

Every Student Matters Every Moment Counts

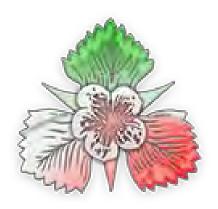


"Your future is in your hands.
You just have to plant the right seeds."

Master Choa Kok Sui Chemical engineer and businessman

Parent Handbook Year 8 The Year of Choice

Wildern School Home – School Partnership



Care, Opportunity, Quality 'Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts'

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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, at Wildern, we value our partnership with parents and we know that working together helps our young people achieve their best.

This parent handbook (whilst not definitive), is aimed at providing you with some key information that is easily accessible and to hand; rather than searching through our website. However, all information can be found on our website and/or within our members' area for parents to log into. We encourage you to use this area for support throughout the year.

To compliment this handbook and provide you with further information/learning, throughout the year we have our WINK programme for parents that will cover many aspects of school life, from the curriculum, E-Safety, Coping with exams, All things Google to dealing with teenagers and mental health and well-being to name but a few. A programme will be sent to all parents to highlight these evenings at the start of the year.

We also have Wildern Parent INSIGHT which allows you to view information about your child plus to keep you up to date with all the latest news, the news section of our website, our Facebook page (@wildernschool), X (twitter) feed (@wildernschool) or on instagram (@wildern school).

We believe that together we can ensure that our students, your children, achieve their very best and become the determined, adaptable, compassionate young people we all want them to be.

Best wishes

Ceri Oakley Headteacher



"Happiness will grow if you plant the seeds of love in the garden of hope with compassion and care."

— Debasish Mridha

At Wildern we place our students at the heart of the school community. We believe that all students can be successful in an environment where 'Every Student matters, every moment counts'. Wildern is a happy school, providing an atmosphere which supports students and enables success, development of character and nurtures their well-being. Our students know that they are valued as individuals with unique needs, strengths and potential and that we truly believe that our students can be the best they can.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's physical and mental health, wellbeing and development and health and development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you believe that a student within the Wildern School community is at risk, then please contact the school through our secure email address of: safeguarding@wildern.org.

Wildern School Designated Safeguarding Team

We are all responsible for safeguarding...

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of anyone at school please report your concerns to the safeguarding team below, or by emailing safeguarding@wildern.org



Mr K Orchard
Safeguarding@wildern.org



Mr M Chance Safeguarding@wildern.org



Mrs K Thomas
Safeguarding@wildern.org



Miss H Jones
Safeguarding@wildern.org



Mrs J Fleeman Safeguarding@wildern.org



Miss S Cooper Safeguarding@wildern.org

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Miss B Cooper Safeguarding@wildern.org



Ms L Duck
Safeguarding@wildern.org

Or call main reception on: 01489 783473 and ask for a DSL.

Home - School Partnership

It is important that the school, the students and parents all work together to get the very best outcome for the young people who attend Wildern. By agreeing to the Home School Partnership, we are all committing to doing the best we can to support one another throughout a student's journey through school.



As students we will:-

- Always try our very best in everything that we do.
- Maintain the highest standard of behaviour and respect towards all visitors and members of Wildern and the wider community.
- Follow all school rules including those on behaviour, uniform, punctuality and attendance.
- Uphold the behaviour for learning expectations listed in the student planner.
- Conduct ourselves in a manner that brings credit to us and the school on journeys to and from school, on school trips and in the local community.
- Follow the instructions of Prefects who act on behalf of the Headteacher.
- Take care of our environment.
- Always be honest and trustworthy.
- Be kind to each other.

As Parents we will:-

- Ensure our child attends school, is punctual and will not take holidays during term time.
- Ensure our child is equipped for lessons.
- Provide an environment that encourages good self-study habits and supports students with their home learning.
- Ensure our child is always dressed in uniform according to the school uniform policy.
- Work in partnership with the school in maintaining a high standard of behaviour, accepting and supporting the use of appropriate sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- Monitor our child's education by regularly checking and signing the school's student planner.
- Attend parental consultation meetings if required.
- Promptly notify the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect our child's well-being and their learning.
- Monitor my child's online activity and encourage the safe and appropriate use of electronic devices.
- Follow the guidance for communicating with school at all times.
- Contact the school if we have concerns and work with the school to resolve any issues rather than use Social Media.
- Communicate with all staff in school politely and courteously
- Read the communication home the Wildern Weekly

As staff at Wildern School we will:-

- Nurture our students' academic progress and their social and personal development.
- Encourage a strong sense of positive personal values.
- Encourage respect and empathy for others within the school and the wider community.
- Provide a safe and supportive environment in which a system of rewards and sanctions motivates and challenges
- Provide a broad and balanced education at the appropriate level for each individual.
- Review progress and set self-study as an integral part of the learning process.
- Provide a high level of teaching and learning within specialist areas.
- Work in partnership with parents and the wider community.
- Communicate formally and informally regarding attendance, academic and pastoral progress.
- Ensure all members of the school community embrace the notion of Rights and Respect.

Wildern Attributes

At Wildern, we endeavour to create a culture where students believe that their qualities and talents grow through trying something, putting in effort and learning from their mistakes. This is based on developing students' growth mindset and allows them to have a belief that with time, practice and guidance, they can achieve anything they put their mind to. We do this by creating safe environments in which our students can learn without fear of failure. Our Wildern attributes encompass this wholeheartedly.

Reflection

We ensure our students are aware of their strengths and areas of development. Lessons include dedicated quality reflection time for students to reflect and review their work, act on feedback and redraft work to improve upon it.



Determination

Research suggests that effort is more important than talent or innate ability and so we have high expectations of all students and what they can achieve when they try. We challenge our students to be the best they can be and encourage them to take a leap of faith even if it means falling a few times. The determination we see in students who rise to these challenges find they reap the rewards and are successful in their achievements.



Respect

Making mistakes is hard – students fear embarrassment, criticism, humiliation. However, a safe, secure classroom environment can ensure that students see that making mistakes are part of the learning process and from them, they can develop a better understanding. We do this through modelling and by making explicit the learning outcome from mistakes. We encourage students to respect one another for engaging in the learning process not just for achieving the correct answer.



