

16th May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Urgent Update on School Funding**

We are writing to share with you the increasingly challenging financial situation currently affecting our school, and the wider education sector.

Like many schools across the country, we are facing significant funding pressures due to a combination of factors outside our control. Unfunded teacher pay rises, increasing National Insurance contributions, and growing pension costs have placed a real strain on school budgets. In addition to these issues, nationally the level of SEND need and the funding required for schools, is at crisis point, and the local authority have had to clawback some of our budget to offset a significant overspend in their SEND expenditure. Despite our careful financial planning and commitment to delivering the best possible education, these pressures mean we are no longer always able to replace staff when they leave, and some key development projects remain out of reach.

We were hopeful that our recent £20.25 Challenge - aimed at raising £20,000 to support vital school improvements—would bring in the much-needed funds. Unfortunately, we have only raised just under £1,900 to date. While we are incredibly grateful to those who have supported the initiative so far, the lack of wider community engagement has been somewhat disappointing. We hope with the summer months ahead, and more events planned, including a “Colour Run” with the Friends, that we will see an upturn in fund raising activity.

This financial strain is not unique to our school. Across the country, Headteachers are voicing their concerns. In fact, Mrs May recently brought together nine other local secondary Headteachers to meet with our MP, Josh Babarinde, to share the scale and urgency of the funding challenges we are facing locally.

In light of all this, we are asking for your support in four key ways:

- Write to your MP – Please consider writing to your local MP, urging them to make school funding a national priority. The voices of parents and carers are powerful and vital in helping drive change.
- Support the £20.25 Challenge – If your child hasn’t yet completed the challenge, it’s not too late. We would be incredibly grateful if you could encourage and support them to take part and submit their contribution. The link to the 2025 Challenge, via ParentPay is <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login> For donations outside of ParentPay: Willingdon School Fund - A/C 30967173 S/C: 20-27-91
- Corporate Sponsorship – If you work for, or have links to, a business that might be interested in sponsoring elements of our school development, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk) We urgently need funds to:
- Renovate our Design Technology area
- Upgrade our Art facilities
- Relocate Music into the main building to create an alternative provision space to support our most vulnerable learners

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- Work toward our long-term ambition of building a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)—a project for which we are still significantly under target.
- Join the Friends of Willingdon – Our dedicated parent and community group is keen to run events and activities to raise much-needed funds for the school. Getting involved is a great way to support the school and make a real difference.

We remain proud of what we offer our students and are committed to giving them the best education and opportunities possible. But we need your support—now more than ever—to help us continue to provide the standard of education and care our young people deserve.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Emily May  
**Headteacher**

### **Update on Pastoral Structure – September 2025**

We are writing to inform you of an update to our pastoral structure, which will take effect from September 2025. In preparation for this, we will begin the transition to our new Year Head model in Term 6, which will also support the smooth induction of our incoming Year 6 students.

<b>Year Group (2025–2026)</b>	<b>Head(s) of Year</b>	<b>Pastoral Support Leader (PSL)</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Mrs Naylor & Mrs Muller	Miss Clarke
<b>Year 8</b>	Mr Roche	Mr De Panama
<b>Year 9</b>	Ms Johnson & Mr Keast	Mrs Meanwell
<b>Year 10</b>	Mr Gordon	Ms Wilding
<b>Year 11</b>	Mr Cain	Ms Taylor

For year groups with Co-Heads of Year, we will confirm their working days once the timetables for the 2025–2026 academic year have been finalised.

In the coming weeks, individual Year Heads will also be writing to parents and carers to formally introduce themselves and outline their plans and priorities for their respective year groups.

