

Parent Bulletin

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Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

7th June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to the parents who submitted questions for the Parent Forum this week. We had attendance at both the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 sessions and were able to address the areas parents wanted. One parent emailed us afterwards and was happy for me to share with you all her comment: "Just wanted to say thank you for holding the forum this evening, it was very useful to hear the various updates and I find it great that you hold these events even when there is a low turn out. You could easily just postpone or not hold them but it's commendable that you still make the effort to update those that show up." We do understand how busy parents are but we are very keen to continually reach out to you all and do our best to work alongside you in developing the children within our community.

We discussed at the Parent Forum our plans to hold 3 separate Key Stage 3 parents evenings next year to allow parents 3 chances to book appointments. We have also agreed these evenings will vary in form as parent voice is split on what is the best style. One evening will be held in person, one will be in person then online and then one evening will be entirely online. This will enable teachers who teach 5 classes within a year group to spread out their appointments. We thank parents for raising this topic and hope the current solution sounds a good step forward. We also talked about the importance of communication. If you do not get a reply within 48 working hours, please do email talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk We discussed with parents the importance of giving us 48 hours to reply as some staff teach 26/30 lessons and deliver intervention and clubs after school so we do need to ensure that time is provided. If it is urgent, you have the pastoral mail boxes you can contact where the Progress Support Leads are non teachers and are more available:

pastoral-7@willingdonschool.org.uk

pastoral-8@willingdonschool.org.uk

pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk

pastoral-10@willingdonschool.org.uk

pastoral-11@willingdonschool.org.uk

Please also ensure when you contact us via Edulink or email you address the email to one staff member. Often, staff do not know who is being asked to reply which has been part of the issue with some communications.

I would like to draw your attention to the Year 9 letter in this bulletin. We do need all Year 9 parents to attend or read the information that we send through after. There are some significant plans to discuss with the year group and it would be best to discuss the plans in person with our year group community.

As many of you know, we had our lower school awards evening early this year so we will be moving the one planned in Term 6 to the early part of next academic year. Miss Brown will be in touch with more details before the end of the term.

We are really excited to start planning our own mock election day at Willingdon. We look forward to educating students about the importance of the vote and the influence they can have aged 18 and above at determining the future government. We will ensure to update parents from this experience with how things go. We are hoping students will want to get actively involved in this process.

Best wishes,

Mrs May
Headteacher

Key dates

June

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

YEAR 6 TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 26TH JULY

July

1st - Yr 10 College Taster Day - Eastbourne

2nd - Yr 6 Taster Day (1)

3rd - Yr 6 Taster Day (2)

5th - Yr 11 Prom

9th - Yr 6 Coffee Morning

10th - Yr 10 Mock Interview Day

11th - Phoenix Festival

12th - Yr 10 Taster Day - BACA

15th/19th - Morfa Bay

23rd - End of Term 6

WILLINGDON SUMMER SCHOOL (YEARS 5 - 8)

MONDAY 29TH - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

With the increasing temperature, blazers are not required, but jumpers are not to be worn in their place.

YEAR 7 - CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURE - TUESDAY 2ND AND TUESDAY 16TH JULY

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE ON THIS TRIP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND, PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT ON PARENTPAY TO SECURE A PLACE.



St Wilfrid's Hospice Seahorse Stroll Sat 14th Sept 2024

Hello,

I just wanted to let you know about an exciting new event hosted by the Seahorse Project here at St Wilfrid's Hospice. Our Seahorse Stroll is a chance for any bereaved child, aged between 6 and 17 years and their families, to come together on Saturday 14th September 2024, 1.30 pm – 4pm at Princes Park Eastbourne BN22 7AE, to remember loved ones who have died.

Children in previous years have shared how they have benefited from seeing other families who have suffered loss, and this helps to relieve a sense of loneliness in grief.

We will be organising an art activity on the day along with a picnic and a short stroll around the park giving young people the opportunity to lay a lantern of remembrance.

Registration is now open on our website and entry is free.

