

# Parent Bulletin

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**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

4th April 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of the Willingdon Community will remember Sue Dixon, our former Deputy Head, who worked at Willingdon for 22 years until her retirement in 2018.

Sadly, Sue passed away in March, and rather than flowers for her funeral the family have set up a donation page to raise funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice, who supported Sue and her family in the latter stages of her illness.



<https://sue-dixon1.muchloved.com/Fundraising/Donations>

As we come to the close of Term 4, we would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been another busy and exciting term at school. It's been an action-packed period, full of enrichment opportunities that have truly benefited our students.

From thrilling trips to Thorpe Park to our unforgettable residential in Valencia and Poland, the opportunities for our young people to explore new experiences and cultures have been endless. We hope these experiences are helping to develop their cultural capital, broadening their horizons and allowing them to grow into well-rounded individuals.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our students for their hard work and dedication this term. It's been a pleasure to watch them thrive and engage with their learning in so many diverse ways. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering Year 11 students the chance to stay at school until 5pm for additional support. Learning mentors will be available for tutoring from Monday to Thursday, 3pm to 5pm, to ensure that all students receive the help they need in the lead-up to their exams.

A special thank you must go to our wonderful staff, who have shown incredible commitment and dedication to supporting our students. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for everything they do.

As we approach the Easter break, we wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable time together. May it be a chance for everyone to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide our students with the best opportunities possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs May

**Headteacher**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Expectations for Returning to School After the Easter Holidays**

School resumes on Tuesday, 22nd April, with a prompt 8:30am start. Please see over the page key information regarding school bus travel, as some departure times have changed.

**Morning Expectations** - As previously communicated in the Parent Bulletin, we have made some changes regarding the start of the school day. We will now have 'Coaching' (replacing Tutor Time) with Tutors at 8:30am and there will be one break only at 10.35am. Morning checks will be conducted to ensure that students are well-prepared for their lessons. This will include:

- Uniform checks – students must adhere to the Willingdon uniform policy.
- Equipment checks – all students are expected to have a school bag, a fully stocked pencil case, including maths equipment.

**Punctuality & Attendance** - We expect all students to demonstrate positive punctuality in every aspect of school life, including:

- Arriving at school on time.
- Being on time for every lesson and intervention/detention session.
- Avoiding any internal truancy, which will result in a same-day detention. Repeated instances will lead to internal suspension. Parents will be informed if their child is required to stay for a same-day sanction. These measures are in place to minimise disruptions to learning.

**After School Detentions** - To maintain a safe school environment, students must follow instructions the first time they are given. To minimise disruptions to learning, we are informing parents that after-school detentions will be assigned when necessary. **Some students may be required to stay until 5pm, and parents will be notified via text or email message if this applies to their child.** However, for the vast majority of students, this will not be a concern.

**Uniform & Appearance** - Please ensure your child complies with our uniform policy. In particular:

- Holiday nail extensions must be removed before returning to school. Nails should be no longer than the fingertip.
- PE shorts must be appropriate for a professional setting (details can be found in the uniform policy).
- Blazers must be worn. As the weather improves, students may remove their black jumpers but not their blazers. In cases of excessive heat, we will communicate any temporary adjustments to our uniform policy.

**Year Group Focus for the Term Ahead** - This term is a crucial period for all students:

- Year 7 – Moving beyond transition and embedding good habits and our personal excellence values, many of which show this daily resulting in over 80% receiving a bronze award to date.
- Year 8 – Sustaining their efforts towards personal excellence.
- Year 9 – Preparing for GCSEs and applying personal excellence values to everything they do.
- Year 10 – Exploring opportunities beyond Willingdon, including work experience and college open days.
- Year 11 – Entering the final stretch before exams. We are incredibly proud of their determination and role-model behaviour. We encourage them to use this holiday wisely to prepare for their exams in May.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of our parents and carers in upholding our school expectations.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

## MESSAGE FROM STAGECOACH

To assist with punctuality in the mornings, the journeys that serve the school will be adjusted:

- Service 6 will start from Langney Shopping Centre at 07:30, eight minutes earlier than at present
- Service 57 will start from Pevensey Bay Road, ASDA, at 07:15, six minutes earlier than at present
- Service 58 will start from Stone Cross at 07:42, eight minutes earlier than at present

Most stops will be served earlier than at present and the three buses are scheduled to arrive at the school at 08:15.