We are confident that this updated structure will further strengthen our pastoral support and enhance the academic and personal development of all our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 6

### SAVE THE DATE

**YEAR 11 School Prom** - Friday, 4th July

**SPORTS DAY** - THURSDAY, 10TH JULY

**Activities Day** - Monday, 21st July

### **INSET DAYS 2024-2025**

Friday, 27th June 2025

### **INSET DAYS 2025-26**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### **EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

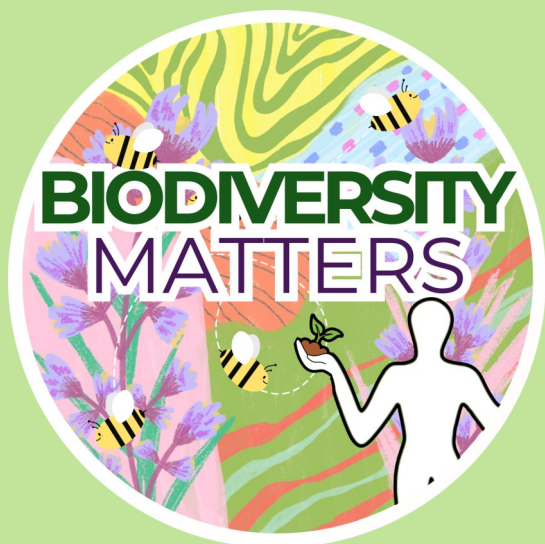
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

*(staggered by year group from 12.20pm-12.40pm)*



Please join us in congratulating this week's Students of the Week for their outstanding contributions to our school community. Students will be invited to a 'Treat with the Team' in recognition of their hard work.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Olivia A 7RHA	Jaime W 8CFR	Max S 9PHA	Layla B 10MET	Jessica R 11HAR
Eva C 7NWE	Holly M 8CFR	Cody B 9PHI	Darcy A 10MDU	Lily R 11AED
Riley C 7ABE	Georgia T 8BMA	Todd P 9GEL	Jacob C 10MDU	David N 11CPH
Isabella B 7JWI	Maddison O 8CFR	Florrie B 9PHA	Isabella F 10JBR	Oscara N 11CHO
Jude T 7ALE	Beatris B 8BMA	Honor B 9PHI	Erin P 10MDU	Alex M 11AED



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The next round of Willingdon Community School Science Awards is back! This time with Biodiversity Matters. The interest form will open on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, with the whole challenge being released on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. The first 15 students to achieve the Darwin-Wallace award to a high standard will be rewarded with a trip to Drusillas in May 2026.

We look forward to seeing all your amazing work!

The Science Department.

Biodiversity Matters Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/z4iJwsiiKdkPkVR57>

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

### Athletics – Tues 3-4pm

- ☐ Option to do competitions; *Come along and trial for...*
- ✓ **Super 6's team event**; **second week back** after May half-term; *Separate boys and girls team*
  - **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June** = **Year 7** (*qualifier for Sussex Games*)
  - **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June** = **Year 8**
  - **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June** = **Year 9**
- ✓ **Town Sports**; **third week back** after May half-term (**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June**)
- ☐ Practice for **Sports Day** (**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July**)!

All abilities welcome!



### Strike & Field – Wed 3-4pm

- ☐ **Cricket – 'Street 20'** = **first week back** after May half-term;  
*Separate boys and girls team*
  - ✓ **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June** = **Year 7** (*qualifier for Sussex Games*)
  - ✓ **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June** = **Year 8**
  - ✓ **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June** = **Year 9**
- ☐ Girls pairs cricket fixtures (Year 7/8 team + Year 9/10 team) - **tb**
- ☐ Rounders tournaments (**w/c Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June**)
- ☐ Stoolball tournaments **tb**

All year groups welcome!



## Performing Shakespeare Competition Semi-Finals



A big well done to Honor, Toby and Olivia who performed fantastically in the Performing Shakespeare Competition Semi-Finals this week. Honor and Olivia's scene from Twelfth Night captured the comedy of the piece excellently and Toby's rendition of Hamlet's 'To Be or Not To Be' speech showcased Hamlet's desperation and indecision incredibly. Unfortunately, only one group from Sussex and Kent could make the national grand final, and while neither Willingdon group made it this year – they should be immensely proud of their fantastic performances.





