

Parent Bulletin

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Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

9th May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 10 students the very best of luck as they embark on their work experience placements next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to gain valuable insight into the world of work and develop important skills. If there are any concerns or issues during the placements, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Rooney at srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Congratulations to our Key Stage 3 students who have been working hard on their *Day of the Dead* competition entries – the creativity and effort shown so far have been outstanding, and the entries are looking incredibly strong. Well done to all involved!

We're also proud of our Year 11 students, who have been showing great commitment to their revision as we head into the final stretch before exams. We look forward to seeing many of them at the English revision session taking place in school tomorrow morning.

Finally, a reminder to all students to ensure they have booked their activity for the special day in July. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mr Smith at fsmith@willingdonschool.org.uk .

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs May
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 5

MAY

Mon 12th May - Yr 10 Work Experience Week,
Thurs 15th May - Yrs 7-9 Ocean Matters Award - Sea Life
(Brighton)

SAVE THE DATE

YEAR 11 School Prom - Friday, 4th July

INSET DAYS 2024-2025

Friday, 27th June 2025

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Tuesday 22nd July 2025
(staggered by year group from 12.20pm-

INSET DAYS 2025-26

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025
Day after Year 6 October Open Evening – Friday 3rd
October 2025 Date TBC
Monday, 3rd November 2025
Monday, 5th January 2026
Thursday, 25th June 2026



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 | YEAR 11 |
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| Jake W 7SMI | Isla B 8REL | Enzo S 9DMA | Poppy B 10JHA | Oliva W 11LCN |
| Brooke G 7ALE | Jonah W 8CEW | Leah S 9GEL | Hollie 10EOR | Cameron P 11CHO |
| Georgina-Marie K 7NWE | Imogen S 8BMA | Joshua F 9PHI | Matthew B 10MDU | Lauren R 11CHO |
| Finn W 7JWI | Emily S 8GST | Finley S 9PHI | Sophie H 10DMC | Megan R 11HAR |
| Leonard P 7EMC | Lola W 8BMA | Khandi B 9AME | Brianne H 10MDU | Josh S 11HPO |

ENRICHMENT CLUB INFORMATION

ESCAPE Club will not run on Wednesday, 21st May, but will return after the half term on Wednesday, 4th June. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Willingdon's Got

★ TALENT



The Willingdon Talent Show is an annual event organised by the Student Leadership Team showcasing the diverse talents of our students AND TEACHERS and raises money for our school projects.

What's your talent?



Come and audition!! Week of 19th May. Look out for posters and bulletins with more information.

Donate £1 via ParentPay for a ticket to be in our audience and watch the LIVE auditions!!! Support your friends and enjoy our entertainment show.

Acts—please email students4students with your name, tutor group and the type of act you are!

Krakow Trip 2025 – An emotional and memorable experience!

14 students recently returned from an emotional and memorable 4 day trip to Krakow, Poland on a trip filled with History!

After a 4am start, we arrived safely in Krakow and almost immediately set out to complete a walking tour of the Jewish quarter of Krakow. Despite the harrowing content, our tour guide Chris provided an informative and light hearted history of the local area.

The following day provided a guided tour of the Jewish museum where we had the absolute privilege of meeting a Holocaust survivor. Anne spoke with us for an hour about her experiences in what was a truly incredible part of the trip. She has written a message to all Willingdon Students inside a book which is available to read in the school library. We then went on a trip to Oskar Schindler's enamel factory which provided an overview of Jewish life in Poland throughout World War Two.

Highlight is perhaps a strange word to use, but after speaking with all students, the standout experience of the trip was our trip to Auschwitz and Birkenau. Students and staff alike agreed that we would hand in phones and cameras for this part of our trip as a mark of respect, we wanted to reflect in the moment and not treat it as a tourist attraction. We were guided around Auschwitz itself and all students were reflective throughout, particularly as we passed through the gas chambers. We were then guided around Birkenau and many of us were stunned at the sheer scale and size of it. We ended this day with some reflection time and all students wrote a personal message in a book about the Holocaust which is available to read in the school library.

Aside from the history, students had memorable pro-social experiences including a visit to the Salt Mines of Wieliczka, shopping in the beautiful old town of Krakow as well as visiting local attractions such as the local football stadium and the fire breathing Wawel Dragon!

A massive thank you to Miss Walters, Mrs Collins and Mr Edwards for making this trip so memorable for all students!

Mr A Edwards
Teacher of History





Head of Year
Mrs Muller / Mrs Naylor

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Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers

We used our assembly last week to celebrate some of our incredible students' achievements in Science recently! The first was a group poster competition with chocolate prizes for the top three groups in Year 7 - well done to these students on their outstanding pieces of work! The second was for those students who have completed our Oceans Matter project over the last few months, congratulations to all who took part in this challenge! We are so proud of how ambitious these students have been and look forward to celebrating more success throughout the remainder of the year.