Curiosity

There is a feeling across the world that our heroes have superhuman abilities that lead them to greatness, success, stardom. However people with a growth mindset know that even heroes have to develop their curiosity, work hard and practise for their achievements. It is said that top performers practise 1,000 hours a year and to be world-class at something takes 10 years. Therefore we allow time for our students to practise their skills. This can either be distributed (spreads out study activities over time) or interleaved (mixes different kinds of problems within a single lesson). Students who are curious often seek solutions themselves, investigating and researching something and showing great independence which prepares them for the world ahead.



Research suggests that when students are praised for what they have accomplished through effort, practice, study and persistence, they experience a sense of achievement and have the motivation to go on and take these achievements further. We encourage our students to take pride in these efforts, including in how they present their work, how they demonstrate their learning and recognising their own achievements, avoiding comparisons to those of their peers.



Kindness

We live in a diverse community where everyone should feel welcome, included and equal. Everyone is unique and it is a combination of our differences that shape our view of the world, our perspective and our approach. In a world where the news can be dominated by acts of discrimination or violence due to someone's characteristics we must promote equality, diversity and kindness so our students grow into considerate, empathetic and caring individuals.



Diversity

The Wildern symbol of diversity represents our beliefs that every member of our school community counts.

As set out in the Home-School Partnership we ask that students maintain the highest standard of behaviour and respect towards all members of the Wildern community and conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to us and the school. We feel that having a sense of belonging at school can increase student emotional and physical wellbeing. This is equally as important as diversity and



inclusion because all children should feel that their world is a safe place where people care about them and their needs.

To help them do this we spend time looking at and celebrating Wildern's diverse community. This is done through:

- Strong curriculum content across the school
- Student voice
- A focus group dedicated to celebrating and promoting equality and diversity
- Challenging those who aren't inclusive
- Working with agencies and charities from outside of school to support our community

Students get the opportunity to partake in activities across the school year where they are able to consider different cultures, religions, gender/sex, sexual orientation, age and disability and all potential characteristics. . Whenever you see this symbol it is communicating that we are learning about, supporting or celebrating the rich and diverse Wildern community that we are so proud of.

#Itsnotok



Your children have every right to feel safe at school and it is important that all students are aware of when someone is being inappropriate towards them.

We are using the "#It'snotok" to promote awareness of what students need to be thinking about when they are facing unwanted sexual behaviours or contacts either in school or when out in the community.

Over the course of the school year we will be encouraging discussion through tutor time, assemblies and our strong RSE curriculum and will be sending the clear message to challenge unacceptable behaviour and say "it's not ok"



Wildern: A Rights Respecting School

BECAUSE
EVERY CHILD
IN THE WORLD
HAS ONE THING
IN COMMON.
THEIR RIGHTS.

A Rights Respecting School is one in which the UNCRC is placed at the heart of everything that happens. It is a school in which students learn that with rights, come the elements of respect and responsibility.

It is a School in which students and staff work together as a partnership, student voice is valued and plays a crucial role. It is important for students to be a part of a Rights Respecting School so that they can be fully aware of rights issues and become empowered global citizens in the wider world.

What does being a Rights Respecting School look like at Wildern?













Uniform 2024/25

This uniform list outlines what we require students to wear. Uniform is incredibly important as it supports identity, helps us safeguard our students and is quality, hard-wearing and robust.

If you are unsure about any aspect of our school uniform please contact the school for clarification, we are happy to provide advice and guidance on what is acceptable for school and would rather have a conversation before things are bought!

Please remember that we have a large quantity of good quality pre-loved uniform that can be accessed through our school uniform sales, look out for these in the Wildern Weekly!

Jumper:

Bottle Green V Neck Jumper with the School Logo.

School jumpers should be brought to school everyday. Hooded Jumpers (Hoodies), Hooded Zip Up

tracksuit tops or cardigans Any other type of jumper is confiscated and available for day.

Trousers:

Full length plain black The trousers must be fastening at the waistband

bottoms must not be worn in

Skirt:



are not permitted in school at all. not permitted. These will be collection at the end of the school

trousers that are not rolled up. identifiable as trousers, with a for example a zip or button.

Leggings/Jeggings/Jeans/Tracksuit any circumstance as uniform.

Tartan skirt in the Wildern colours available from SkoolKit. Skirts should not be rolled up at the waist and should be worn between mid thigh and the knee.

Shirts:

A plain white shirt must be worn and tucked in at all times. The shirt must have a top button that is done up at all times. The shirt can be short or long sleeved. Branded short sleeve shirts may still be worn with a school tie. (These are no longer available to purchase from Skoolkit).

School tie:

This is clip-on and available from Skoolkit or the school finance office. These must be worn at all times.

Socks/Tights.

Socks can be plain white, grey or black. Tights must be plain black. Socks must not be worn over the top of tights or trousers and must be worn below the knee.

Shoes:

- Completely black (including branding/laces/soles)
- Leather/faux leather
- Polishable
- No heels or boots
- Shoes should have a closed toe

Nails:

Nail extensions are not allowed due to health and safety.

Hair:

Students with long hair should always carry hairbands. Long hair should be tied back for all subjects where practical activities take place. This includes Science/Technology/Art/Drama/Dance and PE.

Jewellery:

Any items of jewellery brought into school are the sole responsibility of the student. We do not recommend that jewellery is brought into school as any items worn would need to be removed for practical activities for health and safety reasons.

Should students choose to wear jewellery the following is allowed:

- Plain stud earrings (no hoops or drop earrings due to health and safety)
- Rings may be worn
- Clear retainers must be worn in facial piercings (these must be removed for practical activities)
- Bracelets may be worn
- Necklaces may be worn but must not be visible

Coats:

Coats must not be worn instead of a school jumper.

Coats should be suitable for all weather conditions and be identifiable as a coat. Fleece hooded tops/ tracksuit tops/zip up hoodies/denim/leather jackets are not coats suitable for school. Coats that will help visibility in the dark would be advisable.

Hats/Gloves:

In cold weather, hats and gloves are advisable (not caps or bucket hats).

