-2025:

The intention of the table below is to update you on how Willingdon Community School arranges its curriculum. Ultimately, students are in groups which are carefully constructed by the Year Heads, Heads of Department, and the Senior Leadership Team. The rationale for these groupings can depend on ability, positive social mixing, and ensuring that students have expert teachers in front of them at all times. We offer a high level of challenge in all of our groups at Willingdon Community School, and have a very aspirational approach in order for all students to achieve their potential.

The below diagram shows how groups are arranged across the 5 years at Willingdon Community School on each **side of the year half**:

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mr Holt:
pholt@willingdonschool.org.uk

	English	Maths	Science	General	Rotation subjects	GCSE Option Groups	PE (taught in gender groups)
Year 7	1 depth 3 mixed	2 depth (AM AB)	1 depth (AM)	4 mixed	Mixed	X	2 depth 2 mixed
Year 8	1 depth 3 mixed	2 depth (AM AB)	2 depth (AM AB)	4 mixed	Mixed	X	2 depth 2 mixed
Year 9	1 depth 3 mixed	1 Depth 1 Higher	2 depth (AM AB)	4 mixed	Mixed	X	2 depth 2 mixed
Year 10	1 depth 3 mixed	1 Depth 1 Higher 2 foundation mixed	Triple (AM) Higher(AB) 2 foundation mixed (AT &AN)	X	Mixed	Mixed	2 depth 2 mixed
Year 11	1 depth 3 mixed	1 depth 1 higher 1 Crossover 2 foundation mixed	Triple (AM) Higher(AB) 2 foundation mixed (AT &AN)	X	Mixed	Mixed	2 depth 2 mixed

REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR THE MEET THE TUTOR EVENING NEXT THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER - FURTHER INFORMATION AND HOW TO BOOK CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/our-letters>



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Dear Parent/Carer

ENGLAND V JAPAN AT ALLIANZ STADIUM, TWICKENHAM – SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

On Sunday 24th November 2024, we have an opportunity for our students to go to the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham to see England v Japan in an Autumn Nations Series game.

We will travel to the Allianz Stadium by coach, leaving school at approximately 12pm. We will return by coach after the game to Willingdon Community School for approximately 9pm. The cost of this trip is £46, which includes the match ticket, coach travel and insurance. **Payment for this trip should be made via ParentPay and is on a first come first served basis.** The balance of the trip is needed in full to secure your ticket.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please make your payment via ParentPay. ParentPay will be available to book from Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 3pm. There are only 40 tickets available and payment is required to reserve your child's place on the trip. Students can wear their own clothes for this trip and will need to bring food or some money to purchase some food once we arrive at the Allianz Stadium. The Allianz Stadium operates a cashless system, so this will need to be considered if students are planning on purchasing food.

Please ensure all details for your child are up to date on Arbor.

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour/attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

If you have any queries or questions regarding this trip, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tom Cain

Head of Year 9

tcain@willingdonschool.org.uk

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Please be advised that Chess Club has changed from Wednesday lunchtime to Monday lunchtime in the Library and the School Band has changed from Thursday after school to Monday after school. Our Homework Clubs with the Learning Mentors have also changed.

Please see the attached amended list for further information on these changes.

You do not need to sign up to our clubs, unless stated on the information, just turn up at the right time and the right place.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, ARE CANCELLED DUE TO THE MEET THE TUTOR EVENING.



