

6th June 2025

## Work Experience – A Vital Part of Education

Work experience plays a crucial role in education, helping young people make informed career decisions, develop essential employability skills, and successfully transition into Further Education, Higher Education, apprenticeships, or the workplace.

The *Gatsby Benchmarks* — a nationally recognised framework for delivering outstanding Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) — highlight that **by the age of 16, every student should have had meaningful experiences of workplaces**. At Willingdon School, we are proud of our commitment to achieving all the Gatsby Benchmarks. This was formally recognised when we were awarded the highest accolade of **fully meeting all accreditation criteria incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks**.

In line with this commitment, we were delighted to provide our entire Year 10 cohort with the opportunity to take part in a **week-long live work placement** with local employers. Feedback from both students and employers was overwhelmingly positive. Many students reported that the experience helped broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of different career paths and job roles.

Highlights from this year's placements include:

- **9% of students were offered part-time employment**, either immediately or upon turning 16.
- **Three students received offers of post-16 apprenticeships** and opportunities for additional work experience during school holidays.

To ensure that future placements are meaningful and tailored to students' individual interests, we encourage our current **Year 9 students to begin sourcing their own placements over the summer holidays**. This allows them to explore a broader range of industries and roles, and to secure a placement that is both engaging and relevant to their aspirations.

We are also appealing to parents, carers, and employers:

If you are able to offer a work placement during the week beginning **18th May 2026**, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact **Sarah Rooney**, our Careers Adviser, at [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) for more information.

Thank you for supporting our students' career journeys.

Mrs Borrell - Careers Lead

Mrs May - Headteacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 6

### SAVE THE DATE

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

**PHOENIX FESTIVAL** - Monday, 7th July

**YEAR 10 PARENT EVENING** - Wednesday, 9th 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
Abigail C 7ALE	Eloise L 8CEW	Tommy N 9ARA	Ashleigh C 10JHA
Aiden F 7JWI	Beau K 8TST	Finley S 9AME	Callum S 10MJE
Ella M 7DBR	Lucy B 8TST	Harrison B 9CPA	Amir A 10DMC
Oscar S 7EMC	Jessica B 8TST	Ethan F 9ARA	Brianne H 10MDU
Erin A 7DBR	Meliha C 8REL	Honor B 9PHI	Harley G 10SCR

### **Exciting Opportunity – Bluebell Railway Trip!**

We now have **two tickets** come available for our upcoming trip to the **Bluebell Railway**! This trip celebrates their 200year anniversary and includes: a vintage train ride, train talk, workshop, safety demonstration and careers fair.

The trip will be on the Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Students need arrive at school for the normal time and the trip will return by 5pm.

If you'd like to express an interest in securing these spots, please send me an email as soon as possible  
[rbrown@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:rbrown@willingdonschool.org.uk).

Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!



Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company is making changes to its commercial services 12/12A/12X (between Brighton, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Seaford and Eastbourne) commencing 8 June and colleagues from the company may already have been in touch with you. These alterations may impact journeys of young people travelling to/ from your school.

Full details may be found at: [www.buses.co.uk/june-service-updates](http://www.buses.co.uk/june-service-updates). You may wish to place details on your website or pass these on to parents/carers through any other channel available to you.





# PHOENIX

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

# FESTIVAL

**7 JULY 2025**

**Willingdon School Field**

*3pm - 6pm*

**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.



**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Free Event  
All Welcome**

**Bring along a picnic blanket and deck chairs**



**Register for free school transport for the academic year (25-26)** – emails will be sent to parents from the middle to the end of June. Parents will need to upload a photo of their child, so a pass can be printed and sent from our printers to their home addresses.

For those who qualify for free school transport under Low Income Funding, the same email will be sent out from **August** onwards.

If a parent does not receive a **Register for free school transport for the academic year (25-26)** email by the end of June, they may want to check to see if they are entitled to free school transport.