Head of Year  
Mrs Muller / Mrs Naylor

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# Year 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to make parents and carers aware of a concerning trend we have recently become aware of, particularly involving students in Year 7. It appears that some children are being added to WhatsApp group chats where inappropriate and potentially harmful content, including sexually explicit videos and images, is being shared.

We know that many parents are not always aware of the content being circulated in group chats, so we're asking for your support in regularly checking the groups your child is part of, and having open conversations with them about what is and isn't appropriate to share or view.

Please also be aware that it is a criminal offence to possess or share indecent images of anyone under 18 – even if the content was not requested, or was simply received in a group chat. If a phone is under a parent's name or contract, it's important to understand that you may be legally responsible for its content.

We remind you that the age for WhatsApp is currently 13 years of age however, until last year this age was 16 years old and there has been much in the media about whether it was appropriate to lower this age limit.

A huge well done to our Year 7 students who were part of the Stone Cross Royals team that won the Eastbourne United U12s cup last Saturday! The team were undefeated and did not concede a goal all day, winning the final 9-8 on penalties! Well done boys! As always we love to hear about and celebrate student's success outside school, so please keep letting us know!

Finally, we'd like to take the chance to celebrate our students with the highest achievement points who have enjoyed a chocolate reward last week and this week - well done and keep up the great work!

## The Year 7 Team





Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fantastic and busy week here at school, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights from Year 8.

A huge shout out to the wonderful students of 8BMA: Lily-Rose B, Imogen S and Phoebe M-B who under the guidance of their amazing coach, Mrs Marshall, put their baking skills to the test and raised an impressive £81.35 through their bake sale! Their hard work and teamwork are a brilliant example of the creativity and community spirit we're hoping to see more of in our £20.25 fundraising challenge. This initiative is a great opportunity for students to come up with fun and imaginative ways to raise money for much-needed school resources, and we hope the success of 8BMA inspires others to get involved too.

This week during coaching time, students took part in an important session on mental health, as part of Mental Health Awareness Week. They explored why looking after our mental wellbeing is just as important as our physical health, and had thoughtful discussions about how we can show compassion—both to ourselves and to others—when it comes to emotional wellbeing. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of compassion as a core value in building a supportive and understanding school community.

We also had the exciting opportunity to attend an assembly introducing the upcoming 2027 trip to Sri Lanka. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will offer students the chance to learn about marine biology and play an active role in marine conservation. It's an incredible opportunity for those with a passion for science, wildlife, or simply adventure, and we'll be sharing more information about the trip very soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

**The Year 8 Team**



Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting week for our Year 9 students!

We have had three different assemblies across the course of this week, with each one offering something a bit different. One was brilliantly led by one of our own students, another by officers from the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, CWO Ben McCormick and Cpl Jonathan Alpes-Tyler, and the third was all about the amazing opportunity of a trip to Sri Lanka in 2027. It's been fantastic to welcome guest speakers into school and share some of the exciting things the students can get involved in now and in the future.

It has also been a real highlight to walk into English lessons this week and see students completing their speaking assessments. It takes real courage to stand up in front of classmates and speak about a topic they have clearly researched and are passionate about. The confidence and communication skills they're building through these tasks are so important for the future, and it's been great to see so many rising to the challenge.

Finally, thank you for your support with the Activity Day choices and selecting one for your child. This is due to take place on Monday, 21st July 2025. Once these are confirmed, staff will be in touch with more detailed information on your chosen activity. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Smith – [fsmith@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:fsmith@willingdonschool.org.uk)

Thanks as always for your support – we really do appreciate it.

Have a lovely weekend!

**The Year 9 Team**





Head of Year  
Mr Roche

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# Year 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our Year 10 students have been taking part in their work experience placements, and I cannot express enough how proud I am of them.

I have had the pleasure of visiting over 30 students at their placements, and each one has truly impressed me. They are thriving in their roles, showing real enthusiasm and maturity. It's clear that they are not only enjoying the experience but are also gaining valuable skills that will benefit them in the future.