Homework Club

Monday - All Years
Wednesday - Only Year 11
Thursday - Only Year 10 & 11

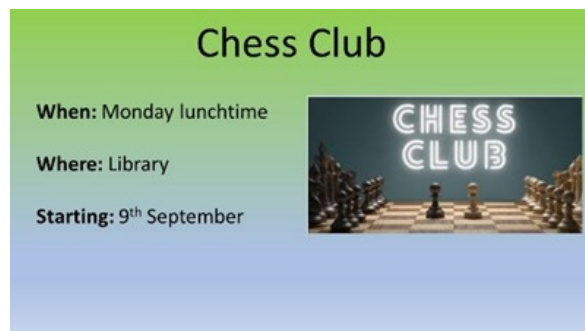
After School 3-4pm
IT2

Contact the Learning Mentor
email for any questions!

learningmentors@willingdon
school.org.uk


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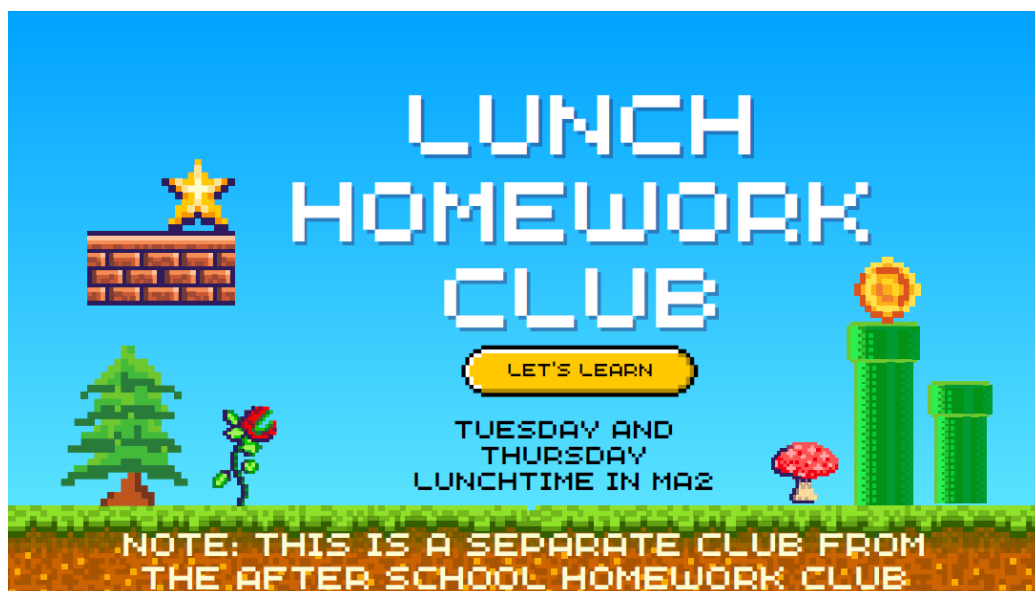