The Year 7 Team



Head of Year
Mr Keast

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Year 8

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another productive week, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the fantastic things that have been happening in Year 8.

During our 'Read and Reflect' coaching session this week, our students explored the important topic of Deaf Awareness Week. This was a valuable opportunity for them to learn more about the experiences of those within the Deaf community and how we can all be more inclusive and understanding in our everyday interactions. The learning didn't stop there - on Thursday, we were treated to a powerful and insightful assembly led by our very own Teacher of the Deaf, Mrs Wakefield. Her presentation gave students a deeper understanding of the challenges and successes faced by Deaf individuals, and we were incredibly proud of how respectfully and thoughtfully our students engaged with this topic. It was a perfect example of our Personal Excellence values in action—demonstrating compassion and respect!

Our Year 8 challenges are also in full swing, and it's been brilliant to see the excitement and team spirit they are inspiring across the year group. The 'Beat the Bell Tutor Challenge' is heating up, with 8REL and 8CFR taking a commanding lead! The competition is fierce, but friendly, and it's wonderful to see the effort students are putting into punctuality each morning. Remember, the coaching group at the top of the leaderboard at the end of the term will be rewarded with a well-earned pizza party—so every second really does count!

We are also over halfway through our Year 8 Term 5 Challenge, which is all about consistency and making great choices. Students who achieve 100% attendance and fewer than 10 behaviour points across the term will be invited to enjoy a relaxed afternoon out on the school fields. They'll have the chance to play sport or simply enjoy some time with friends—hopefully under a sunny sky!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a restful and happy weekend.

The Year 8 Team

Current Standings

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| 8NKL | 3 pts [+6] |
| 8TST | 5 pts [+1] |
| 8REL | 8 pts [+7] |
| 8BMA | 6 pts [+4] |
| 8RCR | 2 pts [+2] |
| 8CFR | 7 pts [+8] |
| 8GST | 4 pts [+3] |
| 8CEW | 1 pt [+5] |

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| 1 ST - 8REL (15PTS) |
| 1 ST - 8CFR (15PTS) |
| 2 ND - 8BMA (9PTS) |
| 3 RD - 8NKL (PTS) |
| 4 TH - 8GST (7PTS) |
| 5 TH - 8CEW (6PTS) |
| 5 TH - 8TST (6PTS) |
| 6 TH - 8RCR (4PTS) |

Year 8 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 23rd April → Wednesday 21st May



Year 8 - Clinic information for missed HPV vaccination

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Immunisation Service have recently attended your school for the **HPV (Human Papillomavirus)** vaccination.

If you have already completed a form and your child wasn't vaccinated in school, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form. Please refer to the 'How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated' section in this email.

If you did not return a consent form, but would like your child to receive this vaccination, it's not too late. Please see guidance below on how to complete an online consent form, which will re-open one working day after the school visit, and subsequently book an appointment.

How do I consent / refuse to my child having these vaccinations?

1. **Visit** the following web address: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV>
2. **Enter and confirm** your preferred email address – *you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. **Enter the school code: SX114592**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent - *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*
5. **Book an appointment** by following the steps below.

How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated?

1. **Follow this link:** <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/clinicbooking/booking> to book an appointment at one of our Community Catch up Clinics, for your child to receive the vaccination(s) – *You will require your booking reference number which can be found within the email you receive(d) from Cinnamon once your consent form has/had been submitted.*
2. **Arrange for an adult to accompany your child** to their clinic appointment.

If you are unable to complete the online form, wish to change your consent or have any trouble booking an appointment, please contact your local Immunisation Team on the appropriate telephone number below:

Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011:

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| Brighton Ext. 3789 | Chichester Ext. 8100 | Crawley Ext. 2043 | Heathfield Ext. 2080 | Uckfield Ext. 4931 | Worthing Ext. 8533 |
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YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO EASTBOURNE

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will shortly be receiving a letter regarding our upcoming Year 8 Geography trip to Eastbourne beach, in line with World Oceans Month and our 'Global Issues' topic for Term 6 with a particular focus on coastal areas.

The trip will involve a half day session with all students able to attend this curriculum trip on either Friday 13th June or Friday 20th June.

Students attending the morning session will be required to meet staff at the Wish Tower on Eastbourne seafront for 8:30am. After completing the trip a coach will take students back to school in time for lesson 4 where they will complete the rest of their school day.

Students attending the afternoon session will be picked up from school by the coach at the start of lesson 4 and driven to the seafront. After completing the trip we kindly ask that these students are collected by parents/carers from the Fishermen's Green car park along the seafront at 3:00pm.