Extreme weather uniform adaptations:

In extreme weather conditions adaptations to the uniform will be made at the discretion of the school. This may include:

- Removal of school tie
- Students wearing their PE kit to school
- School jumpers can remain at home
- Summer hats may be worn
- Additional layers of clothing to be worn under uniform (base layers)

School Uniform (cont.)

Physical Education and Dance

PE KIT



Compulsory PE Kit (These items must be worn for all PE/Dance lessons)	Optional Extras (These items can be added to the compulsory kit for extra warmth/comfort)
Wildern PE shirt Wildern PE shorts Black sports leggings Red sports socks / white trainer socks Appropriate sports trainers	Wildern PE tracksuit top Wildern PE rugby shirt Thermal mid-layers (skins, baselayers, vests) Studded boots (for outdoor activities ONLY) Gumshield (for hockey and rugby) Shinpads (football, hockey and rugby) Hat and gloves (for outdoor activities ONLY)

Specialist Activity PE Kit

OUTDOOR PE: students are encouraged to bring a towel for all outdoor PE lessons

SWIMMING: dark coloured swimming shorts/one piece swimming costume and towel.

KS4 DANCE: black GCSE Dance T-shirt and plain black sports leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Plimsolls, Vans, Converse are not acceptable footwear

All students must have sports trainers, not fashion trainers

Students attending extra curricular sporting & dance activities will be expected to meet the same kit standards as detailed above for all sessions.





PROHIBITED/BANNED ITEMS

- Knives and other weapons
- Drugs (other than prescription medication that is kept with first aid by arrangement)
- Drug paraphernalia
- Aerosol sprays
- Tippex and solvents
- Chewing gum
- Energy Drinks, including Lucozade, canned drinks
- Cigarettes, tobacco and other smoking paraphernalia
- E Cigarettes and vaping equipment
- Students are also advised not to bring cash or valuable possessions into school, as we cannot
 accept responsibility for loss or damage.
- Mobile Phones, iPads, MP3 Player, headphones and Airpods should not be visible. Such equipment, if brought into school, should be kept in the students' school bag. (If such equipment is used without permission or it is seen around the school site during break times and lunch times, it will be confiscated and if a repeat offence parents or carers will be required to collect the item from reception).

Attendance

At Wildern, we expect all students to attend school regularly to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. Regular school attendance and educational attainment are inextricably linked.

Good attendance and punctuality is vital in order for your child to achieve their potential. We expect all students to aspire to achieve 100% attendance and appreciate the full support of parents and carers in encouraging this. Parents can check their child's attendance through the Insight App.



There will be occasions when your child is unable to attend school. This could be due to poor health or an exceptional circumstance that means absence is unavoidable. It is important you contact the school on each day your child is absent so we can track attendance and support where necessary. Exceptional leave of absence can be granted with the permission of the Headteacher following completion of the appropriate form. This can be found on our website.

If your child's absence becomes a concern, then we will do all we can to support you in improving their attendance. This may involve school based support but if absence continues to be a concern, we will seek the support of the local authorities' attendance support team to help us with strategies to help reengage or seek other professionals help such as the school nursing team.



Please report any absence due to illness via absence@wildern.org or through the 'Report Absence@' feature on the Insight App under attendance.

Contacting the school

We will be pleased to discuss any student's conduct or progress at any time. Parents are welcome to make contact with us as soon as any concern arises.

Main Reception To report absences and for all other enquiries	01489 783473 absence@wildern.org
Student Services	01489 779 494
Email All emails will be forwarded to relevant parties	wildern@wildern.org
First Aid Room:	01489 779445
D@rt:	01489 779471
Leisure Centre:	01489 787128

There are several possibilities:

- 1. If a particular subject concerns you, write via letter/email or in the student planner (your child should then show their class teacher your message) or telephone to ask for the teacher to contact you and talk over the matter when convenient.
- 2. If your concern is more general or one of a social matter, write/ telephone/ use student planner to ask the Tutor to contact you to arrange a time to talk the matter over.
- 3. You may want to email the school if you wish to communicate with the tutor or a subject teacher. You can do this by using the following address: wildern@wildern.org. This email will be forwarded to the person best placed to deal with your question.

- If you have a more serious concern or issue to raise you may like to contact Students Services who will deal with any initial concerns and then liaise with the Director of Progress and Achievement (DoPA).

 Members Link
- 5. If for any reason you wish to talk to a Senior Member of Staff, contact the school either by telephone/ email/letter and a Senior Teacher will arrange to see you as soon as possible and, in an emergency, at very short notice.
- 6. The CEO/Headteacher are always pleased to meet with parents. Should you find that after contact with other staff your concern remains, please contact either. We are all concerned with helping individuals.
- 7. Please note that the school will always endeavour to return telephone calls or email within 24 hours, and we will respond in writing as required within five to ten working days.
- 8. Please be mindful of our guidance for communicating with school, found on the website https://www.wildern.org/joining-us/contact-us/

Member Login Area of School Website

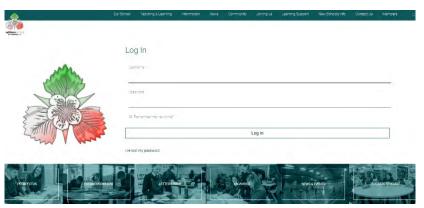
Students and Parents can login to the members' area of the school website by clicking on Member in the top right corner

Parents can login using the

Username "parents"

and Password "wildern"



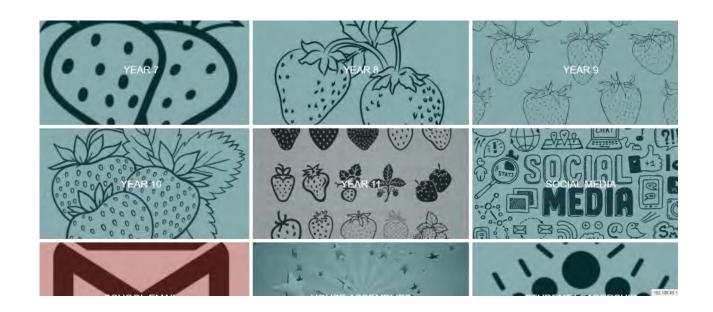


Students can login using the

Username "student"

and Password "school"

You will then find a useful grid to link you to the resources you require. Each grid has information specifically for that year group. Year 8 parents need to click on the grid that says Year 8. Inside it will open up to show you all the resources and information to support your child in Year 8. Click back to return to the previous page or use the search bar at the top of the website to find pages you are looking for.