Chess Club

When: Monday lunchtime
Where: Library
Starting: 9th September



A Space to Grow Gardening Club

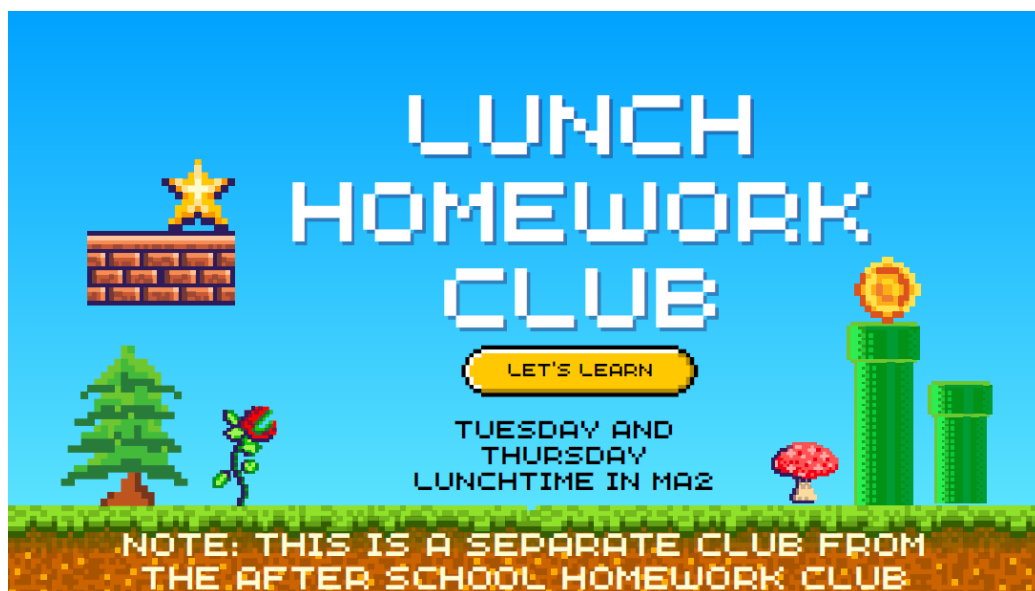


**LUNCH
HOMEWORK
CLUB**

LET'S LEARN

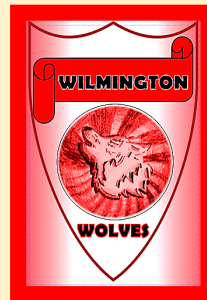
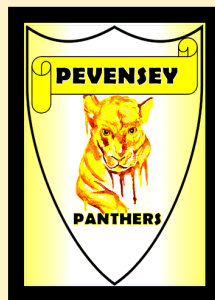
TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY
LUNCHTIME IN MA2

NOTE: THIS IS A SEPARATE CLUB FROM
THE AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB



Dear all,

Welcome back to **all** Houses and a special welcome to our new Year 7s who will be joining their Houses this week and then getting involved in all the tutor time challenges competitions to earn extra achievement points.



Our Houses allow our school community to work together across all age groups, forming support networks as well as providing collaborative peer group opportunities. Every student contributes to the success of their House through the achievement points that they earn every single day, as well as through regular friendly competitive activities. This continual positive contribution ensures that they all feel they are part of a wider House community, as well as their tutor and year groups.

We are nominating our **HOUSE CAPTAINS** this week. It is extremely important that all learners recognise their own power in leading not just their own learning, but also recognise their capacity for positive change. We want any student who cares to lead on any project to have the support to do so. We have a lot of Student Leadership opportunities already and are looking to grow these, particularly in the areas of Library, Media and the Newsletter. These opportunities will be promoted throughout assemblies next week, so do please encourage your young people to put themselves forward and they will be supported by a wonderful group of Head, Deputy and Assistant Head Students in Year 11, along with their Senior Prefect Team.

Please keep an eye out for all the fundraising opportunities arising and messages and newsletters from our Student Teams.



Reporting a Student Absence:



Report an absence on Arbor – this is only for the day of absence

Main Screen Page → Quick Actions → Attendance → Log Absence: provide a detailed reason and the times of the day → Press 'Submit'



For any absences other than the current day:

Email the school at studentabsence@willingdonschool.org.uk



Text on 07418344551

Call via the main Switchboard 01323 485254 (ext. 259)



For all absence requests please remember to include your child's name and tutor group, as well as a full reason for their absence. Don't forget to report every day that your child is absent.

Careful consideration will be given regarding an absence beyond your control (i.e. Medical/Dentist Appointments, Funerals). For family holidays and any other term time absences, please email us and we will look at every individual case, we will contact and advise you



REMINDER

Dear Parents/Carers,

SPONSORED WALK – Friday, 27th September

Students in Years 7 – 11 are given the opportunity to revitalise their mental and physical health by walking 10 miles on the South Downs. As in previous years, this event takes place early on in the school year so that there is a reasonable chance of good weather and all students can take part. This will be supervised from the front, back and middle by the Head of Year, the tutors and other teaching and support staff.

As a school, we intend to use the money raised by the walkers as our major fund-raiser for the year, to improve the opportunities and environment for the students. There are also several projects for the benefit of all students that need support. We hope that parents will wish to support this fund-raising exercise and encourage our youngsters to find the necessary sponsorship. The last sponsored walk (2023) - virtually the whole school participated, and we want this again this year. Were every student to raise £20 this year then we would exceed our £10,000 target. Every little helps.