While the coach company has been very kind in working with us to keep the transport costs as low as possible a small contribution will be necessary (we estimate this to be £6 currently, but will confirm when the trip letter is sent out shortly). This will be payable on ParentPay.

The trip will be organised by your child's Geography class (if you are unsure which class refers to your child please see the class code on their timetable).

Friday 13th June:

AM: 8AB1 (LCO) and 8AT2 (JBR)

PM: 8AM1 (LCO/JBR) and 8AN1 (JBR)

Friday 20th June:

AM: 8AB2 (JBR) and 8AT1 (BMA)

PM: 8AM2 (LCO) and 8AN2 (BMA/JBR)

A letter containing more details will be sent out shortly, but if you have any initial queries please email bmarshall@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Best wishes,

Miss Marshall

Teacher of Geography



Year 8 & Year 9



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Year 8/9 June 2026 Trip to Iceland

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you all due to an exciting opportunity that has arisen for a residential 5-day geography trip to Iceland in June 2026. The trip is aimed at current Year 8 and Year 9 cohorts.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and discover the volcanic and glacial landscapes first hand. This unique trip links into the geography curriculum at Willingdon, where we study glacial landscapes at Year 8 and tectonic hazards in Years 7 and 10. With such a wide range of activities, this trip is open to any interested students in these year groups.

The trip is planned to take place on Thursday, 25th June – Monday, 30th June. The trip has been planned and costed based on 35 students, who will be accompanied by 4 members of staff.

The trip will involve a huge variety of activities and will include flights, accommodation and food in the overall cost. Planned activities are cited below:

- Visit to the – Gunnahver Hot Springs
 - Bridge between continents
- Chance to take a dip in the Secret lagoon
- Hike up Stórhöfðaviti and Eldfell volcano
 - Glacier Walk at Sólheimajöku
 - Visit to the Lava Centre
- Visit to small Icelandic town of Vik
- Experience the beautiful waterfalls of Skogafoss, Gullfoss, and Seljalandsfoss
 - Visit the Island of Heimaey and visit a Puffin colony (conservation)
- Visit and shop in the capital Reykjavik

The trip will depart from Heathrow Airport London via Icelandair and arrive at Keflavik Airport Iceland. The exact times of flights cannot be confirmed until closer to the date once flights have been released by the airlines.

The group will be staying within hostels – (exact location of hostels will be confirmed closer to the trip). The trip will be pre-booked through the company Discover-the-World (<https://www.discover-the-world.com/study-trips/destinations/iceland/>) ; a company that has quality reputation when arranging school tours, they will work closely with Willingdon Community School when planning the trip to ensure that students get the best educational experience. The costing of the trip itself will be approximately £1,668 with any changes in exchange rates and sterling protected. The cost is subject to numbers. This can be paid off in a series of instalments but a deposit is needed to secure a space of £100 which will be non-refundable. A second deposit of £175 will be required 69 days after the first, with the rest of the funding being paid no later than 60 days before departure.

Your young person will need to be in possession of his/her passport during the trip. Students are also responsible for any spending money they take. For general travel information for visiting Iceland, please visit www.gov.uk. Please think carefully before committing yourself to this activity as refunds are not possible once the deposit is paid, as the funds are then committed.

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, the school reserves the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour/attendance does not reach our expected high standards. To register interest in the trip, please complete the google form attached [here](#).

If you would like to know more about pricing, activities and general information then I will be hosting an information evening in the main hall on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 17.30 – 18.30pm. Please feel free to email me at jbradford@willingdonschool.org.uk if you would like any further information about the trip.

Mr J Bradford

Teacher of Geography



Head of Year
Mr Cain

Email - pastoral-9@willingdonschool.org.uk

Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all our Year 9 students on another really positive week! It has been lovely to see them working hard in their lessons – especially in English, where they have been preparing for their speaking assessments. It has been fantastic to see them researching and developing talks on topics they are passionate about. The effort and enthusiasm they have shown has been brilliant.

We also had a great assembly this week with Mr Bradford about the upcoming Iceland trip, which definitely got everyone excited and is another fantastic trip and opportunity for the students!

Looking ahead, we also have got the Ocean Matters award trip next week, great for the students involved and who have earned the opportunity.

On top of all of this, our Sports Leaders have been getting ready to work with local primary schools, supporting their PE provision and hosting tri-golf competition. The students have represented our school so positively and it has been great to see them taking on such a valuable role and having an impact on the younger students.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable weekend – a chance to recharge before another busy week ahead.

The Year 9 Team

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9,

In the first week after half-term, the Year 9 students will be sitting three science exams. The details of which can be seen below. We would like you to be aware that the results of these exams will help determine their classes for next year, and will begin to shape our understanding of what tier the students will be sitting in their GCSE exams.

