

# Parent Bulletin

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**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

24th May 2024



Dear all,

Apologies for the late newsletter. We had our hands full in the last week giving Year 11 the best send off and also addressing the frustrating technology failure with reward and behaviour points. Thank you for your patience with this and we are working with the companies to ensure this doesn't happen again.

We welcome first week back Mrs Oram to the English department, a very experienced English teacher, who will add even more value to this strong department. Mr Stammers will be increasing his hours in the summer term, which I know our student body will be delighted about. This will enable us to increase our mindfulness opportunities again. Mrs Stables joins us in PE as Miss Attrill will soon be going on maternity leave. We wish her the very best of luck for the adventures of motherhood again. We are delighted that Mr Edwards will soon qualify as a history teacher and will remain with us, joining the history department. We are so proud of our staff who have worked with us to prove there is never a glass ceiling on opportunity at Willingdon. We also welcome back Miss Ewen who started with us as a science technician and has now been trained up as a science teacher. Mr Williams also trained with us in English and he joins the department in term 6 too.

We have very little movement in staff leaving us this year. We are really proud to retain our brilliant teachers and support staff at a time when education faces many challenges. It says something about the positive culture we are working hard to grow at Willingdon. However, sometimes movement is right in schools if there are career opportunities available at other neighbouring places. We can never restrict anyone's career but we are working hard to create pathways with us!

Year 11 enjoyed their send off on Friday. They were out signing each other's shirts and then joined us for a brunch and their leavers' assembly in the main hall. We are so proud of them and their journeys at Willingdon. It was lovely that the chief exam invigilator came to find me to say this group have been the best to date. They are working hard, showing respect and following expectations all the time. Well done Year 11. Year 11 parents have been edulinked out the instructions for results day. Can I remind parents that results legally belong to the school then your child. Your child needs to give you permission via an email to us that they allow you to collect the results if they can not come in person themselves. Equally, if you are away, we need their permission to send results. Please ensure this isn't done last minute as staff won't be working until the actual day and may not pick up any late emails. We need to map result collection now so we can prepare for the big day.

Can I encourage parents to sign up to our parent forum on the 5<sup>th</sup> June and email in the topics to be discussed. Parent feedback wanted the session driven by your agenda which we are happy to support. We have only had four responses to date so welcome more engagement with a key opportunity to meet with myself and the our senior team. [Parent Forum 4 - Wednesday, 5th June 2024](#)

Enjoy the rest of your half term week

Mrs May

# Willingdon Summer School 2024

from **Monday 29th July**  
to **Friday 2nd August**

**8:30am - 3:00pm**



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# Key dates

## June

3rd - Start of Term 6

5th - Parent Forum

6th - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

13th - Yr 10 Positive Progress Evening

17th - Yr 10 College Taster Day - Lewes

18th - Yr 10 Concert

19th - Town Sports Athletics

19th - Yr 6 Lone Taster Day

20th - Yr 7 & 8 - Big Bang Fair

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

27th - Yr 10 Mock Interviews Workshop

28th - INSET Day

## July

1st - Yr 10 College Taster Day - Eastbourne

2nd - Yr 6 Taster Day (1)

3rd - Yr 6 Taster Day (2)

3rd - KS3 Prize Evening

5th - Yr 11 Prom

9th - Yr 6 Coffee Morning

9th - 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



# Willingdon

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Summer 2024 - Uniform Ordering Procedure

We are writing to advise you of the uniform order process for Summer 2024.

We are asking Parents to place their order via ParentPay. You should already have ParentPay log in details for your children in Years 7-10 and for Year 6 parents the log in details have already been sent to you. **Please note we do not take debit cards.**

If you wish to collect your child's order **before the end of the school summer term**, all pre-paid orders must be placed on ParentPay by **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**.

**For any late orders placed during the summer break** we will make these orders up ASAP and we will email you when your order is ready and arrange a day for you to collect your order from school on the following dates ONLY.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August between 9am - 1pm**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August between 9am – 1pm**

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August between 9am – 1pm**

**Please note any orders placed after the 27<sup>th</sup> August cannot be guaranteed to be ready for collection before the beginning of the new term.**

There will not be the facility to try on uniform in school, so you would need to email us via [uniform@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:uniform@willingdonschool.org.uk) if you subsequently needed to make a return or exchange. After the end of the school summer term, you will only be able to make exchanges or returns on the above three dates. There will also be no facility to purchase extra uniform at the time of collection as all orders must be placed on ParentPay. If you do have a return it must be returned to school before the end of August. Any orders placed after the 1<sup>st</sup> September and needing a return or exchange must be returned within 30 days.