There have even been indications that some students may be offered part-time employment as a result of their outstanding performance, highlighting just how worthwhile this experience has been. Employers have consistently praised our students for their professionalism, excellent communication skills, willingness to take on new challenges, and their ability to engage confidently with customers.

While I am unable to include all the photos in this bulletin, we are sharing some highlights on our social media channels. I encourage you to take a look and share in the pride we all feel.

As we head into the final week before half-term, I look forward to welcoming our students back and hearing more about their experiences.

On a final note. We would like to remind parents that a significant number of Year 10 students have not yet signed up for Activities Day, which will take place on Monday 21st July.

There is a wide range of exciting free and paid activities available for students to choose from, all of which can be selected and paid for via ParentPay. We strongly encourage students to sign up as soon as possible, as places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note that attendance on this day is compulsory. Any student who does not select an activity will be automatically assigned to one.

Have a lovely weekend.

**The Year 10 Team**



## WORK EXPERIENCE 2025



GET BACK!  
To WORK!





Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 10 Taster Days - REMINDER**

I am writing to inform you of the Year 10 college taster days that will be taking place in June and July. These taster days will give your child the opportunity to attend a college for the day and have taster sessions on subjects that they may be interested in choosing post-16. Students can select to attend **one** of the taster days which can be booked via the links below.

<b>East Sussex College Group</b> <b>Eastbourne:</b> <b>Lewes</b> <b>Hastings</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June  Please click on the following link to book: <a href="#">Y10 Taster Days - ESCG</a>  Prior to booking, an account will need to be created, which should include student & parent/guardian contact details & a clear ID photo of your child which will be used for safeguarding purposes throughout the taster day.
<b>Seaford Head Sixth Form:</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June or Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June To register interest in attending, please email <a href="mailto:ClareCallard@seafordhead.org">ClareCallard@seafordhead.org</a>
<b>Plumpton College:</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July Please click on the following link to book: <a href="#">Year 10 Taster Day – Plumpton College</a>
<b>DV8 Sussex Brighton &amp; Bexhill:</b>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 4pm - 7pm For more information and to book please click on the following link: <a href="#">Year 10 Taster Event - DV8 Sussex</a>
<b>Bexhill College:</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Please click on the following link to book: <a href="#">Y10 Taster Day - Bexhill College</a>
<b>BACA (Brighton Aldridge Community Academy)</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Please click on the following link to book: <a href="#">Y10 Taster Day - BACA</a>

We kindly request that once a taster day has been selected that you register, via Edulink, that your child will be attending a taster day, and absent from school, on the selected date.

There will be further opportunities throughout the year to attend open evenings with your child, to explore the colleges and meet with the staff. Details will be in the parent bulletin, and on social media, once we have further information.

Please note that Willingdon Community School do not provide the transportation to the taster days and students should make their own way to and from the college.

If you have any questions, or would like to ask about a college that is not listed above, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01323 485254 ext 281 or email [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk).

Best wishes,

Sarah Rooney  
Careers Adviser



Head of Year  
Mr Gordon

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# Year 11

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 students,

We would like to inform you that the last full day in school for Year 11 will be Friday, 23rd May. All students are expected to attend school attending their full timetable/exam schedule until that date.

On Friday, 23rd May following the students GCSE English Language Exam they will have their leavers assembly in the main hall between 11.00am-12.30pm. The assembly will be a celebration of their 5 years at Willingdon including speeches, awards, a trip down memory lane and snacks will be provided. Students will leave site after the celebration and it will be the parents responsibility to arrange transport home.

Until Friday, 23rd May, no student is permitted to leave or be picked up early from school following a morning exam, or not attend in the morning if they have an afternoon exam. Any student that is absent without medical evidence will be coded as unauthorised. The only exception to this is where an already agreed adjustment to timetable has been made.