**Enquiries about entitlement to transport: Admissions and Transport Team** 0300 330 9472 [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

If the bus, train or coach is late, wait 20 minutes before going home or making your own way to school. Make sure you know what your parents or carers would like you to do if this happens.

Get on and off any vehicles carefully and let other passengers get off before you get on. When you get on, find a seat and stay in it for the whole journey. Use seatbelts if they are fitted. If there are no seats and you have to stand, move to allow others on the vehicle. Do not stand close to the driver and do not distract them.

If you are on a public bus, ring the bell once when you are near your stop, unless someone else has already rung it. Wait for the vehicle to fully stop before leaving and make sure you have all your belongings.

#### **Behaviour**

Treat everyone with respect, and follow instructions given by the driver and transport staff. If your behaviour on any transport is not what is expected, your school and the County Council may suspend or ban you from transport.

If you are told you are suspended or banned from travelling, it will be your parents' or carers' responsibility to get you to and from school. They will also be responsible for any damages or cleaning required as a result of your behaviour.

#### **Bullying**

Bullying of any kind will not be accepted on any transport, at any time. If you are being bullied or you see any bullying happening, tell someone you can trust as soon as possible. This could be a friend, teacher or family member. Stay calm and don't retaliate, make sure you keep a record of what happened. Listen and talk to your friends and support them if they are being bullied.

If you or someone you know is being bullied and would like advice, please speak to someone at your school or for more information visit our website at: [eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying)

## **Contacts and further information**

**Enquiries about entitlement to transport:**  
**Admissions and Transport Team**  
0300 330 9472

[admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Enquiries about transport arrangements:**  
**Mainstream Transport Team**  
01273 335088  
[mainstream-transport.cts@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mainstream-transport.cts@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Complaints or compliments:**  
**Compliance and Monitoring Team**  
01273 335577

[compliance.cts@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:compliance.cts@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**To plan your public transport journey:**  
[traveline.info](http://traveline.info)

**More information is available on our website**

**Home to school transport information:**  
[eastsussex.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schooltransport)

**Bullying support and advice:**  
[eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying)

#### **Lost Property:**

For any enquiries about lost property please contact your transport operator.

#### **Getting more copies of this leaflet**

You can get our leaflets in a format to suit you. If you would prefer this information in an alternative format or language please ask us.

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## **Home to school transport**

Information for parents, carers and pupils

[eastsussex.gov.uk](http://eastsussex.gov.uk)

This leaflet contains information for parents/carers and pupils on home to school transport services. Please contact the Admissions and Transport team if you have a query about entitlement to free transport.

## **Important information for parents/carers**

### **Transport arrangements**

The Transport Hub team will make a pupil's transport arrangements only following approval by the Admissions and Transport team. Once approved, we will usually arrange a travel pass for use on a public bus or train, or a school bus which is contracted by East Sussex County Council.

You will be sent an email requesting that a photo be uploaded for the free travel pass. Photo passes are required for contracted and public buses and trains. For public buses you will receive a Freedom Pass which can be used on most public bus services in the County on weekdays and weekends during term time. Please take note of any restrictions on use and charges for replacement passes.

### **Behaviour**

Pupils are expected to behave appropriately on school transport, public buses and trains. The County Council, schools, Police and transport providers treat poor behaviour and vandalism very seriously. CCTV from the vehicles may be used and disciplinary action may be taken.

Disciplinary action may include privileges taken away at school, detentions and even exclusion, depending on the behaviour. Transport operators have the right to refuse entry to a bus, coach or train if the child is causing a problem or endangering others. Damage to a vehicle may have to be paid for.

The County Council will support bans from school transport where appropriate. If your child continually misbehaves or endangers the safety of school or public buses, they will lose their place on school transport. If your child is banned or loses their place on school transport, you will be expected to make your own arrangements to take your child to and from school.

### **Bullying**

Bullying of any kind will not be accepted on any transport, at any time. If your child is being bullied on school transport, please report it to the school and the Transport Hub. For further advice please visit our website at: [eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/bullying)

### **Bad weather**

If there is bad weather overnight, please check [eastsussex.gov.uk](http://eastsussex.gov.uk) and school websites. If your school is closed, don't send your child to their stop. If your school is open there may be delays to transport, so make sure your child knows what you want them to do if their transport doesn't arrive.

