

# Parent Bulletin

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**Willingdon**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

8th November 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and feel refreshed after the long eight week first term we had. We spent two days of our Inset on training linked to our school priorities. Teachers are looking at opportunities to promote greater oracy within their classes. We need to help students gain more confidence to speak eloquently and articulately and utilise the language of their subject areas. Since Covid, teachers have regained a lot of the control and all too often can teach at the front. We want to challenge the 'desk top' truancy and ensure students are fully engaged, owning their own learning journeys.

This week we have held our first trial KS3 parents evening. We will give parents a chance to feedback on this trial model once the three nights are completed at the end of November. There will always be learning points and we are keen to hear how we can make the model work better for you, if there are things we can easily do to improve. Some parents came without their children - we ideally want them with you if possible as it is important they hear the feedback too and can contribute to discussions on steps forward to make better progress.

We have our Illuminate Firework Extravaganza tonight and we look forward to seeing many of you this evening. The Friends have also launched a wreath making evening on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. We hope parents consider this opportunity too.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs May  
**Headteacher**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## TERM 2

### **NOVEMBER 2024**

**YEARS 10 & 11 THEATRE TRIP** - An Inspector Calls - Tuesday 12th November

**KS3 PARENT EVENINGS** - Wednesday 13th & Wednesday 27th November

**INFLUENZA NASAL SPRAY (ALL YEAR GROUPS)** - Friday 15th November

**CHILDREN IN NEED DAY** - Friday 15th November

**YEAR 7 NATURAL HISTORY TRIP** - Wednesday 20th November

**KS4 & LEAVERS AWARDS EVENING** - Thursday 21st November

**YEAR 9 AND YEAR 8 FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE TRIP** - Friday 29th November

### **DECEMBER 2024**

**PARENT FORUM (ONLINE)** - Wednesday 4th December

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** - Monday 9th December

**YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS** - Wednesday 11th December

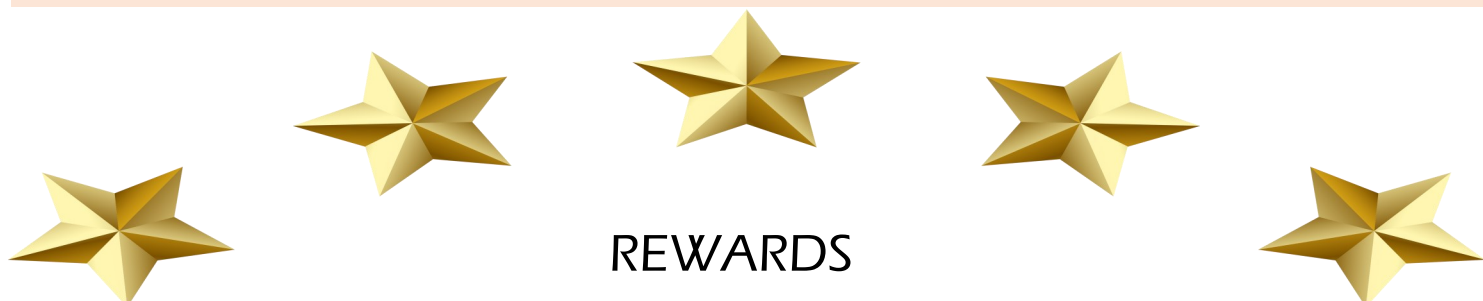
**YEAR 10 PARENT EVENING** - Thursday 12th December

**YEAR 7 NATURAL HISTORY TRIP** - Friday 13th December

**YEAR 7 THEATRE TRIP - 101 DALMATIANS** - Wednesday 18th December

**CRASH INTO CHRISTMAS CONCERT/FAYRE** - Thursday 19th December

**YEAR 7 DISCO** - Friday 20th December



We believe in recognising and celebrating our students' hard work, positive behaviour and academic achievements. We know that encouragement from both school and home can make a big difference in students' motivation and confidence. Alongside a range of reward points that can be awarded, all students have the opportunity for their 'Personal Excellence' and their 'Progress Every Lesson' to be acknowledged and rewarded in every lesson.

We hold three reward assemblies throughout the year (End of term 2, 4 and 6) to recognise the students who will have reached the milestones below.