Revised timetables are being introduced on the Hailsham corridor routes 51 (Eastbourne – Polegate – Hailsham – Heathfield – Tunbridge Wells), 53 (Eastbourne – Polegate – Hailsham – Herstmonceux – Ninfield – Bexhill) and 54 (Eastbourne – Polegate – Hailsham – East Hoathly – Uckfield). A new service 52 (Eastbourne – Hailsham) will serve Farmlands Avenue/Coppice Avenue in place of the 51.

Revised timetables can be viewed on the Stagecoach website at [www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/south-east/eastbourne](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/south-east/eastbourne)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

**Gillian Laughlin**

Team Manager Home to School Transport & Compliance

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 5**

### **APRIL**

Tues 22nd-25th April Year 10 Mock Exams (Core)

Thurs 24th April - Yrs 7 & 8 Indoors Ath. Finals

Fri 25th April - Robotics Competition - Bournemouth Uni

Tues 29th April - Yr 9 Big Futures Fair

### **MAY**

Thurs 1st May - Year 11 Exams commence / Junior Mathematical Challenge

Fri 2nd May - Yr 7 visit - Hampton Court Palace

Mon 5th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Weds 7th May - Tri Golf with primaries

Mon 12th May - Yr 10 Work Experience week

Thurs 15th May - Yrs 7-9 Ocean Matter Award - Sea Life (Brighton)

### **REMAINING INSET DAYS 2024-25**

Friday, 27th June 2025

### **EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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

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

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

*Day after Year 6 October Open Evening – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*October 2025 Date TBC*

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

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

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

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE NEW ENRICHMENT LIST FOR TERM 5

<https://willingdonschool.org.uk/learning/enrichment-programme>

# A helping hand with your mental health

# me & my mind

## East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

### Supporting your Child with Exam Stress - Secondary School Children

 Fri 25 Apr 2025 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM BST  Online, Microsoft Teams

#### Supporting Your Child With Exam Stress - for parents and carers of secondary school aged children

Brought to you by Me & My Mind, the Mental Health Support Teams working in schools in East Sussex.

Stress and anxiety is a normal reaction to having to take an exam. When it is mild to moderate, it can often improve performance but sometimes if anxiety and stress becomes too high it can have the opposite affect. This online workshop will include practical things to do at home and share with your child, as well as lots of tips and advice to help with managing exam anxiety and stress before and during exams.

#### About this event

This free 60-minute online workshop will cover:

- Understanding more about exam anxiety and stress.
- Practical things you and your child can do at home to help.
- Information of further support and additional resources.

The session will be relaxed and informal. Bring a pen and piece paper, grab a drink and find a comfortable spot in your home to be able to join in.

Once you have placed your order, you will receive an email confirmation which will include a link to join via Microsoft Teams. (We will have someone available to help on the night if you are having trouble joining online).

Select tickets

SHARE THIS EVENT



NEED HELP?

Manage tickets

Select tickets - please click on  
the link below

<https://buytickets.at/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation/1651103>

### Countering Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion - CEOP

The criminal practice of extorting individuals on the pain of releasing self-explicit material is commonly known as 'sextortion'. The practice's technical name 'Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion' or FMSE, is an increasingly prevalent form of child sexual abuse. What started as simple money exchanges, now include cryptocurrency seizures and pre-paid gift cards as forms of criminal redemption.

Males aged 14 to 17 are overwhelmingly represented in cases of this nature. Often they'll be enticed by the promise of seeing sexually explicit images, before the rug is pulled and the scam put into operation. As a result the victims have been tricked or groomed over a period of time. With the rise of AI this practice is becoming more complex with false explicit images actually changing hands, in exchange for a real image of the target. CEOP is highly concerned with this practice and has authored a guide page on what to do. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/FMSE>



Head of Year  
Mrs Muller / Mrs Naylor

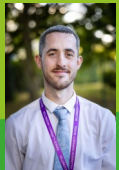
Email - [pastoral-7@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-7@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to Year 7 for another really successful, hard working term. I cannot believe we are now over half way through the school year, the Year 7s now being 100% fully embedded into the Willingdon way of life. The sunnier days have allowed us to open the school field ahead of Easter, and the Year 7s have enjoyed the extra space at break and lunchtime. We are looking forward to celebrating our Easter challenge this Friday with all those students who have achieved this, before we start our Easter holidays with the early finish of 12.20pm on Friday. As a year team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and a restful two week break.

**The Year 7 Team**



Head of Year  
Mr Keast

Email - [pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate some fantastic achievements across Year 8.