Your school may decide to close early. All efforts are made to ensure there is transport in place. Please make sure your child knows what you want them to do in these circumstances. Sign up for closure alerts from your child's school at [eastsussex.gov.uk/alerts](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/alerts)

### **Missing the bus**

Please make sure your child is on time for the bus, train or hired transport. If they miss it, you may need to make alternative arrangements to get them to or from school. Please make sure your child knows how and where to contact you. If your child is involved in any after or before school activities you will need to arrange transport.

### **Emergencies**

If there is an emergency, your child should listen to instructions from the driver who needs cooperation from all passengers to ensure their safety. Please also ensure that you have the contact details for the operator of your service to and from school in case you need them, and that your child knows how to contact you or another carer.

### **Moving house**

If you move house, we need to know:

- Free transport pass holders – Contact the Admissions and Transport team to confirm if transport is still free.

- Paying transport pass holders – Contact the Mainstream Transport team to update them.

We cannot guarantee immediate transport if changes are short notice. It will be your responsibility to get them to school in this case.

### **Lost travel pass**

Your child is responsible for having a valid pass. Without one, they may be refused transport. If your child has lost their pass you will need to apply and pay for a new one. Further information is available online on the East Sussex County Council website [eastsussex.gov.uk](http://eastsussex.gov.uk)

## **Important information for pupils on the journey**

**A quick guide for when you are travelling to and from school on buses, trains or coaches.**

### **Passes**

Always show your pass to the driver or at the station. If you don't have your pass with you be prepared to pay for travel.

Only you can use your pass, you can't swap or borrow anyone else's. Keep your pass somewhere safe and in good condition.

### **Safety**

When walking to the bus stop or train station, walk in groups where possible. If it's dark, make sure you are wearing reflective clothing. When you cross a road, make sure you are paying attention; don't wear headphones, use crossings where you can and don't cross behind large vehicles as you can't see behind them.

Try to arrive ten minutes before your coach, bus or train is due to leave. When waiting for your train, stand back from the platform edge.

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**Willingdon**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Instrumental and Vocal lessons at Willingdon Community School**

We are on a mission to bring the Magic of Music into as many of your homes as possible. Learning to play a musical instrument provides children with an experience that enriches their lives in so many ways.

Most of our Visiting Music Teachers come to us from Create Music. The only exception is our Singing teacher who is self-employed.

Through learning an instrument children learn musical skills that help develop a lifelong love of music. Research has also shown that there are many other benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument including:

- raising confidence and self-esteem
- improving teamwork, concentration, and many other skills for learning
- connecting with new people and broadening horizons
- improving their well-being by becoming happier and healthier

Lessons take place either individually or in small groups during the school day and I am pleased to confirm we are planning to start new pupils in the coming weeks.

If you would like to register your child for instrumental lessons, please apply directly via the Create Music website [www.createmusic.org.uk](http://www.createmusic.org.uk)

To find out more about help with fees for lessons with one of our Create Music teachers:

[East Sussex Bursaries | Create Music](#)

To find out about the Eastbourne Music Centre and its activities for current instrumental learners:

[Music Groups | Create Music](#)

If your child is interested in having singing lessons, please see a separate letter from our Singing teacher.

I very much hope that your child will be interested in learning to play an instrument and experience the Magic of Music.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Kind regards,

Mr Parry  
Head of Department for Music  
[sparry@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:sparry@willingdonschool.org.uk)

# Angelica Vocal Academy

[www.angelicavocalacademy.com](http://www.angelicavocalacademy.com)

Dear Parents.

## Re: Singing lessons.

My name is Lavinia Salisbury and I have been a vocal coach for 25 years. I work in different schools across the area and also run a 60 strong choir called Angelica Vocal Academy. We rehearse at Willingdon School on a Wednesday Evening.