If you do not have ParentPay login details, these can be requested by emailing [agwilliam@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:agwilliam@willingdonschool.org.uk) by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**PLEASE NOTE – Uniform will not be available to purchase/try on at any other time during the holiday period or on our Inset Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. *It is therefore advisable to order and collect your uniform in plenty of time before the end of the summer term, in case exchanges are required.***

If you need to return any items for an exchange, please ensure you return the item in its original condition, complete with tags attached and with the bag, so we are able to resell the item.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Tomalin  
**Headteacher's PA**



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parent Forum

We are writing to invite you to our next Parent Forum this academic year. These forums are a fantastic way to keep you updated with our school improvement plan and national educational policy.

#### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

##### 5.30pm – 7pm - By Zoom

1. 5.30pm – 6.15pm – Key Stage 3 focussed – Years 7 and 8
2. 6.15pm – 7pm – Key Stage 4 focussed – Years 9 and 10

Following parental feedback, we are giving parents the opportunity to drive this agenda. Please submit topics you would like us to focus upon. We will also have Governor representation at the forum.

Please be reminded that these forums are not an occasion to discuss individual students. Please refer any individual issues to your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

If you would like to attend the above Zoom Parent Forum and would like to suggest topics to be discussed, please complete the below google form. A zoom code will then be emailed to you.

#### Parent Forum 4 - Wednesday, 5th June 2024

If you are unable to attend this forum, we will place any relevant powerpoint slides on the school website for you to view.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E May  
**Headteacher**



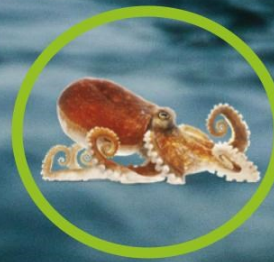
The poster features a purple background with two diamond icons. At the top center is the 'gcsepod' logo, which includes the text 'an access company'. To the right is the 'Willingdon COMMUNITY SCHOOL' logo, featuring a shield with a figure. The main text reads: 'The Diamond Challenge' followed by 'The students in each Year group that collect the most diamonds between 24<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> July will win a prize'. In the bottom left corner is a small image of a 'Check & Challenge' logo with the text 'Independently assessed assessment'. In the bottom right corner, under the heading 'How to get Diamond', is a list of three steps: 1. Log Into GCSE Pod (check emails via outlook for username and password sent before Easter), 2. Watch Videos, and 3. Complete Check and Challenge Questions.



# Oceans Matter

*A Willingdon Community School Science Award*

Bronze	2 Challenges Completed	Gold	5 Challenges Completed
Silver	3 Challenges Completed	Earle	7 Challenges Completed



Final deadline

Friday 28th Feb 2025

The Willingdon Community School Science Awards are back! This years' challenge is called Oceans Matter and we cannot wait to see all the amazing work that we receive and which house will come out as victorious. This years top award is named after the Marine Biologist and Oceanographer Sylvia Earle. Which house will achieve the most Earle awards?

Link to challenge - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1\\_pJShDIaND\\_No64d8mhAO2MUofjDnJCV5qUwvQs5QOY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_pJShDIaND_No64d8mhAO2MUofjDnJCV5qUwvQs5QOY/edit?usp=sharing)

The Science Department



# DON'T LET MATHS HOLD YOU BACK

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# Years 7 - 9

Dear Parents/carers

Between Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June all Year 7-9 students will be sitting end of year exams in English and Maths in the sports hall. These exams are to give students an experience of what it is like to sit an exam in exam conditions in the hall, to start to prepare them for what it will be like in GCSE exams. Students will be told about expectations and procedures of sitting exams in the hall in the weeks leading up to the exams. They will also start to be prepared for these in lessons so that they will be aware of what and how to revise. The English and Maths teachers will also be in contact with you with information about what the exams will cover.

All other subjects will be doing in class assessments leading up to the end of term and will be communicating what these will cover, how to revise, and when they will be to students.

All students that currently do assessments in ARCH will receive support from the inclusion team in these tests.

Once tests are completed and marked subject teachers will provide feedback to students in lessons so that they are used as a learning tool. The results from these tests will inform the progress scores given by subject's teachers in the end of year reports due out at the end of term 6.

