

Parent Bulletin

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Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

21st June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the common myths about schools is regarding Term 6. Everyone tends to believe it is the slower paced term where Year 11 have flocked the nest and we have so much more time as professionals. I think most staff and students would argue that nothing could be further from reality in Willingdon right now. Tuesday 25th June we look forward to our annual sports day.

There will be time with tutors first thing to learn about the importance of sport and sort our face-paints and banners for our houses. Then the whole school will be outside, enjoying taking part in many opportunities to support their houses. There are a few other things going on so children are encouraged to bring some money. For example, we have our wonderful Pete the ice cream man joins us again. On Thursday, we also have a few reward opportunities for students which involves the hire of a big bouncy assault course and also Pete the ice cream man will be back again to give some free ice creams away! Students will find out if they are part of this reward next week so it is important to be present.

Saturday 21st June we are looking forward to starting work on our forest school. We thank the community for the donations so far and the support on the Saturday to get this project underway. On Wednesday, we will also be welcoming our new support and teaching staff to Willingdon to complete their full induction. On Friday 27th June can I remind the community that it is our inset day where we will be prioritising strategic planning for our curriculums. Our focus is ensuring our teaching is ambitious and adaptive to meet the needs of our young people.

The last Year 11 exam took place today and we now look forward to seeing the year group at the prom. Thank you to the students and parent who have already acted regarding picking up exam results. Please re read the emails regarding this and ensure you adhere to the instructions regarding picking up the results if your child is unable to collect themselves.

Key Stage Three have taken their annual exams in core subjects in the sports hall this week. The vast majority have quickly learnt the importance of this process and given 100%. We feel it is important that we work with students now in understanding how they should behave in an exam hall. This has helped many cope with the anxiety of long exams in a space with many other students.

There are many more events that have taken place so do keep tabs on us through Facebook, twitter and Instagram. We are trying to post as much as possible to keep you updated with the brilliant things our students do each and every day.

Enjoy the sunshine. Best wishes for your weekend.

Mrs May

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.



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**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.



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20th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Commitment to the Quality in Careers Standard

As you may be aware, Willingdon Community School currently holds The Quality in Careers Standard awarded by Investor in Careers, a Licenced Awarding Body. This award showcases and supports the management of careers education, information, advice and guidance; it is now the most widely used quality award of its kind recognised nationally across the country. As an educational establishment, we place a great emphasis on the delivery of a high-quality careers education to our students in order to enable them to develop a good understanding of the post 16 education resources and to make informative decisions about their future career.

With this in mind, we are dedicated to retaining the Quality in Careers Standard and are undertaking the reassessment process. We are now in the process of collecting evidence regarding the quality of our careers provision. We would be very grateful for any comments or feedback, which you may feel may be useful to us as part of this process. Please contact the careers team using the following email addresses: srooney@willingdon.org.uk or aborrell@willingdonschool.org.uk.

For more details about Investor in Careers, please follow this link: [Investor in Careers](#)

Kindest regards,

Sarah Rooney **Alison Borrell**
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Lost Property

If you recognise any of these lost property items, please ask your child to claim it from Student Support by the end of next week. Any unclaimed items after that time will be discarded.



Tuesday 25th June 2024

As well as all the exciting sports & races going on during the day we will also have some exciting stalls on the field!

Please bring small change.

Book Stall - books £1 - profits go to new library stock sports books

Fitness Challenge - 50p to enter (the winner gets a prize!)

Drinks and refreshments - 50p or £1

Sweets - £1 a bag

Mr Freeze's ice lollies - £1

Silly hats and sunglasses £1 - £2

Swiftly Bracelets - £1

Reminder that students should bring refillable water bottles with them to school each day to fill up during lunch and break.



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

Key dates

June

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

**WILLINGDON SUMMER SCHOOL
(YEARS 5 - 8)**

MONDAY 29TH - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

YEAR 6 TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 26TH JULY

We are currently reviewing the uniform policy following parent, student and staff voice. Please can students have their say by completing this very quick google form. We wanted to reach out to all students rather than limit this to the student leadership team.

Many thanks in advance

The Pastoral Team

[Uniform Policy](#)

Year 7, 8 & 9

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.



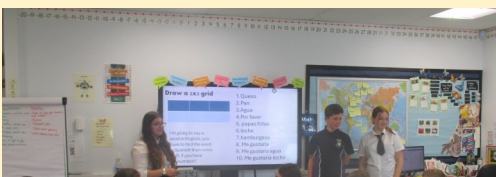
WhatsApp Warning

Even though the WhatsApp age may have reduced from 16 to 13 there are still many risks associated with large groups sharing unwanted images, pressure to respond as WhatsApp makes it possible to see when people are online, cyber bullying and oversharing.