Last Friday, our Year 8 football team put on a brilliant performance in the Eastbourne Cup Final against Seaford Head. It was a thrilling game that ended in a narrow 4-3 defeat after a fantastic deciding goal from the opposition. Although the result didn't go our way, the team played with determination and skill, and we are incredibly proud of them. As a well-deserved treat, Mr Cain and Mr Keast took the team to Nando's, where the boys not only enjoyed their meal but also represented the school impeccably—well done to all involved!

A huge congratulations to 8TST for winning the Term 3 Tutor Challenge! They earned the most reward points last term and were treated to a delicious cake during tutor time on Tuesday. We also want to celebrate 8CFR for coming out on top in the Term 3 Attendance Challenge. Their fantastic attendance was rewarded with a pizza party yesterday, which was a big hit.

Today, we held our 'Good Egg Challenge Reward' for all students who achieved 95% or higher attendance in Term 4 and had fewer than 10 behaviour points. We were amazed by the level of engagement in this challenge, with an incredible 150 students successfully earning their place at the reward event. This afternoon, those students enjoyed a special screening of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, complete with popcorn, snacks, and refreshments. The event was such a success that Mr Keast even had to make an emergency trip to Tesco to replenish the popcorn supplies. We understand that some students may be disappointed if they weren't eligible this time, but we will definitely be running a similar challenge in Term 5—especially as the weather starts to brighten up.

Finally, we want to wish all of our students and their families a very Happy Easter and a wonderful two-week break. We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest and we look forward to welcoming Year 8 back for an exciting Term 5.

Best wishes,

**The Year 8 Team**







Head of Year  
Mr Cain

Email - [pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another term comes to an end, it's a great time to reflect on all the fantastic things Year 9 students have been involved in. There's been so much to be proud of – too many events to list! What stands out is how students have consistently taken opportunities to represent the school, demonstrated our values, and strived to be the best version of themselves every day.

A real highlight this week was celebrating with over 115 students who successfully met the Term 4 challenge – an incredible achievement!

Given how popular and motivating this has been, we're excited to introduce the Term 5 Challenge, once again focused on attendance and behaviour. We've mapped out 20 consecutive school days around the May bank holidays for this challenge, and we hope students will embrace it. At the end of the term, we look forward to celebrating their success and ensuring they get the recognition they deserve.



Today, students will be bringing home their academic reports along with their options letter. We appreciate your support in going through these with them. If you have any questions or concerns about their progress reports or their option choices, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's tutor directly or the pastoral team on [pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk)

Wishing everyone a well-earned break, and we look forward to an exciting Term 5!

**The Year 9 Team**

## Year 9 Term 5 Challenge



### REWARD

An afternoon outside, enjoying some sport or socialising with friends



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#### Criteria to Attend

- ☐ 100% attendance for Term 5 **AND**
- ☐ Less than 10 behaviour points for Term 5

The dates for the challenge are:  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April → Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May





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#### **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### **Big Futures Show – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our **Year 9** students.

The Big Futures Show is a careers event which is organised by the Eastbourne Education Business Partnership and comprises of approximately 80 stands representing local companies and colleges.

Your child has the opportunity to attend this event, which we hope they will enjoy and find beneficial.

The date for the show is **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** and is being hosted at Eastbourne Sports Park, Cross Levels Way, BN21 2UF. We will travel there by coach for a slot, from 9.30-11.00am, then return to school for the remainder of the day.

We believe our students would gain a great deal of information from this event, meeting prospective colleges and taking part in the interactive sessions that the companies are providing.

There are **45 spaces** available, and it is therefore on a first come first served basis. We kindly request that each student pays a contribution of **£10.71**, payable via ParentPay, to cover the entrance fee and transport costs. **This will be live in Parentpay, at approximately 3pm, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you would like your child to attend, but require support with payment, please do contact me on the below email address.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Rooney

**Careers Adviser**

[srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk)



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to congratulate both you and your children on a fantastic term. Year 10 students have worked incredibly hard, and I hope you've had the chance to reflect on Assessment Point 2, using it to develop strategies to support your child's progress.

That said, I do want to raise a concern regarding attendance. Our Year 10 average is currently below the crucial 95% mark. As we move into Year 11, it is vital that we improve this, as time away from school directly impacts learning and, ultimately, GCSE results. Your support in ensuring strong attendance is greatly appreciated.

With exams in mind, I have re-attached the mock exam timetable from last week's bulletin for your reference. Additionally, I have gathered revision topics and guides from our core subject heads which have been sent to students today. Please encourage your child to make good use of these resources over the Easter holidays.

Looking ahead, work experience is scheduled for the second week in May. Please ensure your child is fully prepared for their placement, visiting their destination if possible, and reviewing expectations around dress code and daily routines.