Key Dates

All dates are correct at the time of sending

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term

Monday 28th October -Friday 1st November 2024

Spring Term

Monday 6th January - Friday 4th April 2025

Half Term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Inset Days

Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 11 October 2024 Friday 29 November 2024 Friday 14 February 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Friday 20 June 2025

WAD Dates - More information about WAD is on pg 65

Week beginning 20 January 2025 WAD 1

Week beginning 30 June 2025 WAD 2 This will include subject exam results in steps

Other Key Dates

Thursday 6 February 2025 Year 8 Parents' Evening

Week beginning 13 May 2025 Year 8 Exams



Parent Information Evening Dates

Parent information evening events are held to inform, guide and support parents with the upcoming year that their child is experiencing. These sessions include issues that affect children of a specific age and learning opportunities to support the learned curriculum. The dates for 2024/25 are:

Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 12th September 2024

Love Languages

Thursday 14th November 2024

Learn how to support your son/daughter as they embark on becoming a confident linguist; hands-on sessions to ensure language learning is as easy as un, deux, trois... Join us for vocabulary learning tips, key language websites and apps, and experience how we teach languages at Wildern. Suitable for parents and students of all year groups, but would be particularly helpful for year 7 parents. No prior language knowledge required!

What does it mean to be a Meta-Learner?

Thursday 21st November 2024

The world is changing at an unprecedented pace, and here at Wildern, we're committed to equipping our students with the skills they need to thrive in this dynamic environment. Join us for an informative evening where we'll explore the concept of a 'Wildern Meta-Learner' and discuss how you can empower your child to be a critical thinker who can ask questions, analyse information and solve problems independently.

Teenage Wellbeing and Mental Health Support -CAMHS

Thursday 5th December 2024

The Effective use of Edtech to support learning

Thursday 12th December 2024

Find out how education technology can support your child in school and in self-study. From Google education tools like Google Classroom through to apps and online extensions discover how technology supports learning, revision as well as the range of assistive tools that can be used on Chromebooks during lessons. Wildern Trust is an EdTech Demonstrator for the DfE supporting schools in the southeast region to use technology more effectively.

Spring Term

Year 8 Pathways Evening

Thursday 30th January 2025

An information evening to guide you through the pathways progress

Supporting your teenager - Anxiety Workshop

Thursday 27th February 2025

Being a parent of a teenager can be tough. It can be rewarding. It can also be exciting, exhausting, frightening, full of pressures, decisions and endless seemingly unanswerable questions and challenges. This session aims to provide you with information and strategies to meet these challenges.

How to support your child's reading

Thursday 13th March 2025

Join staff at Wildern as we share some effective strategies to support your child with reading. Open to all parents and students of any year group but is particularly suitable for KS3

SEND Evening

Thursday 20th March 2025

Supporting your child/How a child is supported in a mainstream school when they have a diagnosed need.

Summer Term

ChromeBooks

Thursday 8th May 2025

This evening will introduce the Chromebook scheme which will be opened to the current Year 8 cohort.

Relationship & Sex Education & Education for life

Thursday 15th May 2025

This session will outline what is covered throughout the Education for Life curriculum and how the RSE statutory requirements are delivered. This is open to parents of all year groups.

E-Safety

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Find out how you can support your child and yourself with all things eSafety to improve your understanding of the basics and more advanced features. Open to all parents and students of any year group. The internet is part of everyday life for education, business and social interaction.

To help you and your children further, we aim to provide as much information as available to help you keep you and your child safe on this WINK evening.

Please feel free to browse through this link and keep yourself e-safety aware. https://www.wildern.org/news/ceop/

Healthy Eating / Affordable Nutritious Meals

Thursday 5th June 2025

Find out more about the importance of fueling our bodies with a balanced diet whilst we explore the themes celebrated during the British Nutrition Foundation's annual Healthy Eating Week. We will also share tips for planning quick, affordable and nutritious family meals.

Welcome to Year 9

Tuesday 15th July 2025

Student Services

Who are they?

The Student Services team is a support and intervention team who are skilled in offering staff, students and parents the support to ensure our students succeed in school.

The Student Services team

Their aim is to:

- Respond to any immediate concerns parents and carers may have
- Liaise with year staff and teachers as necessary
- Follow up any concerns and keep parents/carers informed of progress
- Track and monitor attendance, punctuality
- Work with parents to help them support their children
- Provide bespoke interventions to support students in behaviour, well-being and health
- Work with staff to safeguard and support students
- Work closely with outside agencies to provide support 'beyond our walls'.
- Support students with their mental health and well being

The Student Services Team



Miss B Cooper



Miss K Langdown



Ms L Duck



Mrs J Page Inclusion Manager

How does Student Services work?

They deal with enquiries and act as a liaison between the Director of Progress and Achievement (DOPA), tutors and staff e.g. a friendship issue, mental health and wellbeing, truancy concerns, and detention matters.

Incidents will always involve the DOPA, this service is to support their work and offer a first point of contact prior to their involvement should the tutor not be able to help.

Parents can phone Student Services on 01489 779494 if they have any pastoral concerns. These may include concerns for wellbeing, attendance or social and emotional concerns. The tutor should always

be the first port of call and the DOPA still has overall responsibility for the year group.

First Aid

It is not uncommon for some children to become unwell, or be involved in a minor accident which requires some first aid while at school. The school has a first aid room which is administered by qualified first aiders during the school day. All students are made aware of this facility and can access this if required. If a student is unable to return to lessons after visiting the first aid room, the first aider will try to make contact with parents/guardians to arrange for the student to be collected from school. If the emergency services are required, the first aider, or another member of staff in her absence will accompany the student until parents or guardians arrive.