YEAR 9 END OF YEAR SCIENCE EXAMS

EXAM DATES:

Biology:

Side 1: Monday 2nd June Period 5

Side 2: Monday 2nd June Period 2

Chemistry:

Side 1: Tuesday 3rd June Period 2

Side 2: Tuesday 3rd June Period 5

Physics:

Side 1: Wednesday 4th June Period 3

Side 2: Wednesday 4th June Period 2

Revision Links

All revision can be found here;

Google drive -> Student Resources -> Science -> Year 9

If you or your child have any questions, please contact their class teacher in the first instance.

Please encourage your child to revise for these exams, so we can ensure they are best placed next year.

Thank you for your support.

The Science Department

EXAM TOPICS

Biology:

B1 - Cells

B2 - Organisation

Chemistry:

C1 - Atoms, Molecules and Compounds

C5 - Energy Changes

C9 - Chemistry of the Atmosphere

Physics:

P1 - Energy

P3 - Particle Model of Matter



Year 9 & Year 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are planning a Ski trip to St. Johann, Austria leaving the school on the afternoon of **Thursday, 12th February 2026 returning on Thursday, 19th February 2026**. The visit will include five nights half-board accommodation, five hours of professional ski instruction each day and evening activities. Travel will be in a luxury coach with TV, DVD and toilet. The skiing is suited to all ages and abilities, and 800 km of slopes and 270 ski lifts should provide a great opportunity for all skiers to be challenged.

The cost of the trip is **£1,224** (this includes travel for the whole trip, one dry ski session and tuition in the UK prior to the trip, a ski trip hoodie, 25 hours of ski instruction, hire of ski equipment including helmet, all evening activities, including a visit to an Austrian Spa, transport for the whole trip, travel insurance and five days half board accommodation) per student.

For a place on this trip, an initial non-refundable deposit of **£330** is required. **PLEASE PAY ON PARENTPAY (ParentPay will open on Tuesday, 5th May)** with the balance to be received by Monday, 8th December 2025. **Snowslippers (Ski Trip Organisers) have requested that payments are made at certain points of the year to ensure the risk of the trip being cancelled is minimised. If your child pulls out of the trip, or is removed from the trip, you will only be refunded any remaining money (not initial deposit) if the place is filled by another student.** Your child will also require a valid passport to cross all borders to Austria and a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). All parents are requested to keep up to date on the travel restriction guidance to Austria prior to travel to ensure your child can meet the travel requirements.

Deposit payment of £330 for the trip must be made via ParentPay on Tuesday, 5th May 2025 at 3pm. Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

If a student displays poor behaviour or attitude in school, the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip. Willingdon Community School reserves the right to refuse students whose past or present behaviour could potentially affect the Health and Safety of their fellow staff and students on the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact by email - lgordon@willingdonschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mr Gordon
Ski Trip Leader





Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the halfway point of this term, I would like to extend my congratulations to both parents and students for maintaining a positive level of attendance, currently standing at over 94%. While this is encouraging, we are aiming for a 95% target, and I appreciate your continued support in helping us reach that goal.

There has also been a noticeable improvement in school uniform compliance—thank you for your ongoing efforts in this area. However, as the weather becomes warmer, I'd like to remind you that cycling shorts are not permitted. Students must wear the approved school shorts, which have been communicated through several messages home. Your cooperation in maintaining our high standards is appreciated.

Next week marks an exciting milestone for Year 10 students as they begin their work experience placements—a vital part of their personal and career development. Myself, the Senior Leadership Team, and a number of tutors are looking forward to visiting the students in their placements and hearing how they are adapting and growing in their new environments.

Please ensure that you have been in touch with Mrs Rooney if you have any outstanding questions or concerns regarding placements, timings, uniform expectations, or any other matters related to work experience. It is also essential that your child has made contact with their employer before Monday.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to recognise a group of students who have gone above and beyond in recent weeks. These individuals have been awarded special recognition and a sweet treat for their exceptional efforts:

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| Holly B | Sophie H | Brianne H |
| Matthew B | Poppy B | |

Congratulations on your hard work and dedication!

Please see the attached photo celebrating their success.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a fantastic start to work experience next week.



The Year 10 Team

Year 10 geography revision guides to support with mock and final GCSE exams

Complete Revision & Practice guide to AQA GCSE Geography covers every Human and Physical Geography topic, with clear study notes, examples and case studies. Plus, there's a range of exam-style practice questions and mini practice exams (with all the answers included at the back). There's also advice for Issue Evaluation, Fieldwork and Geographical Skills!

There are digital extras too, including online multiple-choice quizzes on every sub-topic, and videos on how to answer tricky exam questions

A free Online Edition of the whole book is included so you can read it on a PC, Mac or tablet — Just use the unique code printed inside the cover to gain full access.