I will be offering private singing lessons during school time as of this term. Pupils can either have one on one or share with another pupil. I work on breath control, diction, performance skills and confidence building. The lessons are £16 per half an hour for one on one lesson, and £8 for a shared lesson.

Fees can be paid on a weekly or term basis, ( payable 1 week before end of term)

Please fill in the form below if you would like your child to have lessons during the school day.

Yours sincerely

**Lavinia Salisbury**

[lavinia-angelica@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lavinia-angelica@hotmail.co.uk)

07912380163

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Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like my child to have private/shared singing lessons I would like to pay termly/weekly.**

**Parents Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lavinia Salisbury. 109 Eastbourne Road, Lower Willingdon, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 9NE. Tel: 079712380163 email: [lavinia-angelica@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lavinia-angelica@hotmail.co.uk)



Head of Year  
Mr Roche

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# Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Mr Roche and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Pastoral Lead and Head of Year for Year 7. It has been a pleasure visiting lessons this week and seeing the exceptional conduct and positive attitude your children have shown. Their professionalism, maturity, and enthusiasm are a credit to both themselves and the school. I am very proud of the progress they've made since starting at Willingdon and I look forward to supporting them as they transition through Year 7 and into Year 8.

## Attendance Update

The current attendance rate for Year 7 stands at 95%. While this is a strong figure, we are aiming for a minimum of 96% in the lower years to ensure that students build strong attendance habits early. Attendance is a key factor in academic success and helps to instil the discipline and commitment expected in the workplace. Your support in helping us achieve this target is greatly appreciated.

## Activities Day – 21st July

A reminder that our Year 7 Activities Day will take place on the 21st July. There are still a number of students who have not yet signed up. As we are approaching the deadline, I kindly ask that you log into ParentPay as soon as possible to secure your child's place. If students have not signed up by the cut-off date, we will need to assign them to the remaining available options.

## Celebrating Student Success

We are very proud to share some recent student achievements:

- Congratulations to Talal G, who won our recent short story writing competition. His creativity and writing skills were exceptional – please see the attached pictures showcasing this fantastic accomplishment.
- A huge well done to Calista S-S, who has qualified for the NSEA National Eventers Challenge Championship at Hickstead. This half-term, she competed in the National Championship class, representing Willingdon as an individual rider. Out of 180 entries in the 70–75cm class, Calista delivered a superb clear round, finishing 22nd out of 180 starters – just 7 seconds off the winning time. Qualifying for this level of competition is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her success.
- Well done to our Year 7 students, including Abbie C, Ella M and Erin A, who had a sweet treat with the team in recognition of their performance this week.

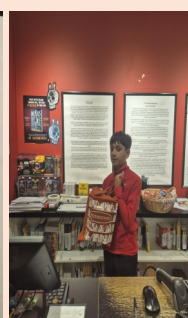
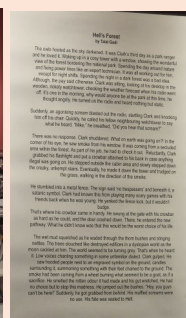
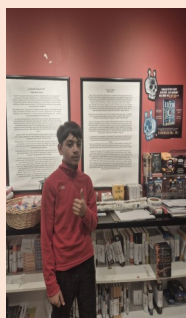
These accomplishments reflect the outstanding talent and dedication within our year group, and we look forward to celebrating many more achievements throughout the term.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Naylor and the entire Year 7 team for their outstanding support and leadership. Their work has laid a strong foundation, and I am committed to continuing this journey of excellence.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to working with you and your children over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mr Roche







Head of Year  
Mr Keast / Ms Johnson

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

# Year 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's been lovely to see our Year 8 students return this week full of energy and ready to take on the final half term of the year. There's a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks, and it's been fantastic to see such a positive and settled start.