### Reward Point Mile Stones

Reward	Points value
Bronze	250
Silver	500
Gold	750
Platinum	1000
Diamond	1500

## EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Friday 20th December 2024

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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

## INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2025

(Year 11 Mock Exams)

Friday 14th February 2025

( Year 11 Mock Exams)

**Friends**  
OF WILLINGDON

# Wreath Making Workshop

held at Willingdon Community School  
**Thursday 28th November 2024**  
hosted by Claire from Glenister's Florist.

**GLENISTER'S**  
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Doors open 6.30pm, to start at 7pm til 9pm  
£40pp to include a glass of Prosecco and festive treats.  
A raffle will be held during the event.  
Alcohol will be available to purchase.

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To book or for further details contact: [friends@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:friends@willingdonschool.org.uk)  
Tel: 01323 485254

The Friends of Willingdon are already planning the next amazing evening!  
Wreath Making - so why not gather some friends together and join us for a  
festive evening hosted by Claire from **Glenisters Florist**.

Please email [friends@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:friends@willingdonschool.org.uk) for further information and  
booking.



# FUNDRAISING

## Remembrance - Royal British Legion - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

We have been collecting donations for the Royal British Legion (RBL) through selling a variety of goods this week in tutor time and we will be around again on Monday 11th November. There is also a bake sale taking place as the tutees of 7ABE and 7RHA want to donate their proceeds also to the RBL and of course will earn extra House Points for their efforts. Cakes and goods will be sold for 50p or £1 should students wish to donate.



## Children In Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Willingdon students ALWAYS ask to support this amazing event. This year they have asked for a non-uniform day to raise funds for Children In Need.

Student Leaders are organising a 'Wear a Onesie Day'. All year groups are invited to wear a Onesie to school. If they do not have one or feel that they have outgrown theirs, they may wear their House Colours or their PE kit if they prefer.

ParentPay is open for donations for all students to make a donation and ALL the proceeds will be sent to Children in Need. There is the expectation that all students who take part in non-uniform day provide a contribution.



## Foodbank drop - Friday 29th November

Students are still bringing in goods for the Foodbank Collection. We will be making another drop at the end of November. Students are welcome to bring any more that they wish to donate to G2 and these will be added to the tutor group totals and delivered to the Foodbank.

### **Advance Notice**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day for St Wilfird's



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 📍 Eastbourne Sports Park  
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 Eastbourne  
 BN21 2UF

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL APPLICATION FOR HIRE FORM AND PRICE LIST.



### Paris Trip Medicines

Student Support have a number of medicines left over from the Paris trip. If you want/need to collect, please do so Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.



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. Earlier this month, your child experienced the excitement of seeing and hearing a demonstration of the instruments that are available to learn at Willingdon Community School. 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

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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)

**ENRICHMENT CLUB INFORMATION - Please be advised that, due to fixtures, Basketball is cancelled on Monday and Tuesday next week (11th/12th November)**



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Free lunch provided

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**YEARS 7 & 8**

# Willingdon

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

**NEW YEARS EVE ADVENTURES**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Thursday 2nd January 9.30am - 2.30pm

Friday 3rd January - 9.30am - 2.30pm



**CREATIVE**



**FUN**

### Multisport

Basketball, Football, Benchball  
Badminton, Table tennis, Just dance

**Students welcome from Year groups 4-8 from all schools**

### Team Challenges

Taskmaster, STEAM, Photography  
Logic Puzzles, Scavenger Hunt Team

### Rates

£40 per day per child.  
10% sibling discount  
PP students attending year 7 or 8 at  
Willingdon Community school 50%  
discounted rate

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



We hope you all had a lovely restful half term break and are ready to embrace Term 2! Can we please remind you that students should all have a fully stocked pencil case with them each day. If you haven't already done so, can you also please name your child's blazer and PE jacket as it is much easier for us to return it to them if they leave it anywhere!

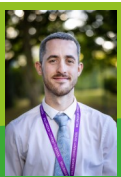
Some news from the year group from over half term - Calista and her brother took part in the London to Brighton veteran car run last week with the 1904 (120 year old!) Peugeot that has been in their family for 4 generations. This was an amazing experience – and the car managed the whole route!! Well done Calista!