Following the completion of a health form prior to starting at Wildern, it is essential that the school is kept informed of any changes to a student's medical circumstance so that our records remain up to date. Parents/Guardians of children with conditions that staff need to be aware of from the first day of admission e.g nut allergies, are asked to give details to the first aider to agree procedures in the case of an emergency.

If a student has medical needs that require managing in school or that are severe or complex, the first aider will contact the parents to create a Health Care Plan.

Regular vaccinations are carried out at school by the South West Hants Immunisation Team. Parents/guardians are informed of these in advance and consent forms will be sent out by email.

Allergies

There are students and staff within Wildern School that have severe food allergies to peanuts and nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. To reduce the chance of this occurring we ask where practically possible, you do not send your child with peanut or nut containing products to school or on school trips. We appreciate your support with these procedures.

E-Safety



It is essential that students' safety is paramount when using ICT. Therefore, during students ICT lessons the relevant member of staff will give presentations about internet safety, email etc.

Our system allows us to block unsolicited mail as well as filter all inappropriate sites/language. Students will be strongly reminded <u>never</u> to contact an unknown person via the Internet. They will not be allowed to use their email address for frivolous messages, messages which

discriminate against another person on any grounds whatsoever, or those which use inappropriate language. Email will be immediately withdrawn if this happens.

Wildern is providing the use of email for the electronic transfer of information for all students between home and school. As a school we wish to encourage students to learn independently in this way. All students regularly receive updates on the latest e-safety advice and it is also on our website here.

The School wifi and network traffic is continuously monitored. Alerts will be triggered for sites open on devices connecting to the wifi network.

Wildern as a Community School

As a school we are very proud of the partnerships that we have developed and the relationships we have forged with our community.

Students within the community

We expect students to uphold our school values both to and from school, when in school uniform and when they are in the community. The school works closely with organisations and retailers locally and regularly communicate so that we can support each other when students get it wrong and celebrate when they get it right.

We want your child's start in Year 7 to be a productive, successful and happy one. It is a fantastic time in their education and one where they should flourish and develop their skills and personality.



There are so many ways that your child can support the local community throughout the year, please keep an eye on all school communication to see how they can get involved!

Car Parking

Please can we remind all parents that to ensure the safety and safe exit of our students, parents should wait outside of the school gate to collect their child at the end of the day as cars are not allowed on site between 2.45pm and 3.15pm.

Alternatively, parents may want to take advantage of free parking facilities at Turnpike Way Recreation ground or B&Q in Hedge End who have kindly agreed to the use of their car park as an additional overspill option. Please do not park in the lane opposite the school or across our neighbours driveways.

Students on site after hours

Students should not be on the school site after hours unless:

- They are invited by school staff to be there
- They are attending an organised school or community event
- They are using, through paid admission, any of the school's facilities

Community Police Officers

Please do not be alarmed if you see these Police Officers around the school site or outside of school. As part of our local community partnership these Police Officers will be working in collaboration with all schools to develop relationships with young people within the local area. We regularly meet with our local policing team to ensure that we are doing all we can to support students with regard to being safe and being good role models in the community.

Smoking and vaping

The school site is a no smoking site, this includes vaping and e cigarettes. Smoking therefore should not take place anywhere around the site including the school field.



"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking."

— Henry Ford

The Wildern Way

Wildern School is built on the three key pillars of the Multi Academy Trust words; CARE, OPPORTUNITY and QUALITY and believes that 'Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts'. We are a comprehensive school in the heart of our community and are very proud of the relationships we have with our students, parents and local residents. We believe passionately in quality education for all and the significant part we play in ensuring this both within our own community and beyond.

The three stated academy aims for Wildern School are:

- To enhance the opportunities and successes enjoyed by all present and future students and staff
- To develop further the school's track record of contributing to school improvement, innovation
 and transformation both within the school, locally within our immediate family of schools and for
 the wider system as a whole
- To develop further the schools wider community role and our contribution to opportunities for our stakeholders in our immediate community, particularly in the arts and sport

We take pride in our excellent record of academic success and the opportunities that we offer our students both through the curriculum and our extensive extra-curricular activities. We continue to perform well above the national average.

We strive to ensure that all students achieve their full potential through a clear focus on learning and achievement in a supportive environment. We are proud of the fact that we know every student as an individual and challenge and stimulate them regardless of ability so that they can all achieve within a happy and secure environment.

We especially value our collaboration with parents, ensuring that this partnership is to the benefit of your child.

Wildern is a successful school that is proud of its students' achievements whether they are academic, sporting, artistic or dramatic. We provide a curriculum that is both broad and balanced, and one that has received national recognition for its quality.





Our Curriculum

Curriculum Vision

At Wildern our aim is to offer all students access to a broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum, which prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

The curriculum enables our students to:

- Develop their knowledge, skills and understanding
- · Appreciate human achievement
- Gain understanding of social, economic and political issues
- Be aware of the spiritual and aesthetic dimensions of life
- Develop attitudes, values and beliefs that are reasoned and acceptable within society
- Develop independence of learning fostering skills and attributes for lifelong learning
- Be aware of their own health and safety and to appreciate the benefits and risks of the choices they
 make
- Prepare for life in Modern Britain. Our curriculum promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and those without faiths

We are committed to giving students opportunities to achieve and experience success; establish sound constructive relationships; to develop a sense of responsibility for their actions and to share a concern for their own environment and the world as a whole.

The curriculum is seen as a 5-year journey.

The importance of Key Stage 3

Key Stage Three (KS3) is the bridge between the knowledge and skills students have developed at Key Stage Two, and the knowledge and skills we want our students to have to prepare them for Key Stage Four. In KS3, students study a wide variety of subjects, allowing them to explore and engage with a rich quality of education across all aspects of the curriculum.

Throughout Years 7 and 8, students follow a progressive curriculum, which is built around the principles of knowledge, skills and passion. The KS3 curriculum will prepare students for the next stage in their learning journey by making them the readers, writers and thinkers we want them to be. Regular opportunities are built in for students to activate prior knowledge, whilst adding complexity, to ensure students can see how each Key Stage builds on each other; helping students to make connections between, and use the knowledge and skills previously learnt and understand how they expand on it. Each curriculum area has thoughtful, sequenced learning journeys which not only build on prior knowledge, but allows students to apply it to different contexts.