On a positive note, I am delighted to share that over 60 students enjoyed their Pizza reward lunch today, celebrating outstanding achievements. Special congratulations to 10JHA and 10MJE for winning the attendance award, as well as to students with 100% attendance and our senior prefect team. I have also attached pictures of our Dance Live students who enjoyed hot chocolate with the year team today.

Wishing you all a fantastic Easter break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for mock exams in the first week of term.

Kind regards,

**The Year 10 Team**

Afternoon exams:

Students will have early lunch at 12pm

	<b><u>Year 10 Mock Exams</u></b>		
	<b>8.45am Start</b>		<b>12.30pm Start</b>
<b>22-Apr</b>	English Language 1hr 45m	<b>22-Apr</b>	Biology 1hr 15m /1hr 45m
<b>23-Apr</b>	Chemistry 1hr 15m/ 1hr 45m	<b>23-Apr</b>	Maths Non-Calc 1hr 30m
<b>24-Apr</b>	Maths Calc 1hr 30m	<b>24-Apr</b>	Physics 1hr 15m /1hr 45m
<b>25-Apr</b>	English Literature 1hr 45m	<b>25-Apr</b>	





Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 10 Taster Days**

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>
<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>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**

## Year 10 Work Experience / 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Most of the year 10 students have received the below letter along with the contact details of their work experience placement. Please could you check with your child that they have contacted, or will contact, their placement to introduce themselves and ask about the working hours and dress code.

Please note that emails should be sent from a personal email address not their school email address.

There are some students that are awaiting a bespoke placement and who will receive additional information soon. Please contact Sarah Rooney on [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) if you have any questions.



### WORK EXPERIENCE - CONTACTING YOUR PLACEMENT

Dear Students,

Attached are the contact details of your work experience placement. Please call or email them to introduce yourself and enquire about the working hours and dress code. We recommend that you do this either before or during the Easter holidays, as this will help your employers prepare for your arrival. The latest date by which you should make contact is **Friday, 25th April 2025**.

Below are some examples of what you might say in a phone call or email. Please feel free to adjust these templates to suit your own style and preferences. **Please note that emails should be sent from a personal email address, not your school email, as external companies can't reply to your school email address.**

#### Phone call example

*"Hello, this is (Your Name) and I'm a student from Willingdon Community School. I will be completing my work experience at your company from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May, and I wanted to introduce myself and ask a couple of questions. Could you let me know the working hours and if there's a specific dress code that I should be aware of please? Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to meeting you."*

#### Email example

*Dear [Employer's Name],*

*I hope this email finds you well. My name is [Your Name], and I am a student at Willingdon Community School. I will be completing my work experience with your company from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and would like to introduce myself ahead of my placement.*

*To help me prepare, could you please provide some details regarding the working hours and any specific dress code expectations for the role?*

*Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.*

*Kind regards,*

*(Your Name)*

*(Your Contact information)*

If you would like support contacting your placement, please email me on [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) or come and see me in the careers office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rooney

Careers Adviser



Head of Year

Mr Gordon

Email - [pastoral-11@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-11@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Year 11

## YEAR 11 THORPE PARK REWARD TRIP



Year 11 students that attended the Thorpe Park reward trip on Friday 28th March had a brilliant time and the trip a great success! The students made the most of the thrilling rides and attractions that the park had to offer and the lovely weather during the day.

We are proud of the behaviour and attitude of all our students on the trip which were exemplary throughout the day. They represented the school in an outstanding manner, showing respect to both staff and members of the public and upholding our school values. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to unwind and celebrate their hard work after the most recent mock exams.



Congratulations to the five Year 11 students who were awarded this week's 'Treats with the Team'. Students were rewarded for the continued demonstration of ambition in lessons and commitment towards to their learning and preparation for their GCSE exams. Well done to all students and it was a pleasure to spend time with you discussing your future pathways.





Well done to 60 students in Year 11 that were rewarded with pizza for 100% attendance for Term 4. Students were invited to a pizza lunch on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to reward them for being in school everyday.



### **Year 11 Prom – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at The Cavendish Hotel**

Students have been shared all the details regarding their Year 11 Prom during tutor time this week. Tickets are available to book on ParentPay from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Ticket price is £56 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.