Mr J Dubas-Fisher



**PLUMPTON**  
COLLEGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Plumpton College Future Fields event (Year 9) – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

We have an exciting opportunity for our year 9 students to attend an on-site STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event at Plumpton College on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, from 10a.m. – 2p.m.

The Future Fields event will showcase how STEM subjects are used within all of Plumpton's land and environment-based departments through practical and engaging workshops for the students. In addition, students will be able to see how industry employers and businesses are utilising STEM in the work place with a dedicated exhibitor space for students to explore.

We have 45 spaces available, at the cost of £13.90, which will be on a first come first served basis. This will be live in Parentpay, by midday on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, should you wish to book a space.

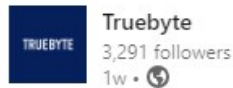
We would not want financial hardship to be a barrier and therefore ask that you email me on [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) regarding any issues with payments.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Sarah Rooney  
Careers Adviser

# Year 10



🌟 Work Experience Student! 🌟

This week, we're thrilled to welcome Tommy to our team for a valuable work experience opportunity! As a firm believer in nurturing the next generation of talent, we're dedicated to providing hands-on learning experiences and insights into the world of IT.

Tommy brings an enthusiasm and hunger to learn more about the industry, and we're eager to see him grow during his time with us. From shadowing our team members to getting involved in real projects, we're committed to offering an immersive experience that will help him gain valuable skills and knowledge.

At Truebyte, we understand the importance of mentorship and fostering a supportive environment for young professionals. We believe that initiatives like work experience programs are instrumental in shaping the future workforce and bridging the gap between education and industry.

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Tommy Bell had a great week with Truebyte for his work experience, with Truebyte posting on their LinkedIn page about his week with them. Well done Tommy!



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This year, Year 10 student Rosie has moved up into the Super Series races which are a key part of the British Triathlon performance pathway.

Last weekend Rosie completed her first race of the Super Series season where she was part of the leading pack throughout. This is a more intense style of racing than Rosie has competed in before where they form much bigger groups, cycling in packs as a strategy to boost their performances.

Good luck for the remaining races and we look forward to hearing about how you get on.



Our 29 strong team of Year 9 Sports Leaders ran the Eastbourne Primary Schools Tri-Golf competition.

Most of the team have led before with the Primary Indoor Athletics competitions. However, this term we have added six new leaders to the team and they all showed great team-work, organisation and communication skills.

The leaders have three further opportunities next term, with the Tri-Golf finals in Crawley at the K2 as well as two Willingdon Primary School sports events. We look forward to hearing about these opportunities next term.



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## Message from Ringmer Primary School

Good Evening,

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone involved in the Tri-Golf session this afternoon. We thoroughly enjoyed it and all your pupils showed so much support, compassion and guidance to our group from Ringmer and all the other schools who visited.

Thank you again!  
Ringmer Nursery & Primary School

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Well done to our Year 10 students that represent Polegate Grasshoppers FC U15 football team. The students have been awarded with their Mid Sussex Youth League winners medals which is a great achievement for them.



Year 10 Willingdon School students enjoying meeting FE and HE providers during their drop down RHSE and Big Futures day.



Well done to Year 10 students Taylor Myles-Watkins & Aston Downey who, with their team Eastbourne Utd U15's, competed in the JPL National Finals weekend.

After winning their regional Junior Premier League, the U15's qualified for the 'Champions of Champions Weekend' where 12 teams from around the UK competed against one another to be crowned UK Champions.



A narrow 50-48 loss for the Year 9 Basketball Team this evening against a strong St Richards squad.

A fantastic effort, a great attitude and real commitment from all the players involved.



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Haywards Heath Town U14 Girls Football Team - 2024

Well done to Bella Pritchard who was part of the Haywards Heath U14 team who won the Junior Premier League in the South East.



Having been invited to the National tournament, which was held in Coventry this weekend against all the other winning regional teams, Bella's team finished 5th overall. A great achievement for Bella and someone we are all proud of.

Finley participated in the Hailsham Active 5km over the weekend. He started running at the start of this year and came in 16th out of 142, with a PB time of 24:29. He was competing in an over 11s race where mostly adults were taking part. Well done Finley, what an amazing achievement!



Amazing embroidery of our school logo from one of our students ! Well done!