As we did last year - we are asking students to 'enter' the walk. The way they do this, is by returning the google form – [Sponsored Walk 2024 Google Form](#), along with a voluntary £10 entrance (sponsorship) fee paid on ParentPay (this basically equates to £1 for each mile walked). If students wish to raise more, then they can donate through ParentPay as an additional contribution. Where there are multiple siblings, we have a voluntary £15 family entrance fee. We do not want the issue over an entrance fee being a barrier to taking part as our primary aim is to get the community enjoying this experience. If you are experiencing financial hardship a sponsor form is available to raise these funds externally or speak to your child's Head of Year, and we will assist.

As usual, the 10-mile route follows public footpaths across the Downs and on the edge of Friston Forest. It crosses the Wannock to Jevington road twice. The police have been consulted and are satisfied with the suitability of the route. At points where the road is crossed, and at other appropriate places, staff will be stationed to check the walkers as they pass and supervise their progress. Further detailed information is given to students in advance of the day of the walk. Students will walk in year groups with their tutor groups. Students are expected to walk in full PE kit, but with a 'splash' of their house colour added. This could be in the form of socks, ribbons, glitter etc. Tutor groups will be reminded which house they belong to and the colour assigned to them. Year 11 students ONLY are permitted to wear appropriate fancy dress. For those not able to walk due to medical reasons, there will be community fund raising activities provided at school, these students will be fully supervised by staff. We really want everyone being a part of this community event.

All walkers are recommended to take a packed lunch to eat en route. Packed lunches can be purchased from the canteen (free to those eligible for a free school meal and otherwise at the cost of £3.12 payable to the canteen) and will be available for collection on the day from 8.30am onwards; **if wanted, please order in advance** on the attached google form. In addition to this the Friends of Willington will run a snack shop along the route selling drinks, fruit, crisps and sweet snacks. Furthermore, they will be offering a BBQ at the end of the walk. All 'food' items for the BBQ must be pre-ordered and paid for using ParentPay. Students can choose from a burger, hot dog or a vegetarian version of the two. In addition, soft drinks will be sold directly at the BBQ, these will not be on parent pay, so cash would be needed for these if wanted. There will also be an ice cream van present at school on the students return, where they can purchase an ice cream should they wish.

All students will leave the school in time to complete the walk and arrive back at school by 3pm. Students will be allowed to leave, with parent permission if they complete the walk earlier.

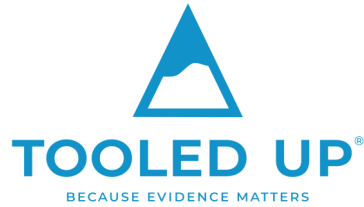
All students need to report back to school and register before leaving school. If it is not possible or appropriate for your child to return home early on that day, please indicate on the google form. The school buses will depart at the usual time of 3.10pm.

We do hope you will want your child to take part in what has always been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. All students who would normally have attended school are expected to walk. If your child is unable to walk due to a medical reason, there are alternative options available. Any absences without a medical reason will be unauthorised. **NO STUDENT will be allowed to go on the walk unless we receive the completed google form signed by either parent or carer by Thursday, 19th September.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lesley Naylor

Head of Year 7 /Transition



Welcome to the Tooled Up team's weekly newsletter where we keep you up to date with our thinking and stuff that is going on, of relevance to loving parents everywhere!

You've raised

£851.31

so far



Great news for our Friends of Willingdon Community School!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on @easyuk. Your continued support means the world to us! If you've not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations every time you shop online with over 8,000 retailers: Plus, for every new supporter that signs up before 30th September, Willingdon school will earn a chance to win one of ten £100 donations* in our Big September Sign-up! Open to all of our school community.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

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YEAR 7 - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND LONDON EYE

Wednesday 20th November 2024: 07.45am – 18.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are arranging a **trip for Year 7** students to experience the excitement of London! We will be visiting the Natural History Museum; particularly to enjoy the Restless Earth exhibition and to experience London's famous and most visited attraction - the London Eye, where we can see the development of the city, the amazing views of the Thames and famous architecture. The trip will take place on Wednesday, 20th November. The coaches will be **leaving from school promptly at 08.00am**, so students will need to arrive and register with staff in the canteen at **07.45am**. Please consider how your child will get to school, as the coaches have to leave Willingdon before the school buses arrive.