The expectation following Friday, 23rd May, is that all students attend school for the exams as stated on their exam schedule. They will need to be here at 8:30am for morning exams and 12:45pm for afternoon exams. This gives them 15 minutes to ensure they are prepared and enter the exam hall correctly for their exam. Please help your child ensure they have all the correct equipment with them for their exams.

For any subject that students still have exams, following Friday, 23rd May, lessons will still be taking place. These subject specialist class teachers will still be in class running revision sessions and helping students. For example, the Science Physics GCSE is on Monday, 16th June at 8:45am. So all Science lessons for all Year 11 students will be taking place up until this time to help students revise for their Science exams. Other subjects where exams have all finished, such as Psychology (last exam on Thursday, 15th May) will no longer have lessons. Students are expected to sign in and out of student support following a morning exam or before an afternoon exam, and to access their lessons that are still running.

We appreciate that the exam period is a busy time and students are working incredibly hard. From previous years we do know that the students that have the highest attendance and attended as many intervention sessions as possible over this period, are the students who also make the most progress. Teachers have put great time and effort into planning their remaining lessons and intervention sessions before the exams. There is no doubt that the best place for students to be is in front of an expert teacher, who is delivering guided revision.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of other key dates:

Year 11 Prom - The Year 11 Prom is being held at The Cavendish Hotel on Friday, 4th July. Tickets for students are available to be purchased on ParentPay.

Year 11 GCSE Results Day - The GCSE results will be available for students to collect on Thursday, 21st August between 10:00am and 12:00pm from the school. Students should come through the main reception and into the main hall.

If a student cannot come in on the day and would like another individual to collect their results, we need the student to email the exams team from their school email address stating this and naming the individual who they would like to collect their results for them. This individual would then need to bring photo ID with them on the day in order to collect the results. If students have any other issues or questions about their results then they should contact the exams team; [exams@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:exams@willingdonschool.org.uk)

We wish you a happy weekend and thank Year 11 for their excellent conduct and commitment so far.

**The Year 11 Team**



Well done to Year 11 students for completing their first full week of their GCSE exams. They have demonstrated great maturity in their approach and have conducted themselves exceptionally well when entering the exam hall.

We wish them the very best of luck in all their exams next week.

**The Year 11 Team**

## GCSE Revision: How PARENTS Can Help!

### Revision Support

**Please encourage your child to attend the revision support sessions that are being delivered to support them preparing for their exams.**

### May Half Term

We are deliver revision sessions for all Year 11 during the May half term break. A timetable for all the sessions is being finalised and will shared with students on Monday.

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### ✓ How Parents Can Help with SITTING EXAMS

#### On the day of an exam

Students should get up in plenty of time, perhaps a little earlier than usual, so that they do not have to rush.

Some students like to do some last-minute revision such as flicking through revision notes whilst others simply want to get ready to go. It is totally normal for them to be nervous at this stage (who wouldn't be?)!

Whether you are at home or not on the day of an exam, do all you can to ensure that things are calm.

- ✓ Avoid asking them how they feel or giving them last minute advice.
- ✓ Encourage them to have breakfast even if they usually don't.
- ✓ If you are taking them to school on that day make sure you are well organised and that you arrive in good time.
- ✓ Tell them to avoid people who irritate them or may talk negatively about the exam ahead.
- ✓ This is the point at which there is nothing left for you to do – they're on their own!

#### After each exam

The emotions students feel after an exam will vary enormously. After some they may feel elated (if you're lucky!) whilst after others there will be tears.

When you see them for the first time following an exam they may not want to talk about it. In fact, they may not say anything at all and just go straight to their room. If they do talk about it, listen but avoid interrogating them about the details of the exam.

- ✓ As tempting as it is, try not to ask them how an exam went but wait for them to say something when they're ready.
- ✓ Keep everything as normal as possible.