Please visit this page from the NSPCC which advises parents and carers how to protect their children on What's App <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

YEAR 9 PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Our Year 9 Spanish students visited a local primary school this week to teach Year 6 students all about food and drink in Spanish. The primary school students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the chance to taste some of the food themselves! Staff at the primary school all commented on how organised and professional our students were in delivering their presentations, and how well they did answering the many questions their students had.



Year 7 & 8



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YEARS 7 & 8 CANADA RESIDENTIAL TRIP

October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are incredibly excited to be able to offer a school trip to **CANADA** for students who are currently in Years 7 and 8 to be travelling in October 2026. (They will be in either Year 10 or Year 11 when they travel).

We are pleased to be offering the trip which is being planned for Wednesday October 21st – October 27th 2026. Travel will be from Gatwick to Toronto Pearson International Airport in Canada. (Please note that we are not able to book flights yet, so dates / exact times will be confirmed nearer the time).

The group will be staying in hostels in small groups – (the exact accommodation will be confirmed when we have the numbers for the trip). Our days will be filled with activities like exploring the CN Tower - one of Canada's most famous icons and a must-see in Toronto. Those brave enough can take a walk over the glass floor! We'll be visiting Montreal, taking boat tours (including to the awesome Niagara Falls!) We'll see the biodomes, the Underground City and take in a Hockey game to name just a few amazing adventures – the itinerary is absolutely packed morning until night!

We have costed the trip based on 30 places. The trip is being booked through 'Diverse Travel' (<https://www.diverseschooltravel.co.uk/>); a company with a quality reputation of arranging a range of school tours. They will work closely with the school throughout the planning process and with the operators in Canada to ensure the very best learning experience for your young person. The total cost covers expenditure for the trip including all transfers, breakfast and evening meals, accommodation, activities and insurance. The total payable is £2100 and any changes in the exchange rates are protected. We are advised to add between \$10-20 per day for lunch. This cost is subject to numbers. Any spending money will need to be carried by the students.

Your young person will need to be in possession of his/ her/ their own valid passport for the time of travel. For general travel information for visiting Canada, please visit www.gov.uk. Please think carefully before committing yourself to this activity as refunds are not possible once the deposit is paid, as the funds are then committed. A **non-refundable deposit** before the end of term on 23rd July 2024, of £150, will secure your young persons' place on the trip. **12 Termly** payments of £162.50 will then be made over the course of the next two academic years.

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

If you would like to know more, we will be hosting an information evening on Tuesday 2nd July at 6pm for students and parents/carers interested in the trip. We will be explaining the itinerary, trip activities, answering questions and showing a presentation of some of the amazing locations that we will be visiting.

If you would like to register your interest for your young person on this amazing experience, please complete the attached google form [here](#)

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Crellin

Social Media

- X x.com/WillingdonCS
- Facebook facebook.com/WillingdonCS
- Instagram instagram.com/WillingdonCS



We are back on Wednesday June 19th! Led by The Teaching Awards Trust and supported by BBC Education, this year's campaign celebrates every member of the education community, recognising their vital role in shaping children's lives and contributing to their learning environment.

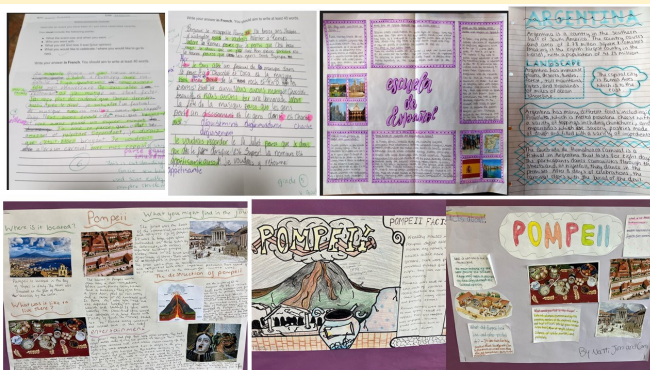
To celebrate staff in your school this National Thank a Teacher Day, specially branded free National Thank a Teacher Day cards will be available once again.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>



A Space to Grow Gardening Club - Our first radishes of this year were harvested and students that had never tasted them before were pleasantly surprised by the peppery taste. Watering hasn't been an issue this year but last week was a little dryer, so students got the watering can and the hose out. Some of the peas had been eaten, so we sowed more and the broad beans are coming along well. Still potting on tomato plants and if anyone has any small pots they don't need, please send them our way.

More updates to follow.



Well done to our French, Latin and Spanish KS3 students for producing some outstanding work! From research on Pompeii, research on Spanish speaking countries and the Spanish school system... to writing assessments of GCSE standard... We are super proud of you!!

The Languages Team