We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 6.30pm. If your child will be getting home by any other means than parent collection, then please indicate that on the Google form. **We will not allow students to go home with their friends or with other parents unless written consent is received of the named person collecting the student.** Students may take their phones to use on the coach though they will be asked to put them away when we are walking and studying.

Students are expected to wear their school PE kit so that they are easily identifiable and so that they have comfortable walking shoes for the museum. A packed lunch will be required. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate this on the Google Form and this can be collected before we depart. Please ask them to bring a refillable water bottle.

If your child suffers with travel sickness that requires medication not currently held in school, they will need to take the medicine before they travel in the morning and you will need to provide the medication in a named box, to be administered by a member of staff, before we travel back. If medication is required, we need a completed medical consent form to match your child's medication, if required please see link below. Students with asthma should carry their inhalers with them. Students who require auto injector pens should also carry their own. Please note, we have a student with a severe nut allergy, so please ensure any packed lunches are nut free.

The trip will provide the students with an invaluable insight into the understanding of the world around them and give them the opportunity to see casts of the Pompeii victims among many other amazing exhibits! We will use this unique opportunity to engage students in learning about urban environments and seeing London from its very best viewpoint at the top of the London Eye! The cost for the whole trip is **£46.00**, which covers all travel and venue costs. To confirm your child's place on the trip would you kindly complete the Google Form, link below, as early as possible and pay via ParentPay by the 17th October 2024. The **payment will secure your child's place on the coach** and the trip will operate on a first come first served basis.

[London Trip - Google Form.](#)

There has already been enormous interest registered in the trip, so we do anticipate that there may be more interest than coaches are available for this date. Therefore, in the case that we have greater interest, we may arrange a second trip after Christmas. Should you find that places have been filled and you still wish your child to go later in the year on a second London trip – please email jbradford@willingdonschool.org.uk

We do not want finance to be a barrier to interested students, so if you envisage any difficulties in completing the form or payment by 17th October 2024, please contact Mr Bradford at jbradford@willingdonschool.org.uk

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour/attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

Please ensure medical details are up to date on Arbor before we depart.

Kind regards

Mr J Bradford – Teacher of Geography

We'd like to say a huge congratulations to Jude who was signed by Brighton Football Club last week! Well done Jude! Please do get in touch if your child is involved in any activities outside of school and you would be happy for us to share their achievements within our community, we'd love to hear about them!

Please be aware that Year 7 school photos are taking place on Wednesday 18th September - These will be available to purchase in due course.

Please can we also remind you to complete the Sponsored Walk Google form ASAP [Sponsored Walk 2024 Google Form](#). We need responses by Thursday, 19th September and also our 'Meet the Tutor Evening ' taking place next Thursday, 19th September, please sign up through your Arbor app.



Head of Year
Mr Keast

Email - pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk

Year 8

Year 8 students Matilda and Evie have been baking and making this week to sell delicious cupcakes and friendship bracelets to raise money for St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Willingdon are really proud of them for demonstrating our core value of Compassion, along with their helpful team, Casey, Ellie and Evie. As well as their personal achievement points, they have also boosted their House Points Total as well! They raised an amazing £102.60 in just two break times!