We'd like to take a moment to celebrate one of our students who has been making wonderful achievements outside of school. A huge well done to Iris S, who has been busy winning an impressive collection of trophies, rosettes and certificates at recent dog shows. Iris dedicates a lot of time to looking after her Cocker spaniel, Ivy, and has trained her to perform some amazing tricks. Her hard work, commitment and care really shine through, and we are all so proud of what she has achieved. Iris dreams of one day competing at Crufts, and we have no doubt she's on the right path!

We are also delighted to welcome to the year team Ms Catherine Johnson, who will join me as joint Head of Year 8, and Mrs Carrie Meanwell, our new Pastoral Lead. Mrs Meanwell is already making connections with students and brings with her a wealth of experience and a genuine care for young people.

They would like to introduce themselves with the following messages:

"My name is Ms Johnson and I am very excited to be returning to my Head of Year role in September. Not least because I believe this is a fantastic year group with amazing potential, who will now be supported by myself, Mr Keast and Ms Meanwell. Whilst I am not stepping fully into the role until September I have already begun to work with the team and started to get know your children. If you need to talk to me about any concerns please email me [cjohnson@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:cjohnson@willingdonschool.org.uk). We have an exciting year ahead of us with Year 9 options to pick and I look forward to working with you, your children and the team".

"I would like to introduce myself, my name is Mrs Carrie Meanwell, and I am the new Pastoral Lead for Year 8. I am looking forward to working with the year group, focussing on welfare and behaviour. If your child needs support at school, whether it be regarding friendship issues, worries about any of their lessons or they are feeling anxious about anything at all, they are very welcome to come to me at break or lunchtimes. Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child at school. You can reach me on ext. 211 or email [pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk)."

Finally, I'd like to inform you of an update to our detention system. From this week onwards, students will be given a detention slip and are expected to take responsibility for attending their own detentions. If a student misses their detention, they will be given one final opportunity to attend, but any further non-attendance will result in an after school detention. We are encouraging students to take ownership of their behaviour and follow through with consequences in a mature and responsible way.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns — we are always here to help.

With best wishes,

**The Year 8 Team**







Head of Year  
Mr Gordon

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# Year 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's new Head of Year. It has been a pleasure to begin working with the Year 9 cohort, and I am very much looking forward to supporting your child and the year group as they progress on their journey into Key Stage 4.

Throughout this week, I have undertaken a number of lesson walkthroughs, and I have been impressed with the focus and positive attitude demonstrated by the vast majority of students. Their engagement and readiness to learn have been clear to see, and I am excited about the potential they hold as they prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

As we work together to support your child's academic and personal development, I would like to kindly ask for your continued support in reinforcing the school's expectations at home.

- All students must wear the correct school uniform, including their blazer, unless it is a designated PE day when they must wear their full PE kit. The new compulsory PE shorts are available to purchase at the school reception or on ParentPay.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times and students must arrive equipped with a school bag and all the necessary equipment for their lessons.
- Punctuality is essential – students should be on time to every lesson to maximise their learning time and support their progress.

By working in partnership, we can ensure that all students are set up for success as they move towards Key Stage 4 and embarking on their GCSE journey.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch [pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk)

Kind regards

Mr Gordon

**Head of Year 9**



Congratulations to the five Year 9 students who were awarded 'Treats with the Team' this week. Students were rewarded for their focus and hard work demonstrated in lessons. Keep up the great work all as you embark on the final part of your journey in Key Stage 3 and on to Year 10 and your Key Stage 4 pathway.

## EXAM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Subject	Start time	Duration	Location
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	English	1.30pm	1 Hour	Sports Hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths	8.50am	1 Hour 15 minutes	Sports Hall

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**Willingdon**  
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# Exam Success

Memorable      Personal      Timing      Test      Sleep



Dear Parent & Carers

Your child will begin studying GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature next academic year. The texts they will be studying for GCSE Literature are:

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

A collection of poems from the AQA anthology

Students have previously found it useful to purchase study guides to support their learning in Years 10 and 11. We have been able to get a discounted rate for copies of each of these and would be happy to order them should you wish to purchase any for your child. Please be aware that students will be provided with a poetry anthology next year.