*Keep everything as normal as possible."*

#### Are we there yet?

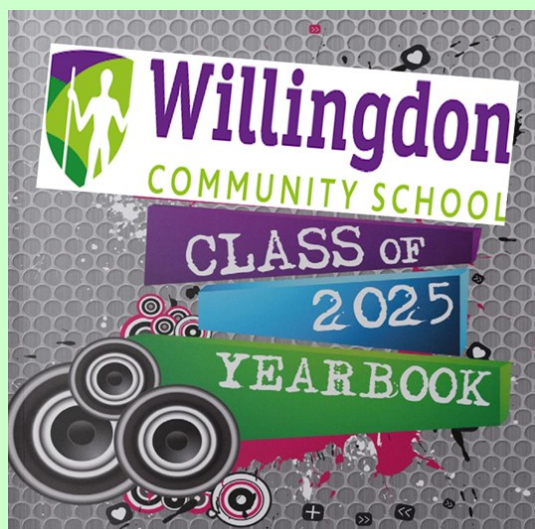
Towards the end of the exam period students will get very tired and any enthusiasm they may have shown for revising will inevitably begin to wane. You too will start to flag. This is not an easy time for students taking exams or for parents looking on.

- ✓ Continue showing an interest, supporting them and giving plenty of praise and encouragement.
- ✓ Grit your teeth for one final push!