Finally, can we remind you of two upcoming events in the next couple of weeks. Firstly, next Thursday 19th September is 'Meet the Tutor Evening'. Please make your appointment with your child's tutor via Arbor if you haven't already done so. Secondly, the Sponsored Walk is now only 2 weeks away. Please ensure the follow link has been completed ASAP: [Sponsored Walk 2024 Google Form](#)



Head of Year
Mr Cain

Email - pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk

Year 9

It has been a very positive week for Year 9 students, who have shown very good attendance to school, as well as exemplary behaviour for the vast majority of the time. Students are already demonstrating such maturity towards their studies and this has been pleasing to see this week, when visiting and dropping by their lessons. We were joined by Mrs McCarthy in Assembly on Tuesday, who was promoting the upcoming School Production of 'Fame'. I hope to see many Year 9s signing up for the auditions in the coming weeks, particularly those who may be considering GCSE Drama. We were also joined by some of our Student Leadership Team who shared their visions for the year ahead. They spoke about the potential leadership opportunities for Year 9 students this academic year and shared that they would be peer mentoring Year 9 students in the coming weeks. Again, this is another exciting opportunity that I hope Year 9 students take advantage of, gaining advice and guidance from older students.

Finally, I'd like to share a reminder of two upcoming events in the next couple of weeks. Firstly, next Thursday 19th September is 'Meet the Tutor Evening'. Please make your appointment with your child's tutor via Arbor if you haven't already done so. Secondly, the Sponsored Walk is now only 2 weeks away; one of my favourite days of the academic year! Please ensure the follow link has been completed ASAP: [Sponsored Walk 2024 Google Form](#)

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we have successfully completed the second week of the term, and our Year 10 students are settling in well.

We would like to remind you of two important upcoming events:

1. ****Meet the Tutor Evening**** – This will take place next Thursday, 19th September, and is a great opportunity to meet your child's tutor and discuss the year ahead. Meetings are in person from 3:15pm - 6:15pm and can be made on Arbor.

2. ****School Sponsored Walk**** – Scheduled for Friday, 27th September, this event will see our students participating in our annual sponsored walk. Please ensure you complete the Google form giving permission for your child to take part. [Sponsored Walk 2024](#)
[Google Form](#)

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Kind regards,

Mr Anthony Roche

Head of Year 10

For parents and carers of our Design Technology GCSE students. Revision books are available to purchase at a cost of £3.50. You can make your payment via ParentPay or, alternatively, students can bring in cash to Ms Bearne. All orders need to be in by the end of October half term latest when the school will place the order. Thank you. Ms Bearne.

Years 10 & 11

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

During these open events, students and parents/carers can explore the college grounds and speak with the college staff about the courses and facilities on offer.



East Sussex College Group/ 4.30–7pm

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 10 th October 2024 Thursday 7 th November 2024	Lewes Thursday 17 th October 2024 Thursday 14 th November 2024
Hastings Thursday 24 th October 2024 Thursday 21 st November 2024	Newhaven Tuesday 22 nd October



Bexhill College / 6–8.30pm

There is no requirement to register in advance.

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 / Thursday 24th October 2024

If you have any questions about any of the Open Events, or any other colleges, please email Mrs Rooney on srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk.

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Head of Year
Mr Gordon

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Year 11

It's been another busy week for Year 11 as we embark on the college application and personal statement writing process. Students have worked with tutors on how to write their personal statements and what they should include to ensure they celebrate the many skills they have to offer. We have also had our first assembly from a Sixth Form provider, with Plumpton delivering a very informative presentation to the year group. This is also a chance to celebrate the success of one of our year group who trains and competes in CrossFit. The British Teen & Masters Championship were held in Southampton recently where Sydney had 6 workouts to complete over the whole weekend, some were extremely hard and tested her. However, her ambition and determination served her well as she came 8th in her age category and we are extremely proud of her.

Can I please remind all parents to complete the Google form for Sponsored Walk at your earliest convenience. [Sponsored Walk 2024 Google Form](#)

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attending school every day. There will be days when students are feeling under the weather but if they can get themselves into school to access their learning, this will most definitely aid their chances of greater success in the summer exams. Enjoy a well-deserved weekend.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The following email overleaf, regarding college applications, was emailed to Year 11 students on Monday, 9th September.