Cost £6.00

Students who have found this most useful in the past are in the grade range 4-6. However, this is a good guide generally, it has positive student reviews and is accessible for most students.

We hope all Year 10 students have a great work experience week.
If you have any queries regarding work placements, please contact
srooney@willingdonschool.org.uk





Head of Year

Mr Gordon

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Year 11

We would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they begin their GCSE exams.

To mark this important milestone, we held a "Good Luck" assembly yesterday where students were given a celebratory cake and advice and support for their final preparations.

We are incredibly proud of this year group and all they have achieved so far. We hope they experience great success in all their exams.



Congratulations to the Year 11 students who were awarded 'Treats with the Team' this week. Students were rewarded for their hard work and great focus demonstrated in lessons as they prepare

for their final GCSE exams. We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck for all their exams.



GCSE Revision: How PARENTS Can Help!

Revision Support

Please encourage your child to attend the revision support sessions that are being delivered to support them preparing for their exams.

English – Saturday 10th May

The English team are delivering revision sessions this Saturday 10th May at 10.00am-12.00pm. All students in Year 11 are invited to attend the sessions.

May Half Term

We are delivering revision sessions for all Year 11 during the May half term break. A timetable for all the sessions will be issued in the next Parent Bulletin.

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✓ How Parents Can Help with SITTING EXAMS

Key points:

- ▶ *The period around the time of the exams is the most stressful for your child - and for you.*
- ▶ *The day of an exam can be a particularly anxious time.*
- ▶ *Emotions after exams vary considerably.*

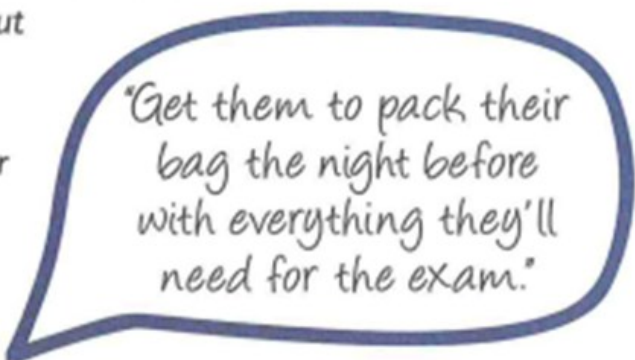
The night before an exam

The night before an exam, students should only attempt light revision using revision notes and not try to do any totally new revision. This does, of course, depend on whether they have been revising hard in the weeks leading up to the exam!

They will need to get together all the necessary equipment (pens, rulers, calculators etc plus spares) in a clear pencil case as the last thing they want in the morning is to be rushing around trying to find things. It might be a good idea to have a back-up pencil case ready just in case.

Their teachers may have organised a pre-exam revision session so check this with them as they will need to be in school earlier than usual.

- ✓ Ask them if they need to leave for school earlier or later than usual and think about whether you need to adjust your routine.
- ✓ Make sure they have packed their pencil case and have got other items ready (watch, bus pass, water bottle etc).
- ✓ Check they know whether the exam is in the morning or afternoon, the start time and where it is (Hall, Gym etc).
- ✓ Make extra allowances for the fact that they may behave differently and could possibly be more moody or short tempered.



"Get them to pack their bag the night before with everything they'll need for the exam."

On the day of an exam

Students should get up in plenty of time, perhaps a little earlier than usual, so that they do not have to rush.

Some students like to do some last-minute revision such as flicking through revision notes whilst others simply want to get ready to go. It is totally normal for them to be nervous at this stage (who wouldn't be?)!

Whether you are at home or not on the day of an exam, do all you can to ensure that things are calm.


- ✓ Avoid asking them how they feel or giving them last minute advice.
- ✓ Encourage them to have breakfast even if they usually don't.
- ✓ If you are taking them to school on that day make sure you are well organised and that you arrive in good time.
- ✓ Tell them to avoid people who irritate them or may talk negatively about the exam ahead.
- ✓ This is the point at which there is nothing left for you to do – they're on their own!

After each exam

The emotions students feel after an exam will vary enormously. After some they may feel elated (if you're lucky!) whilst after others there will be tears.

When you see them for the first time following an exam they may not want to talk about it. In fact, they may not say anything at all and just go straight to their room. If they do talk about it, listen but avoid interrogating them about the details of the exam.

- ✓ *As tempting as it is, try not to ask them how an exam went but wait for them to say something when they're ready.*
- ✓ *Keep everything as normal as possible.*



"Keep everything as normal as possible.."

Are we there yet?

Towards the end of the exam period students will get very tired and any enthusiasm they may have shown for revising will inevitably begin to wane. You too will start to flag. This is not an easy time for students taking exams or for parents looking on.

