

Parent Bulletin

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Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

14th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of the GCSE period and Year 11 have conducted themselves with such pride and respect. We await their results in August and meanwhile wish them a safe and wonderful summer. Just a reminder that we must have in advance of the GCSE Results Day, a letter or email from your child, if they require their results to be posted home if they can't collect them in person.

Many thanks to our community who have supported the fundraiser today in line with the Euros! It was wonderful to see the sea of coloured football and sport shirts. We are grateful for the donations again to our MUGA court costs. Here is the link below if you would like to donate towards our planned facility.

[Justgiving.com - Multi-Use Games Area \(MUGA\)](https://www.justgiving.com/multi-use-games-area-muga)

We are delighted that we have a full complement on staff for September. We have subject experts teaching across the curriculum which is excellent. In a difficult recruitment crisis, this is really pleasing for Willingdon.

This term, every department has had an external review day. This has involved an independent panel of Headteachers, governors or consultants who have come in and observed lessons, spoken to staff and students as well as looking at the strategic plans and data. Every review so far has been very well received by our staff who have found it so useful in driving their subject development plans for 2024-2025. Reviewers have commented on the great behaviour of our students and the subject expertise of our staff.

I would like to draw your attention to our Forest School work. On Saturday, 22nd June, we begin construction of our new provision and would welcome any community support from 9am -1pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs May

Headteacher

PHOENIX

We welcome you all to join us for our annual Music and Creative Arts Festival

FESTIVAL

11 JULY 2024

Willingdon School Field

3:15pm - 6:30pm

Rock Bands
Musical Theatre
Choirs
Dancers
String Ensemble
Instrumental & vocal solos
Duets and trios
Staff Band

We have many exciting stalls offering sweets, mocktails, party games and many other items. Most stalls will be cash only. Some stalls may have contactless payment.

If you are feeling hungry or need cooling down, there will be the external vans offering **hot food** and **ice creams**. Cash only.



Free Event
All Welcome

Bring along a picnic blanket and deck chairs

Willingdon

Summer

School 2024

from **Monday 29th July**
to **Friday 2nd August**
8:30am - 3:00pm



CREATIVE



ACTIVE

FUN

Students
welcome from any local
primary school in Years 4, 5 & 6
and our students in Years 7 & 8

Range of activities
available from sports to arts and crafts
£150.00 for the week or £45 per day, per child

Additional discounts available: 50% off for Pupil Premium students / 20% off for siblings
To sign up or further enquiries, please email: summerschool@willingdonschool.org.uk

See attached letter for further information and to register your interest.

REMINDER FOR STUDENTS - MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES ARE NOT TO BE USED IN SCHOOL BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 3PM

Key dates

June

17th - Yr 10 College Taster Day - Lewes
19th - Town Sports Athletics
19th - Yr 6 Lone Taster Day
24th - Yr 10 Taster Day - Hastings
24th/25th - Yr 10 College Taster Day Seaford Head
25th - Sports Day
26th - Yr 6 Meet the Tutor Evening 5.30pm
28th - INSET Day

July

1st - Yr 10 College Taster Day - Eastbourne
2nd - Yr 6 Taster Day (1)
3rd - Yr 6 Taster Day (2)
5th - Yr 11 Prom
9th - Yr 6 Coffee Morning and Parent Forum
10th - Yr 10 Mock Interview Day
11th - Phoenix Festival
12th - Yr 10 Taster Day - BACA
15th/19th - Morfa Bay
23rd - End of Term 6

YEAR 6 TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 26TH JULY

WILLINGDON SUMMER SCHOOL
(YEARS 5 - 8)
MONDAY 29TH - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

A reminder to all families that Willingdon Community School is a nut-free school.

Some of our students and staff have severe allergies which can be triggered simply by breathing in the allergen, and not only through being eaten.

Please ensure that students do not bring any products into school that contain nuts of any variety. Examples of this would be peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars, cakes, graze snacks, containing nuts etc.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Forest School Community Day



We are preparing a site on the school grounds to provide a Forest School. On Saturday, June 22nd we are inviting the local community to come and help prepare the area for Forest School. I have invited staff to help and I would like to invite you to help. It will mean outdoor work. If you can come and help it would be so beneficial to the school. We will be working from 9am – 1pm.

Please can I ask you to bring your own gardening tools. We are starting from scratch so we don't have many resources.

If you would like to be involved, please email me:

dmay@willingdonschool.org.uk

Thanks in advance

Mr May

Year 7

YEAR 7 - CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURE - TUESDAY 2ND AND TUESDAY 16TH JULY

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE ON THIS TRIP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND, PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT ON PARENTPAY TO SECURE A PLACE.



**ONE MISSION, ONE
HUNDRED WORDS, ONE
INCREDIBLE STORY!**

MISSION CHAOS

CALLING ALL YEAR 7

If you like creative writing then this competition is for you.

Write a story in no more than 100 words with the title 'Mission Chaos'.

If you need a sentence starter, you could use these below:

"Follow me," it whispered...

We were the only ones left...

Ignoring the warnings, I downloaded the app...

The cure had to be somewhere...

Submit your entry to your English teacher by 10th July



Food Preparation & Nutrition Year 7 Reminder

We are fortunate at Willingdon to have superb Food Skills facilities; the Year 7 curriculum has therefore been designed to develop students' practical skills and confidence.

In order to maximise everyone's budgets and enable all students to cook, we would like to again provide the basic ingredients. Additional non-essential ingredients can be brought in, if necessary or required, by individuals with plenty of notice given.

We will therefore be asking for £10.00 towards the cost of these ingredients at the beginning of each food cycle. This is separate to the contribution to other D&T subjects. This contribution can be made using ParentPay.