Students were advised that they will have the opportunity to work on their personal statements, and uploading their personal information, during tutor time. In addition, I will be in the library on Tuesday lunchtimes, and in IT2 on Thursday lunchtimes to support. Students can also access the website <https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/> and work on this at home should they wish to.

As mentioned in the email to students, it is advised that they wait until mid-October to choose courses/fully complete their applications for the reasons mentioned. However, applications to Eastbourne College, BHASVIC, Bede's, BN1 Arts and Brighton Metropolitan College should be made directly to the colleges and the application process, and deadlines, differ for these settings.

Eastbourne College: <https://www.eastbourne-college.co.uk/admissions/sixth-form-admissions/> (the closing date for all scholarship applications is 18th October 2024 - early submission is recommended)

BHASVIC: college applications, for 2025 entry, open in November 2024. Please check the following link for more information <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/apply-now>

Bede's: please see the following link for more information <https://www.bedes.org/senior/admissions/admissions-process>

BN1 Arts: please see the following link for more information <https://bn1arts.co.uk/how-to-apply>

Brighton Metropolitan College: please see the following link for more information <https://www.brightonmet.ac.uk/college-information/how-to-apply/>

Please note that students can apply to as many colleges as they wish.

If you or your child have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk or 01323 485254 ext 281.

Best wishes,

Dear Year 11 Students,

From week commencing 16th September, your tutor groups will be scheduled time in the IT rooms to start adding your personal information to Careers East Sussex, the system used for college applications.

You can view the student guide by visiting the careers section of our website willingdonschool.org.uk/learning/careers-advice/careers-advice-for-students, which takes you through adding the information if you would like to start doing this at home. The guide (which refers to 'eProspectus') looks different to the actual site that you use (Careers East Sussex) but the various sections of the site are the same.

Today, you will have received an email from noreply@eprospectus.co.uk which includes your login details and will look like the below example. If the email is not in your inbox, please check your junk email and let me know if there is still no email.

PLEASE NOTE: it is advisable to wait until mid-October until you choose the courses/fully complete applications in Careers East Sussex as not all colleges have their up-to-date courses listed until then.

From: noreply@eprospectus.co.uk noreply@eprospectus.co.uk

Sent: 01 September 2022 15:26

To: SRooney SRooney@willingdonschool.org.uk

Subject: eProspectus - New Account Creation

Dear

You have been created a new account on [Careers East Sussex](#)

Your login details are:

Username: xxxxxx

Password: xxxxxx

You will be prompted to change your password on first login.

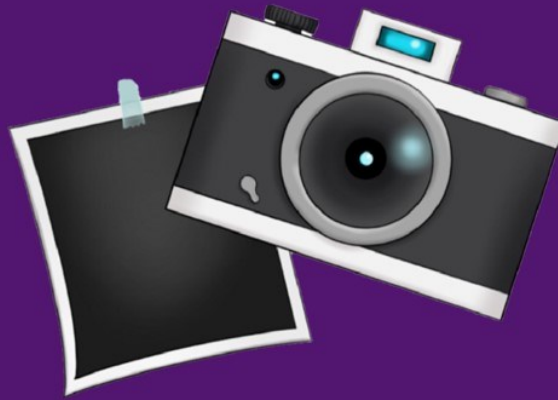
Many Thanks

Careers East Sussex

If you have any questions, or require support, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rooney



Year 11 Digital School Photos

The Friends of Willingdon Community School are offering parents the opportunity to purchase digital photos of their Year 11 child (which were taken last term in house for Arbor purposes), at a low cost, with all donations going to the Friends.

Mindful of the economic climate we are all now experiencing, Willingdon made the decision to take the photos in-house. This means that the digital images are still of high quality, but allows us to offer the digital photo to parents/carers in return for a small donation of £3.00.

You will be able to view the photo that has been taken when you log in to Arbor. We think that they are fabulous and hope you do too.

ParentPay is now open to purchase your digital image, this window will close on Friday, 27th September, and any images purchased will be delivered to parents, via email, from Monday, 20th September onwards.