**Year 7 Team**



## **YEAR NATURAL HISTORY / LONDON EYE TRIP - NOVEMBER 20th 2024**

All Year 7 students going on this trip have had the opportunity to see the coach lists and all parents and carers of children attending the Year 7 trips have been emailed final information. If any parent has not received this, or has any queries, please contact Mr Bradford - [jbradford@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:jbradford@willingdonschool.org.uk)



Head of Year  
Mr Keast

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

# Year 8

We hope that all Year 8s have had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and are feeling motivated to continue their great start to the academic year. It was amazing to meet with so many of you on Thursday at our KS3 Parent Evening and we are looking forward to meeting with more of you in the further evenings. If you haven't already, don't forget to book with your child's teachers for Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November!

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Keast

**Head of Year 8**

## FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE TRIP

We are opening the trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester to our Year 8 students as there are still places available. The trip will take place on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We will be travelling by coach leaving the school at 8.30am. Students will get the opportunity to explore the museum and grounds and then take part in one of two workshops. We hope to return to school by 3.30pm.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, a covered eating area is provided by the museum.

The total cost of the trip is £31 to cover the cost of transport, entrance to the museum and workshop and insurance.

Payment for the trip by ParentPay can be made from Monday and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Many thanks

G Ellwood







Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 9



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## Year 9 Options – student voice round 2

Thank you to the entire year group who gave their voice on the options process and the subjects they want to pursue.

In order to make sure this could work in reality, it is essential we get 100% of responses for round 2 which includes option blocks below in which students will be asked to choose a subject from each block and provide feedback.

Please complete the form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: <https://forms.gle/8omEWG5zavHtVkor7>

A reminder of the process:

- w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December – Options Booklet published
- January: Options assemblies
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January Period 5 and Period 6 – Student taster sessions
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 5pm-7pm – Parents/Carers Curriculum information evening
- Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January – Dummy run of options completed on Google forms
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Final options forms completed on paper
- March 2025 – Parents/Carers informed of confirmed choices

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Geography	Spanish	ICT	Art
History	French	Dance	Drama
	Latin	DT	DT
	Geography	PE GCSE	PE GCSE
	History	Ethics	Child Development
	PE V-Cert	Food Preparation	Food Preparation
	Child Development	Music	Sociology
		Psychology	Business Studies
		Travel & Tourism	Psychology
		Business Studies	Astronomy



Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 9



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## REMINDER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to inform you that we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award to Year 9 students. The Award will be run through an enrichment club, which will be every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm in IT3. It must be stressed that students must commit 100% to the enrichment club. During this time, students will cover the content of the Award and develop the skills necessary to be successful during the expedition phase of the Award. The first enrichment club will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

To begin completing the Award, we are required to enroll the students onto the DofE online portal. This allows them to update all of their progress and create a profile for their DofE assessors to access and ensure they meet the criteria to gain the Bronze Award. **An initial enrolment fee of £35 is required per student. This can be made via ParentPay.** ParentPay will be opened this week and the deadline for the enrolment fee to be paid will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 at 3pm. We cannot accept any late enrolments after this deadline.

Willingdon Community School is unable to cover the full costs of the qualification, and we would require some parental contribution, particularly towards the expedition. When completing the expedition, students are required to spend 2 days hiking in the countryside and to camp overnight. We would also require the assistance of qualified assessors and insurance during the expedition. **A second payment of £55 per student to cover the expedition will be required by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This is also accessible via ParentPay and can be paid at any time in advance.** If payment is not received, your child will not be able to complete the expedition phase of the Award. Please be aware that some equipment will also need to be purchased for the expedition such as walking boots.

We have provisionally booked the expedition to take place on the following dates, and request that you save these dates in order to allow your child to complete the qualification:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (camping at Willingdon Community School)**

Further details of the expedition will be shared nearer the dates mentioned.

If you would like further information on the DofE Bronze Award, there will be an online parent/carer information evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 4.30-5pm. This will be held by myself and Katrina Gadsby-Clifford, our Operations Officer. If you would like to join this meeting to find out more, the link is: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 364 383 010 343

During this meeting, Katrina will give details on the four sections which students will have to pass to gain the qualification, these include the Physical section, Skill section, Volunteering section and Expedition.