# Year 11 Exam Timetable

Board	Subject	Number	Duration	Date	Time
Pearson BTEC	IT - Effective Digital Working Practices	BIT03	1h 30m	Thursday 1st May	13:00
AQA	Drama - understanding drama	8261/W	1h 45m	Thursday 08 May	08:45
OCR	Psychology Paper 1	J203/01	1h 30m	Thursday 08 May	08:45
WJEC	Latin Language	C990U10-1	1h 45m	Friday 09 May	08:45
AQA	Sociology Paper 1	8192/1	1h 30m	Friday 09 May	08:45
Pearson	Business (Investigating small business )	1BS0 01	1h 45m	Friday 09 May	13:00
AQA	English Literature Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel	8702/1	1h 45m	Monday 12 May	08:45
OCR	Computer Science Paper 1 - Computer Systems	J277/01	1h 30m	Monday 12 May	13:00
AQA	Biology Paper 1	8461/1F/1H	1h 45m	Tuesday 13 May	13:00
AQA	Combined Science Biology paper 1	8464/B/1F/1H	1h 15m	Tuesday 13 May	13:00
AQA	Geography Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment	8035/1	1h 30m	Wednesday 14 May	08:45
Pearson	Maths Non Calc Paper 1	1MA1 1F/1H	1h 30m	Thursday 15 May	08:45
OCR	Psychology Paper 2	J203/02	1h 30m	Thursday 15 May	13:00
AQA	History - Paper 1 Section AD:America, 1920-1973: Opportunity and inequality Paper 1 Section BD: Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975	8145/1A/D and 8145/1B/D	2H	Friday 16 May	08:45
Pearson	Business (Building a small business )	1BS0 02	1h 45m	Friday 16 May	13:00
WJEC	Latin Lit & Sources	C990U20-1	1h 15m	Friday 16 May	13:00
AQA	Chemistry Paper 1	8462/1F/1H	1h 45m	Monday 19 May	08:45
AQA	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1	8464/C/1F/1H	1h 15m	Monday 19 May	08:45
Pearson	PE GCSE Paper 1 - Fitness and Body Systems	1PE0 01	1h 30m	Monday 19 May	13:00
AQA	English Literature Paper 2 - Modern Texts and Poetry	8702/2	2h 15m	Tuesday 20 May	08:45
NCFE	PE V Cert Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and fitness	603/7007/5	1H30m	Tuesday 20 May	13:00
AQA	Sociology Paper 2 - The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification	8192/2	1h 45m	Tuesday 20 May	13:00
OCR	Computer Science Paper 2 - Computational thinking	J277/02	1h 30m	Tuesday 20 May	13:00
Pearson	French Listening - foundation	1FRO 1F	0h 35m	Wednesday 21st May	09:45
Pearson	French Listening - Higher	1FRO 1H	0h 45m	Wednesday 21st May	10:00
Pearson	French Reading - foundation	1FRO 3F	0h 45m	Wednesday 21st May	08:45
Pearson	French Reading - higher	1FRO 3H	1h	Wednesday 21st May	08:45
AQA	Physics Paper 1	8463/1F/1H	1H45M	Thursday 22 May	08:45
AQA	Combined Science Physics Paper 1	8464/P/1F/1H	1H15M	Thursday 22 May	08:45
AQA	English Language Paper 1 - Explorations in creative reading and writing	8700/1	1h 45m	Friday 23 May	08:45
Half Term					
WJEC - Edugas	Latin Paper 3 - Roman Civilisation	C990UB0-1	1h	Tuesday 3rd June	08:45
Pearson	Maths Calc Paper 2	1MA1 2F/2H	1h 30m	Wednesday 04 June	08:45
AQA	History Paper 2 - Section AB: Britain: Power and the people:c1170 to present day Paper 2 Section BA: Norman England, c1066-c1100	8145/2A/B & 8145/2B/A	2h	Thursday 05 June	08:45
Pearson	French Writing	1FRO 4H	1h 20m	Thursday 05 June	13:00
Pearson	French Writing	1FRO 4F	1h 15m	Thursday 05 June	13:00
AQA	English Language Paper 2 - Writers' viewpoints and perspectives	8700/2	1H45M	Friday 06 June	08:45
AQA	Geography Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment	8035/2	1h 30m	Friday 06 June	13:00
AQA	Biology Paper 2	8461 2F/2H	1H45M	Monday 09 June	08:45
AQA	Combined Science Biology paper 2	8464/B/2F/2H	1H15M	Monday 09 June	08:45
Pearson	PE GCSE Paper 2 - Health and Performance	1 PE0 02	1h 15m	Monday 09 June	13:00
NCFE	Early years Child development and care	603/7012/9	1h 30m	Tuesday 10th June	08:45
Pearson	Spanish Listening Foundation	1SPO 1F	35m	Tuesday 10th June	09:45
Pearson	Spanish Listening Higher	1SPO 1H	45m	Tuesday 10th June	10:00
Pearson	Spanish Reading Foundation	1SPO 3F	45m	Tuesday 10th June	08:45
Pearson	Spanish Reading Higher	1SPO 3H	1h	Tuesday 10th June	08:45
Pearson	Maths Calc Paper 3	1MA1 3F/3H	1h 30m	Wednesday 11 June	08:45
CONTINGENCY SESSION				Wednesday 11th June	13:00
AQA	Geography Paper 3 - Paper 3 Geographical applications	8035/3	1h 30m	Thursday 12 June	08:45
AQA	Further Maths Paper 1	8365/1	1h 45m	Thursday 12 June	13:00
AQA	Chemistry Paper 2	8462/2F/2H	1H45M	Friday 13 June	08:45
AQA	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2	8464/C/2F/2H	1H15M	Friday 13 June	08:45
AQA	Physics Paper 2	8463/2F/2H	1H45M	Monday 16 June	08:45
AQA	Combined Science Physics Paper 2	8464/P/2F/2H	1H15M	Monday 16 June	08:45
WJEC	Music Comp 3 Appraising	C660U30-1	1h 15m	Monday 16 June	13:00
Pearson	Spanish Writing Foundation	1SPO 4F	1h 15m	Tuesday 17th June	08:45
Pearson	Spanish Writing Higher	1SPO 4H	1h 20m	Tuesday 17th June	08:45
AQA	Food Prep & Nutrition	8585/W	1h 45m	Tuesday 17 June	13:00
AQA	Design and Technology	8552/W	2h	Wednesday 18 June	08:45
AQA	Further Maths Paper 2	8365/2	1h 45m	Wednesday 18 June	13:00
CONTINGENCY DAY				Wednesday 25th June	All day
Course work Deadlines					
AQA	ART -External set assignment 10h	8201/X		by 31st May	24/25th April
AQA	ART -Portfolio	8201/C		by 31st May	
AQA	DT - NEA	8552/C		by 7th May	
AQA	Drama - NEA - Devising Drama	8261/C		by 7th May	1st April
AQA	Drama - NEA - Texts in practice	8261/X		by 31st May	
AQA	English Language -NEA Spoken Language	8700/C		by 7th May	
AQA	Food Prep - NEA	8585/C		by 7th May	
Pearson	French speaking	1FRO 2		Window 9th April -14th May	28/29/30th April
Pearson	Spanish speaking	1SPO 2		Window 9th April -14th May	28/29/30th April
WJEC - Edugas	Music component 1 performing & composing 2	AO1 & AO2		by 5th May	
Pearson	PE GCSE personal exercise	1PE0 03 & 04		by 5th May	
Pearson BTEC	Performing Arts - Dance - responding to a brief (11 hours)	BPD03		15th May	