As you know ingredients are expensive, however as we can leverage better prices through bulk purchasing, we are confident that this is a cheaper and easier option for everyone.

If there are any genuine problems with the contribution, please let me know.

Mrs A Borrell

Head of Department Design and Technology

Year 8

Food Preparation & Nutrition Year 8 Reminder



We are fortunate at Willingdon to have superb Food Skills facilities; the Year 8 curriculum has therefore been designed to develop students' practical skills and confidence.

In order to maximise everyone's budgets and enable all students to cook, we would like to again provide the basic ingredients. Additional non-essential ingredients can be brought in, if necessary or required, by individuals with plenty of notice given.

We will therefore be asking for a payment of £11.00 towards the cost of these ingredients at the beginning of your child's food rotation. This is separate to the payment to other D&T subjects. This payment can be made using Parent Pay or with cash.

As you know ingredients are expensive, however as we can leverage better prices through bulk purchasing, we are confident that this is a cheaper and easier option for everyone.

If there are any genuine problems with the contribution, please let me know.

Mrs A Borrell

Head of Design & Technology

Year 9

Food Preparation and Nutrition Year 9 Reminder



We are fortunate at Willingdon to have superb Food Skills facilities; the Year 9 curriculum has therefore been designed to develop students' practical skills and confidence.

In order to maximise everyone's budgets and enable all students to cook, we would like to again provide the basic ingredients. Additional non-essential ingredients can be brought in, if necessary or required, by individuals with plenty of notice given.

We will therefore be asking for a payment of £12.00 towards the cost of these ingredients at the beginning of your child's food rotation. This is separate to the payment to other D&T subjects. This payment can be made using Parent Pay or with cash.

As you know ingredients are expensive, however as we can leverage better prices through bulk purchasing, we are confident that this is a cheaper and easier option for everyone.

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Mrs A Borrell
Head of Design & Technology

Year 10

Year 10 - Personal Statements

Dear Parents/Carers,

In preparation for your child's college applications in Year 11, students will soon be working on writing a personal statement during their English lessons.

These personal statements are an opportunity for students to showcase their personality, experience, achievements, and future ambitions to the colleges that they are applying for.

At present, students may be unsure of the course/s that they wish to study at college; if so, this does not need to be included in the personal statement and can be added when we do more work on their college applications in Year 11.

I have attached a document, which includes useful sentence starters and personal statement examples, that you may wish to discuss with your child.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Mrs Rooney
Careers Adviser

Year 10 Taster Days

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your child is looking forward to the upcoming taster days.

The schedule for the relevant taster day will be emailed directly to your child. Please ask them to check their emails for this information.

Please note that Bexhill have extended their deadline for booking their taster day until Monday 24th June. The link to book is: [Bexhill Taster Day](#). Plumpton College can be booked via: [Plumpton College Taster Day](#) until 10a.m. on 1st July.

I will be attending the taster days to support the students with any queries or concerns. For those students that are entitled to free school meals, I will be able to provide those students with a voucher. Please ask them to come and see me on the day.

Please note that students should make their own way to and from the taster days and that transport is not provided by the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Sarah Rooney
Careers Adviser

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Four of our Year 7 students took part in the float procession at Eastbourne Carnival on 25th May representing their Aerial Hoop club at Cherry Dance.



Congratulations to Harry Doree for his awesome success at his first Open Shoot field archery competition at Magic Dragon Archers in Kent last weekend.

Harry took part as a junior and came away with a better score than some of the adults, only missing 7 of 40 targets and gaining a silver medal. Amazing job Harry!!



In recognition of your outstanding attendance, we will be rewarding the tutor group, per year group with the highest attendance, a pizza lunch at the end of term!

The reward will take place at the end of Term 6, with the winning tutor group and Pastoral Support Leader



Mr Holt found himself being pulled in all directions as Year 10 Physicists practiced resultant force using Newton Meters exerting 50N of force each.

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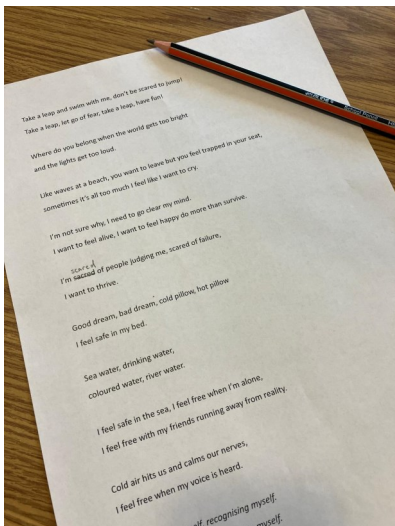
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Congratulations to our U14 girls who won the annual U14 girls football tournament at Bexhill College. After accessing three coaching sessions with UEFA qualified coaches in the morning, the girls were crowned winners after not conceding a goal for the whole tournament. This led to them finishing with a superior goal difference to the runners up. Well done girls!

The final message on the advice from East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS) on keeping safe this summer taken from the Year 10 RSHE assembly last week. We know that young people want to be active and be together in the summer so please do talk through these safety basics together and ensure that your young people are making plans to keep safe in the sunshine. ESFRS suggested a waterproof pouch as well so that phones can be taken out on activities and used in case of an emergency without getting wet. Thank you again to Susan Taylor from ESFRS and to Robbie Jones for his moving video about his father and for giving their time coming to talk to our school community. We look forward to welcoming them back in the coming weeks for the other year groups.



Eight students took part in a poetry workshop at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery. Together they wrote a poem inspired by one of the exhibits that has been recorded and will soon be displayed alongside the exhibit in the museum.