Many students find it useful to have their own copy of the set texts so that they can annotate it in lesson and take it home for independent revision. Therefore, you may also wish to purchase copies of A Christmas Carol, Romeo & Juliet and An Inspector Calls studied as part of the English Literature GCSE. Students will be provided with the AQA Anthology of Poetry by the school in Term 6 of Year 10.

If you would like to purchase these texts, you can do so via parent pay. The cost for each item is below. We regret that we are unable to accept cash or cheques for orders. The closing date for our first order will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

These items are all available online should you not wish to purchase them through the school.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Jenkins-Daynes

Deputy Head of Department

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### Prices for CGP Study Guides

CGP Guide for <u>An Inspector Calls</u>	£3.30
CGP Guide for <u>Romeo and Juliet</u>	£3.30
CGP Guide for <u>A Christmas Carol</u>	£3.30
CGP Guide for <u>AQA Poetry Anthology</u>	£3.30
CGP Guide for <u>AQA English Language</u>	£3.30

### Prices for Texts

<u>Romeo &amp; Juliet</u>	£3.50
<u>A Christmas Carol</u>	£3.00
<u>An Inspector Calls</u>	£8.50





Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you as we wrap up the first week back, to introduce myself and Mrs Taylor as the new Pastoral Team for Year 10. We have been gratefully received by the year group this week and it has been great seeing the students in lessons and getting to know them better. We have also been getting around to lessons to see them in action, and it has been brilliant to watch them working hard and getting stuck in.

Our three key focus points for the term ahead are: attendance to school, punctuality to lessons and wearing the correct uniform consistently on a daily basis. I am pleased to share that the large majority of students are already meeting these expectations and have made an excellent return to school this week, which is really encouraging to see.

We have also started using coaching time to support revision ahead of the upcoming mock exams. This is a great opportunity for students to get prepared and feel confident. If you could support with students coming into school with revision materials, their coaches can support their revision. Please see the exam timetable below, and do encourage students to make the most of the support available to them.

Finally, should you need to get in touch, please do email [pastoral-10@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral-10@willingdonschool.org.uk)

Enjoy your weekend ahead.

**The Year 10 Team**

	<b><u>Year 10 Mock Exams</u></b>		
	<b>8.45am Start</b>		<b>12.30pm Start</b>
<b>Thurs 12th June</b>	Art 2hrs (Ar1) start @8.30am		
<b>Thurs 19th June</b>	Business Studies 1h 45m	<b>Thurs 19th June</b>	Psychology 1hr 30m Dance 1hr
<b>Fri 20th June</b>	Sociology 1hr 45m Latin 1hr	<b>Fri 20th June</b>	Geography 1hr 30m
<b>Mon 23rd June</b>	DT 2hr	<b>Mon 23rd June</b>	Child Care 1hr 30m French Writing H 1hr20m/ F 1hr15m
	<b><u>Year 10 Mock Exams</u></b>		
	<b>8.45am Start</b>		<b>12.30pm Start</b>
<b>Mon 30th June</b>	Food 1hr 45m	<b>Mon 30th June</b>	PE GCSE 1hr 30m
<b>Tues 1st July</b>	Drama 1hr 45m	<b>Tues 1st July</b>	Spanish Writing H 1hr20m/ F 1hr15m
<b>Wed 2nd July</b>	History 1hr	<b>Wed 2nd July</b>	Music 1hr 15m



Head of Year

Mr Gordon

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# Year 11



I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all Year 11 students for another successful week of their GCSE examinations. The students have continued to conduct themselves with maturity, focus, and a positive attitude throughout this important period.

As we move further into the exam season, I would like to remind students that they are expected to attend school for any remaining subject lessons where they still have exams. These lessons are vital for final preparation and support and teachers are planning these lessons ready for students attendance.

I would also like to commend those students who have been attending lessons this week, your commitment is appreciated and will make a real difference to your outcomes.

Students are not required to stay in school for subjects in which they have completed their exams. Once they have attended the necessary lessons, they may sign in and out at student support.