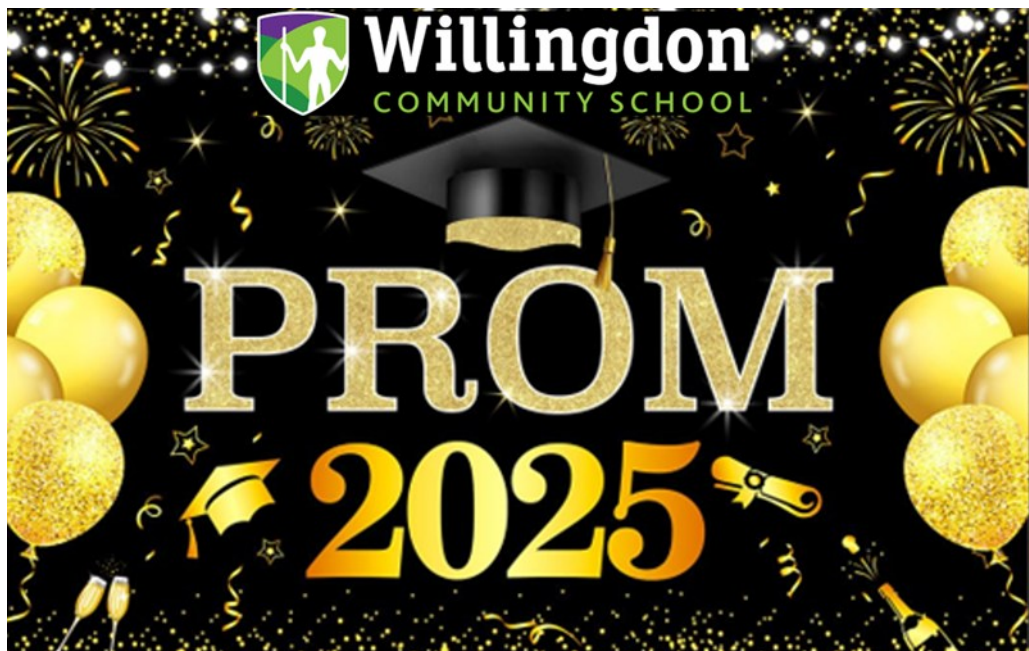
- ✓ *Continue showing an interest, supporting them and giving plenty of praise and encouragement.*
- ✓ *Grit your teeth for one final push!*

And finally...

When eventually the exams are over, it's time to celebrate! You may want to organise a special event, order their favourite takeaway or simply collapse with them in a heap on the sofa!

- ✓ *It's time for them to look forward to a long summer holiday.*
- ✓ *It's time for you to give YOURSELF a treat!*