Please encourage your child to complete their “Memories” page for the 2025 Yearbook. The resources team have emailed each student.

We would love for your child to submit photo memories of your time with us over the last 5 years that could be included in the Yearbook.

If they are submitting photos, make sure they really capture those special school moments, such as school trips, events, sports, or candid moments with friends. It’s always helpful to provide high-quality images to increase the chances of them being used.

**The photos should be school memories, appropriate for publication by Willingdon School and anything deemed as inappropriate will not be included in the final version.**

You can submit up to 5 photos each via the google form [Yearbook Photo Memories](#). If you have any queries or wish to change any photos you have submitted, please email [resources@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:resources@willingdonschool.org.uk) and we will be able to help.



## REMINDER: Year 11 Prom –

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at The Cavendish Hotel**

We have started making table seating plans and working with students to ensure they are sat with their friends for the evening. Tickets are still available to book on ParentPay, if your child hasn’t booked their place yet can this be booked as soon as possible so we can start issuing their menu requests for the celebration.

Ticket price is £57 which include the following:

Mocktails on arrival

1 x professional photograph which is printed and issued on the evening

Meal, drinks and treats on the tables

Disco

Magician entertainment for the evening

Ticket to evening prize draw with prizes to win during the evening

Please see the offer from Lace and Flavour, a company offering 10% discount on Prom dresses.

**PROM DRESS SPRING EVENT**

Our brand new prom shop is now open!  
To celebrate, we're offering **10% OFF** all prom dresses when you present this card in-store.

Situated just off the main A22 near Hailsham, our fabulous new showroom features a dedicated prom dress department. Here you will discover all the latest styles and colours, at prices you'll love, plus party shoes and accessories too. Hurry and reserve your favourite dress for just £50, and we promise we won't supply that same dress to anyone else at your school.

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# Careers Page

## Career of the Week



### Dental Nurse

**Dental nurses** support dentists in all areas of dental care.

#### Day to day tasks

In this role you could:

- Sterilise instruments and pass them to the dentist
- Prepare materials to make fillings
- Remove water and saliva from the patient's mouth during treatment
- Make sure the patient is comfortable
- Tidy the surgery and keep records about each patient

### Routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

#### College

You could do a course at college that would give you the skills and knowledge to become a dental nurse.

Courses include:

- Level 3 diploma in dental nursing
- T Level in Health.

The courses will usually be a mix of full-time study with work experience in a dental surgery.

#### Apprenticeship

You could do a dental nursing advanced apprenticeship. You'll need to be working in a dental surgery to do an apprenticeship.

You could also do a dental nursing advanced apprenticeship in the armed forces.



#### Subjects

5 **GCSEs** at grade 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.



#### Salary\*

£23,000 to £35,000.



#### Jobs

There will be 5.4% fewer Dental Nurse jobs in 2027.

\*In 2020 the average salary was £31,461, up 3.6% on 2019.

Annual pay estimates are largely unaffected by Covid-19.