Can you please also remind your child that they should be wearing their school uniform when they come into school for their exams and lessons.

Thank you for your continued support as we help students through the final stages of their GCSE exams.

Kind regards

**Mr Gordon**

## Revision Support

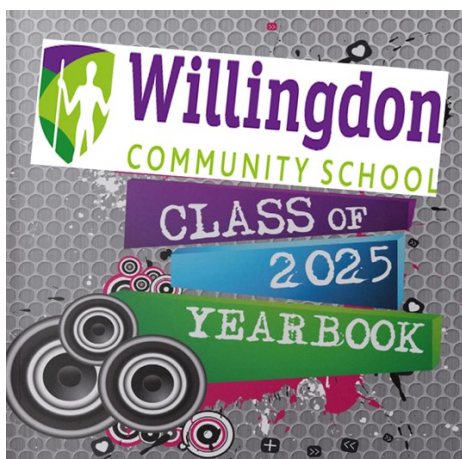
Please encourage your child to attend lessons in school for the subjects that they still have exams. Students that arrive at 8.30am need to go straight to the canteen to get registered. Students are able to sign in and out before and after lessons they attend.



Our team of Learning Mentors, will continue to run sessions daily after school **Monday-Thursday 3-5pm** which are designed to provide valuable support for your child to help prepare them for their GCSE exams across all subjects. Please encourage them to attend these sessions if they would like this support.

### Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable for next week

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	1PE0 02	1h15m	Monday 09 June	13:00
NCFE	Early years Child development and care	603/7012/9	1h30m	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	1h30m	Wednesday 11 June	08:45
<b>CONTINGENCY SESSION</b>				<b>Wednesday 11th June</b>	<b>13.00</b>
AQA	Geography Paper 3 - Paper 3 Geographical applications	8035/3	1h30m	Thursday 12 June	08:45
AQA	Further Maths Paper 1	8365/1	1h45m	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



Your child has been sent a google form for them to attach up to 5 photos for the school memories section. Thank you for the photos that have been sent in to date, can you encourage you child to send in photos if they haven't already.

You can now make payment for the **Year 11 Yearbook** via ParentPay. The cost of the Yearbook will be £16. Collection of the Yearbook will hopefully be on GCSE Results Day. We will have very limited spare copies of the book to purchase on the collection day, so please ensure you purchase a copy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please ensure your child has completed the google form [Year 11 Yearbook Memories 2025](#) with their memories they wish to be included in the book.





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

If your child is attending the Year 11 Prom, please ensure they have completed their menu choices for their meal on the google form that has been emailed out to you. We need to forward this key information to the Cavendish Hotel so they can prepare for the evening.

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

 A price list for Hannah McPhee, a bridal makeup artist. The top section features a logo with a line drawing of a woman's face adorned with flowers, surrounded by the text 'BRIDAL MAKEUP ARTIST'. Below the logo is the name 'HANNAH MCPHEE'. The main title is 'Price List' in a large, elegant serif font, followed by 'PROM MAKE UP 2025' in a smaller, all-caps serif font. A table lists four services and their prices: 'Prom Make Up Trial' for £40, 'Prom Make Up' for £45, 'Prom Make Up x2' for £80, and 'Prom Make Up x3' for £105. At the bottom, the website 'www.hannahmcpheemakeup.com' and the phone number '07738256916' are provided.
 

Prom Make Up Trial	£40
Prom Make Up	£45
Prom Make Up x2	£80
Prom Make Up x3	£105

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 An advertisement for a 'PROM DRESS SPRING EVENT' by Lace & Favour. The top section features the event title in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the title is a photograph of three young women standing together, each wearing a different style of formal prom dress (green, white, and black). To the right of the photo, text announces that a new prom shop is open and offers a 10% discount on all prom dresses when the card is presented in-store. It describes the showroom's location and features, including a dedicated prom dress department with the latest styles and colors. It also mentions that party shoes and accessories are available. A deadline is set for reserving a dress for just £50. Below this, it states that all major credit cards are accepted and flexible payment terms are available, including Klarna, Pay In 3, and PayPal. The 'Showroom Opening Times' are listed as Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 5pm, with a prompt to 'BOOK ONLINE or CALL US TODAY!'. The address is given as Unit D1, Swallow Business Park, Diamond Drive, Lower Dicker, Hailsham, BN27 4EL. The phone number 01892 667571 and website www.laceandfavour.com are provided. The company name 'LACE & FAVOUR' is at the bottom, with 'EST. 2002' in smaller text below it.
 