Every Child Matters: Challenge and curiosity throughout Key Stage three ensures the curriculum is ambitious for all. Adaptive teaching strategies and timely interventions both in and out of the classroom ensure no one is left behind. The Tutor programme, together with subject curriculums, including MSS, provide opportunities for students to develop the skills needed to be resilient, life long learners. We adopt a holistic approach, building on opportunities to develop the whole child.

Every Opportunity Counts: Regular opportunities to test what students know and can do through formative and summative assessment methods. Self study, and timely, effective feedback provides every student the opportunity to grow as learners, developing metacognitive skills of self regulation, and the ability to become independent, resilient learners.

The breadth of subjects studied and topics within subjects, alongside our extensive offer of extra curricular activities, including trips, strengthens students' cultural references to ensure they are able to make real connections and understand the world around them.

Practice

- Students follow a 2 year Key Stage Three
- Evidence informed practice underpins planning to aid student memory, for example interleaving, low stakes quizzing
- Sequenced curriculum maps in every subject area
- Regular self study set in each subject area
- High number of evidence informed formative assessment opportunities, such as low stakes quizzing, live feedback and verbal feedback
- Calendared exam slots for summative assessment
- Thinking hard strategies

Key Stage 4

In KS4, students choose a selection of subjects to specialise in, having more time to study to a deeper level the subjects they enjoy and have a passion for. This includes the option to study new subjects which are linked to GCSE opportunities that were not included discreetly at KS3.

The quality of education designed for KS4 study builds on KS3, extending, enriching and deepening understanding, knowledge and skills. KS4 courses will ensure that the Specifications for GCSE courses are delivered, with the opportunity to follow lines of enquiries as a response to student questions, enabling learning around the subject and to a greater depth. Further information about this and the pathways process is given in Year 8, to support students in making these choices.

The Pathways Process

During Year 8, students make important steps within their educational journey by choosing what areas they are going to specialise in during their KS4 venture. This pathways process initially begins with the PLRs where students are invited to set targets for themselves to investigate further what areas of study they may be interested in. Students and parents will then be fully involved with an extensive pathways process to help inform, engage, excite and inspire our students to select a personalised suite of subjects that will be studied at a deeper level during KS4.

Key Dates

Yr 8 Pathways Evening - 30th January 2025 Yr 8 Parents Evening - 6th February 2025 Pathways Assemblies - Week Commencing 24th February 2025 Pathways Taster Lessons - Fortnight Commencing 3rd March 2025 Pathway Forms Submission - 21st March 2025

Confirmation of Pathway Choices - End of June 2025

Please note: students will receive pathways information through their tutor sessions from the week beginning 3rd Feb to the Week beginning 17th March. It is imperative that students attend tutor so they do not miss out on any important information about Pathways.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning is what Wildern is all about; it is our primary job and is integral to the work that we do every day. Every member of staff is encouraged to be part of our Professional Learning Groups (PLG's) who research pedagogy, trial its usefulness and embed its practices to ensure that we stay at the forefront of educational thinking, innovation and inquiry.

We believe that students learn best when they:

- Enjoy their learning
- Are interested, motivated and engaged
- Achieve success and gain recognition
- Are given tasks which match their ability
- Clearly understand the learning objectives, content and expectations for lessons
- Are confident, feel secure and are aware of boundaries
- Are challenged and stimulated
- Are involved in their own learning and are encouraged to think about new ideas and ask questions
- Are encouraged to extend their classroom learning during study time at home
- Are encouraged to develop their analysis and thinking skills.
- Are involved in evaluating their own and others' progress (AfL)
- Know their level of performance, understand the assessment criteria and can see themselves progressing, knowing how to improve

We know excellent teaching is achieved when:

- Students are challenged with work appropriate to their ability
- Lessons are well planned and resourced to engage all students
- Assessment for Learning is taking place including peer/self-assessment
- Teachers are seen as energetic and enthusiastic for their subject and have good subject knowledge.
- Learning objectives are shared and discussed with the class at the start of the lesson
- The lesson consists of a variety of bite size activities using a range of learning styles
- Plenaries are well structured, involve the students and re-cap on the learning objectives of the lesson
- Students are supported to improve their work with formative comments
- ICT is used to enhance and enrich the quality of teaching
- The teaching style is varied and acknowledges variations in learning styles, maximising student engagement and enquiry
- Students are motivated to behave well within a consistent behaviour management framework

- Student progress is tracked, monitored and reviewed regularly
- Assessment is used to inform planning, teaching and progress
- Students are encouraged to think about their ideas and ask questions

We believe that our classrooms cultivate these ideals in order that students acquire the essential study skills, love of learning and resilience required for life after Wildern.

Class Codes

There are 25 lessons each week. Each lesson lasts for 1 hour. In Year 8, students will study the following subjects:

Subject	<u>Code</u>
Art	Ar
Drama	Dr
Dance	Da
English	En
Geography	Ge
History	Hi
Information Studies (ICT)	lt
Maths	Ma
Modern Foreign Language (MFL) (Students study 1 MFL subject) French German or Spanish	Fr Gm SP
Education for Life	EL
Music	Mu
Physical Education	Pe





Religious Education	Re
Science	Sc
Technology including Design & Technology and Food and Nutrition	De Fd



The School ethos is 'no bottom set' and most subjects are taught in mixed ability classes. Some subjects have higher and foundation tiers at GCSE so have broadly set groups throughout Key Stage 3 (Maths and Science).

The class codes take the form of; Year, Population, Subject, Class. A Year 8 student in the X population in English class number 3 would have the class code 8xEn3. In Year 8 there are 3 populations W, X, Y.

Self-study

Self-study at KS3 is set frequently with a weekly or fortnightly deadline. Tasks should take a student up to 30 minutes to complete per subject area. The emphasis should be on the quality of the response and not the amount completed.