For further information and any questions please contact us on hospice@stwhospice.org





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If you are interested in teaching, please come along to one of our Open Days:

Saturday 22 June 2024

Saturday 12 October 2024

Friday 01 November 2024

Saturday 23 November 2024

All the above events will run from 9.30 am - 3pm

You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary route.

Visit our website to see the Enrichment clubs on offer for Term 6

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



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, 22nd 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 2nd August between 9am - 1pm

Friday, 23rd August between 9am – 1pm

Friday, 30th August between 9am – 1pm

Please note any orders placed after the 27th 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 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 1st 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 by Monday, 22nd 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 2nd 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

Year 8

REMINDER - Year 8 Geography Students

Geography Coastal Fieldtrips - 21st / 27th June

If you have not already completed the Google form for the coastal field trip to Eastbourne seafront (original email sent 23rd/24th May), could you please do so at your earliest convenience. Please contact Mrs Collins via collins@willingdonschool.org.uk if you have any queries regarding this compulsory trip.

Year 9

Year 9 Meeting - 'Getting GCSE Ready' - 2nd July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite you to a special event we are holding to prepare Year 9s now for the step up to Key Stage 4.

'Getting GCSE ready and moving forward with momentum' will take place in the main school hall on Tuesday, 2nd July. There will be two opportunities to attend this evening with two sittings between 5.30-6.15pm and 6.15-7pm. It is really important that parents or carers attend with your child so that everyone involved hears the same messages.

Please complete the google form below to register which session you will be attending.

[Year 9 Meeting - 'Getting GCSE Ready' - 2nd July 2024](#)

If you are unable to attend, it will be important to read the powerpoint sent out afterwards which will detail the changes happening to your child's year group.

Best wishes

Mrs May

Headteacher

Year 11

GCSE results day is Thursday 22nd August. Students are able to pick up results in person from the school between 10am -12pm. If they are unable to collect in person the school will need a letter or email from the student (using their own email address) confirming the name of the person collecting on their behalf. The nominated person must bring in photo ID when collecting the results.

All exam boards have a system of post-results services. This can take the form of a clerical check, a review of marking of an examination script or the review of moderation of coursework. These are the various processes by which students can verify that their examination work has been marked accurately. Willingdon Community School follows all procedures identified in the latest version of the JCQ publication Post-Results Services. Please refer to the information that will be made available on the school website this week, it will detail key dates and fees associated with the different post-result services available.

You will find all of our exam's information and procedures on the school website <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/our-school/gcse-exam-results>

Should you have any queries regarding any of the above please contact us on:

Exams@willingdonschool.org.uk

Year 11 Prom Information

Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne - Friday 5th July 2024

Carriages to arrive from 6pm with welcome drinks available till 7pm

Food to be served from 7.30pm

Prom will finish at 12am

There will be soft drinks available to purchase from a bar so students will need to bring money or use contactless for these.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase additional photos.

Careers



Year 9 Future Fields Event

Wednesday 3rd July

10am - 2pm

Exciting opportunity for Year 9 to attend an on-site STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event at Plumpton College. The event will showcase how STEM subjects are used within all of Plumpton's land and environment-based departments through practical and engaging workshops. Students will be able to see how industry employers and businesses are utilising STEM in the workplace with a dedicated exhibitor space for students to explore.

Cost is £13.90 and is available to book on ParentPay

Spaces will be limited and first come, first served.

Please email srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk if you have any questions.



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SUMMER 2024

Careers

Bexhill College Taster Day – Friday 12th July

Bexhill College have extended the deadline for Year 10 Taster Day applications to 24th June. They have advised that they cannot guarantee that all subject combinations will be possible, but that they will do their best to accommodate everyone.



Bexhill 6th Form College

The link to book is <https://www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/taster-days-tours/>

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Things are on the move in the garden!

The lillies in the bog pond are almost in flower and the wisteria gave us our first few flowers.

The broad beans have flowered, and pods have appeared.

Radishes have been thinned and are flourishing and the peas are starting to climb.

Students have been busy and continue to repot tomato plants into small pots and are enjoying their progress.

Watch this space for more updates.



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Class 7AN2, shocked by what they learned about access to education in some parts of the world whilst researching content for a spoken word assessment -

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