| Board | Subject | Number | Duration | Date | Time |
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| Pearson BTEC | IT - Effective Digital Working Practices | BIT03 | 1h 30m | Thursday 1st May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Drama - understanding drama | 8261/W | 1h 45m | Thursday 08 May | 08:45 |
| OCR | Psychology Paper 1 | J203/01 | 1h 30m | Thursday 08 May | 08:45 |
| WJEC | Latin Language | C990U10-1 | 1h 45m | Friday 09 May | 08:45 |
| AQA | Sociology Paper 1 | 8192/1 | 1h 30m | Friday 09 May | 08:45 |
| Pearson | Business (Investigating small business) | 1B50 01 | 1h 45m | Friday 09 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | English Literature Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel | 8702/1 | 1h 45m | Monday 12 May | 08:45 |
| OCR | Computer Science Paper 1 - Computer Systems | J277/01 | 1h 30m | Monday 12 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Biology Paper 1 | 8461/1F/1H | 1h 45m | Tuesday 13 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Combined Science Biology paper 1 | 8464/B/1F/1H | 1h 15m | Tuesday 13 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Geography Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment | 8035/1 | 1h 30m | Wednesday 14 May | 08:45 |
| Pearson | Maths Non Calc Paper 1 | 1MA1 1F/1H | 1h 30m | Thursday 15 May | 08:45 |
| OCR | Psychology Paper 2 | J203/02 | 1h 30m | Thursday 15 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | History - Paper 1 Section AD: America, 1920-1973: Opportunity and inequality Paper 1 Section BD: Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975 | 8145/1A/D and 8145/1B/D | 2H | Friday 16 May | 08:45 |
| Pearson | Business (Building a small business) | 1B50 02 | 1h 45m | Friday 16 May | 13:00 |
| WJEC | Latin Lit & Sources | C990U20-1 | 1h 15m | Friday 16 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Chemistry Paper 1 | 8462/1F/1H | 1h 45m | Monday 19 May | 08:45 |
| AQA | Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 | 8464/C/1F/1H | 1h 15m | Monday 19 May | 08:45 |
| Pearson | PE GCSE Paper 1 - Fitness and Body Systems | 1PE0 01 | 1h 30m | Monday 19 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | English Literature Paper 2 - Modern Texts and Poetry | 8702/2 | 2h 15m | Tuesday 20 May | 08:45 |
| NCFE | PE V Cert Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and fitness | 603/7007/5 | 1H30m | Tuesday 20 May | 13:00 |
| AQA | Sociology Paper 2 - The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification | 8192/2 | 1h 45m | Tuesday 20 May | 13:00 |
| OCR | Computer Science Paper 2 - Computational thinking | J277/02 | 1h 30m | Tuesday 20 May | 13:00 |
| Pearson | French Listening - foundation | 1FRO 1F | 0h 35m | Wednesday 21st May | 09:45 |
| Pearson | French Listening - Higher | 1FRO 1H | 0h 45m | Wednesday 21st May | 10:00 |
| Pearson | French Reading - foundation | 1FRO 3F | 0h 45m | Wednesday 21st May | 08:45 |
| Pearson | French Reading - higher | 1FRO 3H | 1h | Wednesday 21st May | 08:45 |
| AQA | Physics Paper 1 | 8463/1F/1H | 1H45M | Thursday 22 May | 08:45 |
| AQA | Combined Science Physics Paper 1 | 8464/P/1F/1H | 1H15M | Thursday 22 May | 08:45 |
| AQA | English Language Paper 1 - Explorations in creative reading and writing | 8700/1 | 1h 45m | Friday 23 May | 08:45 |
| Half Term | | | | | |
| WJEC - Edugas | Latin Paper 3 - Roman Civilisation | C990UB0-1 | 1h | Tuesday 3rd June | 08:45 |
| Pearson | Maths Calc Paper 2 | 1MA1 2F/2H | 1h 30m | Wednesday 04 June | 08:45 |
| AQA | History Paper 2 - Section AB: Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to present day Paper 2 Section BA: Norman England, c1066-c1100 | 8145/2A/B & 8145/2B/A | 2h | Thursday 05 June | 08:45 |
| Pearson | French Writing | 1FRO 4H | 1h 20m | Thursday 05 June | 13:00 |
| Pearson | French Writing | 1FRO 4F | 1h 15m | Thursday 05 June | 13:00 |
| AQA | English Language Paper 2 - Writers' viewpoints and perspectives | 8700/2 | 1H45M | Friday 06 June | 08:45 |
| AQA | Geography Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment | 8035/2 | 1h 30m | Friday 06 June | 13:00 |
| 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 | 1h 15m | Monday 09 June | 13:00 |
| NCFE | Early years Child development and care | 603/7012/9 | 1h 30m | 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 | 1h 30m | Wednesday 11 June | 08:45 |
| CONTINGENCY SESSION | | | | Wednesday 11th June | 13:00 |
| AQA | Geography Paper 3 - Paper 3 Geographical applications | 8035/3 | 1h 30m | Thursday 12 June | 08:45 |
| AQA | Further Maths Paper 1 | 8365/1 | 1h 45m | 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 |
| AQA | Physics Paper 2 | 8463/2F/2H | 1H45M | Monday 16 June | 08:45 |
| AQA | Combined Science Physics Paper 2 | 8464/P/2F/2H | 1H15M | Monday 16 June | 08:45 |
| WJEC | Music Comp 3 Appraising | C660U30-1 | 1h 15m | Monday 16 June | 13:00 |
| Pearson | Spanish Writing Foundation | 1SPO 4F | 1h 15m | Tuesday 17th June | 08:45 |
| Pearson | Spanish Writing Higher | 1SPO 4H | 1h 20m | Tuesday 17th June | 08:45 |
| AQA | Food Prep & Nutrition | 8585/W | 1h 45m | Tuesday 17 June | 13:00 |
| AQA | Design and Technology | 8552/W | 2h | Wednesday 18 June | 08:45 |
| AQA | Further Maths Paper 2 | 8365/2 | 1h 45m | Wednesday 18 June | 13:00 |
| CONTINGENCY DAY | | | | Wednesday 25th June | All day |
| Course work Deadlines | | | | | |
| AQA | ART - External set assignment 10h | 8201/X | | by 31st May | 24/25th April |
| AQA | ART - Portfolio | 8201/C | | by 31st May | |
| AQA | DT - NEA | 8552/C | | by 7th May | |
| AQA | Drama - NEA - Devising Drama | 8261/C | | by 7th May | 1st April |
| AQA | Drama - NEA - Texts in practice | 8261/X | | by 31st May | |
| AQA | English Language - NEA Spoken Language | 8700/C | | by 7th May | |
| AQA | Food Prep - NEA | 8585/C | | by 7th May | |
| Pearson | French speaking | 1FRO 2 | | Window 9th April - 14th May | 28/29/30th April |
| Pearson | Spanish speaking | 1SPO 2 | | Window 9th April - 14th May | 28/29/30th April |
| WJEC - Edugas | Music component 1 performing & composing 2 | AO1 & AO2 | | by 5th May | |
| Pearson | PE GCSE personal exercise | 1PE0 03 & 04 | | by 5th May | |
| Pearson BTEC | Performing Arts - Dance - responding to a brief (11 hours) | BPD03 | | 15th May | |



Year 11 Prom – Friday 4th 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.