**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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## UNIFORM

# SWAP SHOP

### Swap Shop

#### Donations welcomed from any Year 11 Leavers

We would be very grateful for any unwanted uniform that is in good condition to help the children & families within the school community.

We accept Blazers, PE Kit with logos, Pleated Skirts, Straight Skirts & Ties.

We don't accept White Shirts, Socks or Tights.

Please contact us on the email below:

[uniformswap@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:uniformswap@willingdonschool.org.uk) or bring items to Student Support once the exams are completed.

In addition to doing our bit to help the planet, we also hope to help our families avoid spending when we can provide things for little or no cost.



# Careers Page

## Career of the Week



### Youth Worker

**Youth Workers** guide and support young people aged 11 to 25 in their personal, social and educational development to help them reach their full potential.

#### Skills

- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to work well with others
- Customer service skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- Knowledge of psychology

#### Routes into the industry

- Most qualified youth workers possess an accredited diploma in higher education or postgraduate diploma in Youth and Community Work.
- You also need to gain experience through volunteering and will often have the opportunity to gain qualifications in youth work practice offered by awarding bodies.

#### Subjects

English and Mathematics, plus Health and Social Care, Psychology and Sociology.

#### Salary\*

Ranging from £18,000 for a youth worker and up to £40,000 for a local authority youth service manager.

#### Jobs

Growth in the South West will increase by 17% from by 2027, creating 7,955 jobs.

\*In 2019 the national average salary was £30,378

This figure will go up or down, depending on your location.



## CAREERS WEBSITES

The **National Careers Service** website helps with exploring careers and includes the qualifications needed, salary, career progression opportunities and the daily tasks involved. You can also take a skills assessment to find out

**Prospects** includes a quiz to help explore the various jobs that might suit you best. It also includes tips on CVs, interviews and applying for jobs: [Prospects](#)

**Career Pilot** allows you to choose a subject that you enjoy and to see where it might lead as a career: [Careerpilot website](#)

Careerometer is a tool to compare jobs on criteria such as salary and working hours: [Careerometer website](#)

**UCAS** includes information on almost all universities & colleges; their courses, the entry requirements and other useful information: [UCAS website](#)

Universities may ask for certain grades in specific subjects or they may ask for a sum of UCAS points e.g. 120 UCAS points. The table on the right shows how many points each A level grade is worth. For other courses such as T Levels and BTECs, the **UCAS tariff calculator** can be used:

A LEVEL GRADE	UCAS POINTS
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

The **Apprenticeships** website: [Gov.uk apprenticeships](#) can be used to search and apply for apprenticeships

# Community



**IMPLEMENT SPEED  
CONTROL ON OUR ROAD.  
PRIORY ROAD  
EASTBOURNE BN23 7AX  
LANGLEY**



change.org

On Friday my cat Oliver also lost his life on this road due to reckless drivers.

Please sign this petition and aid us in our call for immediate action to protect our community.

# **AUDIOACTIVE**

## **FREE SUMMER HAF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 – 16**

Who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals

### **PRODUCE, WRITE & RECORD MUSIC**

@ Leaf Hall, 51 Seaside, Eastbourne

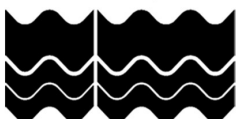
19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd August 10:30am – 2:30pm

Free lunch provided

Register for a place at  
[www.eequ.org/audioactive](http://www.eequ.org/audioactive)



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