## Year 11 Easter Intervention Timetable

### Week 1

Day	Subject	Staff Member	Location/ Time
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	English Art	Mrs Arnold Mrs CChilderley	EN5 10am-12pm/ 12-2pm AR1 10am-12pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Geography GCSE PE Dance VCERT PE Childcare	Mr Bradford Mrs Legate Miss Paige Mr Cain Miss Leonard Miss Attrill	G1 – 10am-2pm EN6 – 10am-1pm Room TBC – 9am-12pm Room TBC – 9am-12pm Room TBC – 9am-12pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Geography DT/ICT/CS	Miss Marshall  Mr Roche	G3 10am-1pm IT1 9am – 2pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	History	Mrs Hardwick	HI2 – 10am-1pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	History	Mrs Hardwick	HI2 – 10am-1pm

### Week 2

Day	Subject	Staff Member	Location/ Time
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Maths	Mrs Powell	MA1 – 10am-12pm 12pm-2pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Sociology Psychology	Mr Gardner	EN3 10am-1pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Business	Mrs Harris-Moss	BS1 – 10am-2pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Music (GCSE Music only) Drama	Mr Parry Mrs McCarthy	MU4 10am-12pm DR1 9am-1pm

Students have been issued with their individual GCSE exam timetables. Students should familiar themselves with these and ensure they are on time for all exams.

Students are expected to be in school, in correct uniform and in lessons following their normal timetable unless they have a scheduled exam.

The date of the Year 11 leavers assembly and the last day Year 11 will be expected in school attending lessons will be shared with students and parents once arrangements are confirmed next term. If students have any exams after this date they are still expected to attend on time for their exam but will not follow their normal timetable. Students should be available to attend up to the date of the last exam contingency day.

Details about arrangements on the day of exams will be shared with students after Easter and with parents in the first Parent Bulletin after Easter.

We would like to congratulate all Year 11 students for their hard work and dedication throughout Term 4. They have certainly earned a well-deserved break, but we also want to remind them of the importance of continuing their preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams.

To support our students during this crucial time, we will be running Easter intervention sessions throughout the holiday which are highlighted above. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend these sessions, as they will provide valuable guidance and revision support to help them perform their best in the exams. We are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed and look forward to seeing them at the sessions.

We wish you and your families as lovely Easter holiday and thank you for your continued support.

**The Year 11 Team**





at Willingdon Community School

# HOLIDAY CLUBS

## MAY HALF TERM

### Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th May 2025

8.30am - 3.30pm with option of early drop off 8am

#### Multisport

**Basketball, Football,  
Benchball, Badminton,  
Table Tennis, Just Dance**

#### Team Challenges

**Taskmaster, STEAM,  
Photography, Logic Puzzles,  
Scavenger Hunt Team**

Holiday club for children aged 7-12 years from all schools

(Early drop off from 8am £10 extra including Tea & Toast)

£25 per day per child (10% sibling discount) or £40 for 2 days

Year 6s that have secured a place to join us in September will receive a discounted rate. PP students attending Year 7 or 8 at Willingdon Community School 50% discounted rate

Visit our website  
<https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/willingdon-community-school-holiday-clubs>  
to book your place and to view other holiday club dates available.

All enquiries to  
[holidayclubs@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:holidayclubs@willingdonschool.org.uk)

**Visit our website for further information and future Holiday Clubs**

<https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/willingdon-community-school-holiday-clubs>

**Book your place/s below**

[May Half Term Holiday Club Google Form](#)

[Summer Holiday Club Google Form](#)



# Careers Page

## Career of the Week



### Golf Greenkeeper

#### Day To Day Skills

As a golf greenkeeper, your work activities will typically involve:

- maintaining the four turfgrass areas: greens, tees, fairways and areas of rough
- using a range of equipment and machinery safely and competently
- managing hazard, environmental and ecological operations which may include bunker maintenance, planting turf, trees, shrubs and developing wildlife habitats

**Golf Greenkeepers** care for the overall appearance of a golf course, maintain a good quality playing surface and ensure a challenging and enjoyable experience for golfers.

#### Subjects

The minimum requirement is GCSEs in English and Maths at grades 9 to 3.

#### Routes into the industry

- a **university course** in sports surface management, sports turf management or horticulture
- a **college course**, such as a Level 2 Certificate in Sports and Amenity Turf Maintenance, a Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture Skills or a Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture
- a **Level 2 Apprenticeship** in Golf Greenkeeping
- **Specialist courses** run by a professional body like the **Grounds Management Association**.

#### Salary\*

From £13,500 for newly qualified Greenkeepers, rising to £30,500 for experienced Greenkeepers. From April 2022, apprentice Greenkeepers are entitled to a minimum of £4.30 per hour.

#### Jobs

A career as a Golf Greenkeeper can take you wherever the game of golf is played. As new countries are embracing the sport and more golf courses are being built, there is no better time to consider joining this great profession.

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

Annual pay estimates are largely unaffected by Covid-19.