I very much look forward to supporting the students through the course and am grateful for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the DofE qualification.

Kind regards,

Miss Leonard  
[dleonard@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:dleonard@willingdonschool.org.uk)



Head of Year  
Mr Cain

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# Year 9

It has been great welcoming the students back this week and hearing about their half term breaks. As we begin Term 2, we are having a real focus on meeting uniform standards/expectations. Any support that parents/carers can offer in ensuring that students are coming to school in all the correct uniform is hugely appreciated.

We had our first Parent Evening last night and it was great to see so many Year 9 students with parents/carers, having mature discussions about their studies and beginning to think ahead to their Option Choices. Over the coming weeks, more information will be shared with students in tutor time to support them in making the most informed choices for their Key Stage 4 studies. We also have two more Parent Evenings, please sign up for either Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November if you haven't already done so.

Thanks as always for your continued support of students in Year 9.

Mr. Cain

**Head of Year 9**



Head of Year  
Mr Roche

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# Year 10

Welcome back to Term 2! We are excited to start this positive six-week journey leading up to Christmas, filled with plenty of exciting events and activities.

As we move into this term, we'd like to remind you of some key dates and events coming up:

- Friday, 8th November - Fireworks display at school from 6pm.
- Tuesday, 12th November - Year 10 and 11 trip to the Congress Theatre to watch An Inspector Calls.
- Tuesday, 19th November - Christmas Carol Show.
- Thursday, 21st November - Key Stage 4 Awards Evening.

These events offer wonderful opportunities for students to engage, learn, and celebrate together. We are thrilled for the experiences they will bring and look forward to your participation and support in making each one memorable.

Thank you all, and let's make this term a fantastic one!

Mr. Roche

**Head of Year 10**





Head of Year  
Mr Gordon

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# Year 11



Firstly, a warm welcome back to Term 2 and a big thank you for your support throughout this mock exam period. These will end early next week and our tutor focus will shift to college applications and ensuring all personal profiles are completed on the online portal.

Mrs Meanwell has been collating the leavers hoody orders, please contact her via email should you have any questions relating to this. Finally, good luck to our Year 11 football team as they travel to Bedes next week in round 2 of the County Cup.

As always, enjoy your weekend.

Mr Scowen

**Acting Head of Year 11**

# MOCK

# INTERVIEWS



## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

We are holding our Year 11 mock interview day to give students in this year group another opportunity to practice their interview technique before their college interviews.

**Are you able to support us with this or maybe you have family members or contacts that could possibly assist?**

The sessions will be at the following times and they may fit in with your other commitments.

You will be allocated 20 minutes for each interview which can be split as you see fit (e.g. a 10 minute interview & 10 minutes to write up notes). Those attending can participate in one, two or all three sessions, and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

### Session 1

8.40 - 9.00a.m.  
9.00 - 9.20a.m.  
9.20 - 9.40a.m.  
9.40 - 10.00a.m.  
10.00 - 10.20a.m.

### Session 2

11.00 - 11.20a.m.  
11.20 - 11.40a.m.  
11.40 - 12.00p.m.  
12.00 - 12.20p.m.  
12.20 - 12.40p.m.

### Session 3

1.20 - 1.40p.m.  
1.40 - 2.00p.m.  
2.00 - 2.20p.m.  
2.20 - 2.40p.m.  
2.40 - 3.00p.m.

If you are able to help, please email Sarah Rooney on [srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk](mailto:srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk) or call 01323 485254 ext 281.



# ICAN

CAREERS EVENT FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH  
THEIR PARENTS & CARERS

CAREERS EVENT

**Tuesday 26 November 2024**

**4:30PM – 7PM**

**THE KINGS CENTRE,  
EASTBOURNE BN23 6PT**

This event is aimed at those who might need a bit of additional support with their next steps into education, training or employment.

You are invited to meet education and training providers who offer a variety of career pathway options, employers and apprenticeship providers with current or future vacancies. You will have the opportunity to take part in mock interviews, pre-screening for live vacancies or work/skills discussion with an employer.

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