Ticket price is £57 which include the following:

- Mocktails on arrival (approx arrival time 6pm)
- 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

Careers Page

Career of the Week



Costume Designer

Day To Day Skills

- Study the script to understand costume requirements.
- Discuss ideas with the director, and with production, make-up, lighting and set designers.
- Research suitable costume styles and fabrics.
- Sketch costume designs.
- Create costumes to fit the production's design concept and budget.
- Give instructions to costume makers, wardrobe supervisors and assistants.
- Manage the wardrobe budget.
- Buy or hire outfits.
- Fit, alter and adapt costumes.
- Clean, iron and mend.
- Make sure wardrobe items are available at the right time.
- Keep the look of the costumes the same between shoots or scenes.

Subjects

Five or more GCSEs including English and Mathematics.

Salary*

From £16,000 for a starter, rising to £35,000 for an experienced Costume Designer.

Jobs

Once established you can specialise in either theatre or in film and TV, but you could work in all areas.

There will be 1% more Costume Designer jobs in 2026.

Costume Designers are responsible for the overall look of the clothes and costumes in theatre, film or television productions.

Routes into the industry

- Apply for an apprenticeship
- College course
- University course
- Work for a company who provides costumes for stage and screen
- Volunteer - student theatre and film productions, amateur theatre
- Attend specialist courses run by private training organisations

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Text on image: COLLAPSIBLE SHOULDER 2

*In 2020 the average salary was £31,461, up 3.6% on 2019. Annual pay estimates are largely unaffected by Covid-19.



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East Sussex Apprenticeship Roadshow

Are you thinking about Next Steps for your child when they leave school?

Have you heard about apprenticeships?

Your child can earn while they learn, getting paid to work in a local business while gaining qualifications, from Level 2 through to Degree level.

The FREE East Sussex Apprenticeships Roadshows will give you the opportunity to meet training providers and employers with live and future vacancies in East Sussex and learn more about why apprenticeships can be a great post-16 option.

Join us on Tuesday 24th June in Hastings and Thursday 10th July in Eastbourne, 4.30-6.30. Places are limited so book your tickets in advance. For more information and to book visit:

<https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/roadshow2025>

Social Media Content for Students

Thinking about your career or next steps? Find out about apprenticeships, meet employers and training providers with live and future vacancies, and access support from career advisors at the FREE East Sussex Apprenticeships Roadshows on 24th June and 10th July. Find out more <https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/roadshow2025>

Email Content to Students

Do you want paid work, in a real company, with training to get the skills employers really want?

Do you want to meet employers and training providers with live and future apprenticeship vacancies in East Sussex?

Come along to the FREE East Sussex Apprenticeship Roadshows on:

Tuesday 24th June, 16:30 - 18:30 at White Rock Theatre, Hastings

Thursday 10th July, 16:30 - 18:30 at Welcome Building, Eastbourne

These events showcase apprenticeships, give access to career advisors, and allow you to hear from apprentices about what it is really like to be an apprentice.

Spaces are limited, so book your free place today at <https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/roadshow2025>



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**



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](#)

Bees &
Honey
2025



Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition







Children in the South East of England are invited to enter the Bees & Honey competition at the South of England Show in 2025.

They need to create a poster of up to A4 about Bees or Beekeeping. Posters will be displayed and judged at the South of England Show

**Deadline for entry
May 30th 2025**

All entries to be posted to:
Bees and Honey Competition, South of England Agricultural Society, South of England
Showground Selsfield Road Ardingly RH17 6TL

Bees and Honey Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition Entry Conditions

-  The competition is free to enter
-  KS1, KS2 and KS3 (ages 5 – 14) are invited to take part.
-  All entries must be clearly marked on the back with the CHILDS NAME, AGE, and SCHOOL NAME. Entries that are not marked clearly will not be judged.
-  Entries will be displayed during the South of England Show 6th, 7th and 8th June 2025 in Bees and Honey Marquee.
-  Please ensure that all entires are laminated or back onto card to ensure that these are able to be displayed carefully.
-  If you would like the posters back please detail on a slip of paper along with the poster so we know to return them.



South of England Show
AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUNDS

Bees & Honey

Children's School or
Youth Group Poster
Competition



 **SCAN ME**

**Deadline for entry
May 30th 2025**