Listed are some examples of potential self-study tasks at KS3:

- Google Quiz / Kahoot
- Vocabulary learning
- Extended reading with comprehension questions
- Quizlet
- Worksheet
- Practice papers (Self marking)

Self-study tasks will usually involve self-reflection or peer feedback to enable students to make improvements. This may be conducted in a variety of ways by the class teacher.

We believe that completing work outside lessons helps students in a number of ways:-

- It develops the Wildern Attributes and study habits.
- It teaches the importance of deadlines and consolidates and extends classroom learning.
- It encourages an enquiring mind.
- It affords the opportunity for enrichment.
- It ensures opportunities to practise and consolidate new skills.
- It enables students to think critically and creatively.
- The impact of self-study on learning is consistently positive (leading to on average five months' additional progress).

If a project is set over a period of weeks then the subject teachers should provide a clear outline of what is expected for each task and a way of checking in stages that the work is being completed. (E.g. flyer outlining criteria for each task and ticked off when completed)

How can I support my child's learning?

There are numerous ways you can support your child: ensuring they are wearing the correct uniform, and that they turn up on time at the start of the day, being aware of their self-study schedule and many others. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start if you want to get more involved – so here is a list of things you might like to try.

INSTEAD OF ASKING:

"How was school today?" (because they will say either "fine" or "okay")

YOU COULD ASK:

"What was the best lesson today?" and "why?"

"What new thing did you find out today?" Ask them to explain it to you.

"What did you struggle with today?" Ask them how they will deal with that.

"What are you most proud of today?" Ask if you can see the work.

One of the best ways of learning something is to explain it to someone else, so look at a subject book, find a recent page and ask them.....

"What is this?" "What does this mean?" "Who is this about?" "How did you get that result?"

Consider social factors, especially during transition when students first join us. *Rising hormones, friendship issues, exam pressure, behaviour and bullying all impact on our children at one time or another and it can affect their learning, so you need to know what's bothering them.*

"How are you feeling today?"

"Did you manage to sort out......?"

"Did you struggle with anything today?" "Does that bother you?"

Discuss with your child the best time for them to study each day. There are many valuable learning experiences outside the school day that should be planned for and included when organising study time.

Help your child to devise a timetable that suits their individual needs and check that their Self-study is in the schoolbag on the morning the self-study is due.

Talk to students about their self-study. You could ask:

"Have you done this self-study?" or "What is the most urgent piece of self-study you have to do and when will you do it?"

- Encourage your child to work in a quiet, comfortable place at a regular time each day.
- Encourage your child to see self-study as an extension of the lesson and not leave doing it until the night before it is due.
- Sign up to Google Guardians to receive summaries of the self-study that is set as well as telling you when it is due in, if it has been handed in or if it was not completed

- Discuss the work with your child; do they understand the task? Can they extend and improve their answers?
- Encourage your son/daughter to work to the time allocation set for each subject.
- Refer your son/daughter to Google Classroom, school library or your local library.
- Remember to write a note in the planner if your child has a genuine reason for not completing the Self-study.
- Contact the tutor if you have any concerns about Self-study.
- Your child may receive additional work from the Learning Support department. Try to arrange a regular time to help your child with these tasks.
- During exam sessions, ensure that your child has created a revision timetable that can help to plan effective revision.

Example of a self-organised Self-study timetable:

Day	Subject/activity	Subject/activity	Subject/activity
Monday	Stables 3.15	Maths	Art
Tuesday	English 3.30	Music lesson 5.30	Dance
Wednesday	Stables 3.15	Science	Drama
Thursday	Geography	Music	Youth Club 7.00
Friday	RE	MFL	ICT
Saturday	Stables 10.00	Football 2.00	
Sunday		Technology	History

Please don't be afraid to ask the school for help – we have a range of qualified staff to offer that extra emotional support, practical help or counselling. In the first instance, you should approach your child's tutor or a member of the Student Services Team, they will be more than happy to help you and your child to put things right.

If you would like specific subject support, you should contact your **child's subject teacher in the first instance**.

	Curriculum	Teams	
English	Mrs B Rooney	Design Technology	Mr J Smith
Maths	Mrs L Lomer	Creative Arts	Miss G Wiley
Science	Dr A Griscti-Perry	PE	Mr A Hill
Languages	Mr T Russell	Communication Studies	Mrs N Anderson
Humanities	Mrs E Dixon		

Information about the curriculum studied throughout Year 8 is on the following pages. There are also some suggestions for ways to enrich your child's learning at home for each subject.

The Curriculum - Subjects

Department: ART Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students will embed a number of key skills, knowledge and understanding through 2 main projects and a series of GCSE style taster lessons. Projects include; A Still Life project, the Landscape Assessment project and GCSE art taster lessons; including experimentation with printmaking, drawing and using new technologies.

How students will be assessed

Students will be assessed with Wildern Steps throughout the year, through a final extended Assessment Landscape Project and through a 1 hour written exam.

Self-study

Each project will have the following tasks, available as printouts and via Google Classroom:

Task 1: Artist Research Poster Task 2: Drawing / Photography from real life

Task 3: Google Classroom Quiz

Task 4: Developing techniques / exploring materials

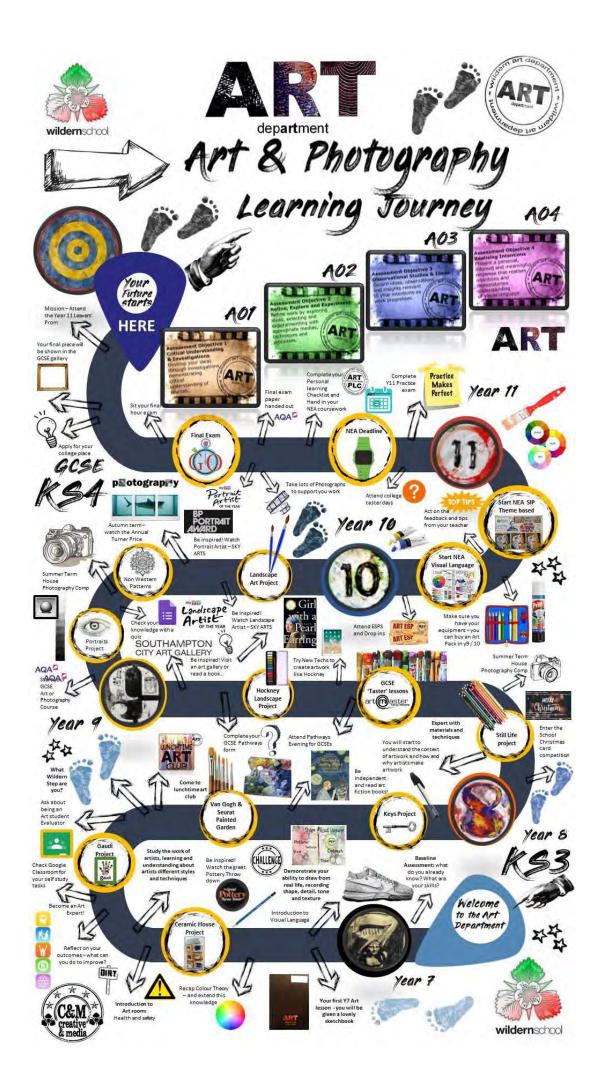
Parental support

- Monitor and support your child with completing the self-study tasks,
- Ensure your child has correct and required art equipment, including a glue stick, art shirt and basic art pack

Enrichment Ideas

Suggested reading Films & docume

 Da Vinci Code Wildness and Wonder by Susan Goldman Rubin Georgia Rises by Kathryn Lasky 	 Sky Arts Sky Landscape / Portrait artists of the year Nate: Artrageous
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> Art Galleries - there are plenty of local ones Talk to your child about art and about their artwork, create time for a discussion or to share thoughts Have a balance of screen time 	 Things to see and do locally Wildern D@rt centre Southampton City Art Gallery John Hansard Gallery / city eye Hobby Craft workshops / WSA shop and gallery Today @ Apple
 Top 5 Websites https://www.tate.org.uk/ https://www.southamptoncityartgallery.com/ https://www.canva.com/ https://sketch.io/sketchpad/ http://www.artlex.com/ 	 Things we do Art Club / Join the Art Enrichment Google Classroom Art competitions / Photography Competitions



Department: COMPUTING Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students will develop and embed digital literacy by covering a variety of topics including programming, augmented reality, spreadsheets and digital products. We aim to provide students with transferable skills in computing that can be used moving forward into Year 9 and beyond

How students will be assessed

End of unit formal teacher assessment

Self-study

Self-study via Google Classroom

Autumn term: Unit 6 self-study

Spring term: Unit 7 and Unit 8 self-study

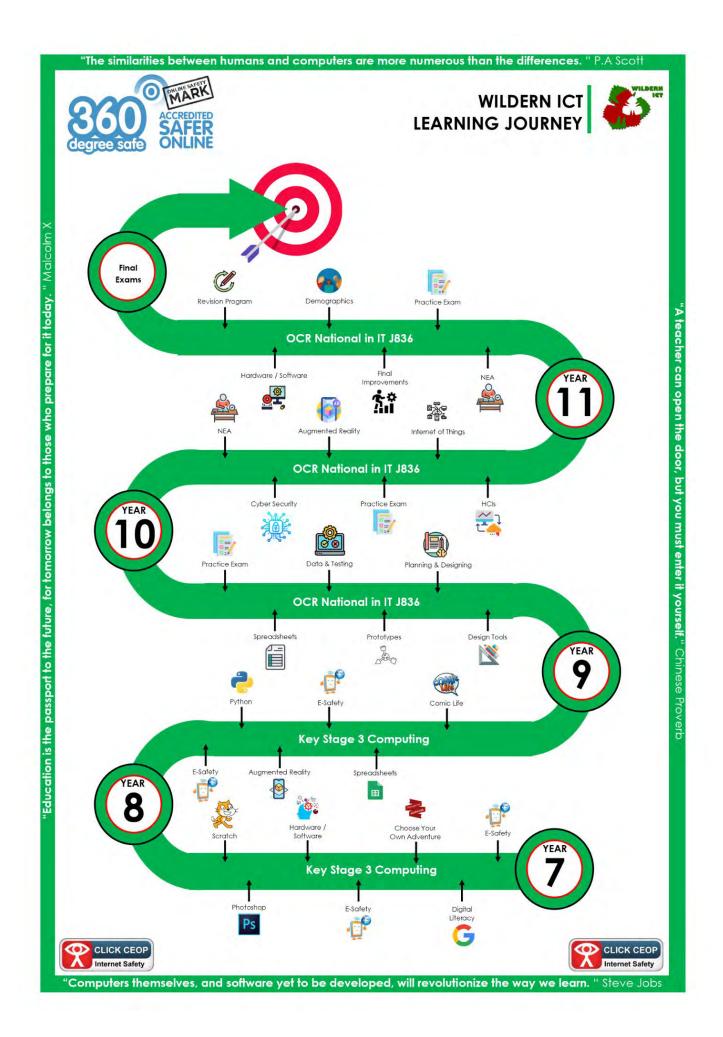
Summer term: Unit 9 self-study

Parental support

Checking self-study regularly

Encourage use of computing at home.

 Suggested reading Coding for Beginners: Using Python by Louie Stowell Coding Games in Python (Computer Coding for Kids) by DK 	
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> The National Museum of Computing https://www.tnmoc.org/ Learn a new programming language 	 Things to see and do locally Game Over: Video Game cafe Portsmouth IBM Hursley Museum https://slx-online.biz/hursley/the_museum.asp
Top 5 Websites BBC Bitesize KS3 ICT https://hourofcode.com/uk/learn https://lightbot.com/flash.html https://scratch.mit.edu https://repl.it/	 Things we do E Safety focus group KS3 Computing Club



Department: DANCE Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Autumn Term: Capoeira and Poetry through Dance Spring Term: The Car Man – Matthew Bourne

Summer Term: GCSE Professional Dance Works: Emancipation of Expressionism

How students will be assessed

Students are assessed through the Wildern Steps on their practical work in three areas, composition, performance and analysis, both continually and at the end of each unit.

Year 8 exam – students will be assessed on their dance vocabulary and key terms in a written paper. This will focus on choreographic skills, performance skills, safe practice and analysis.

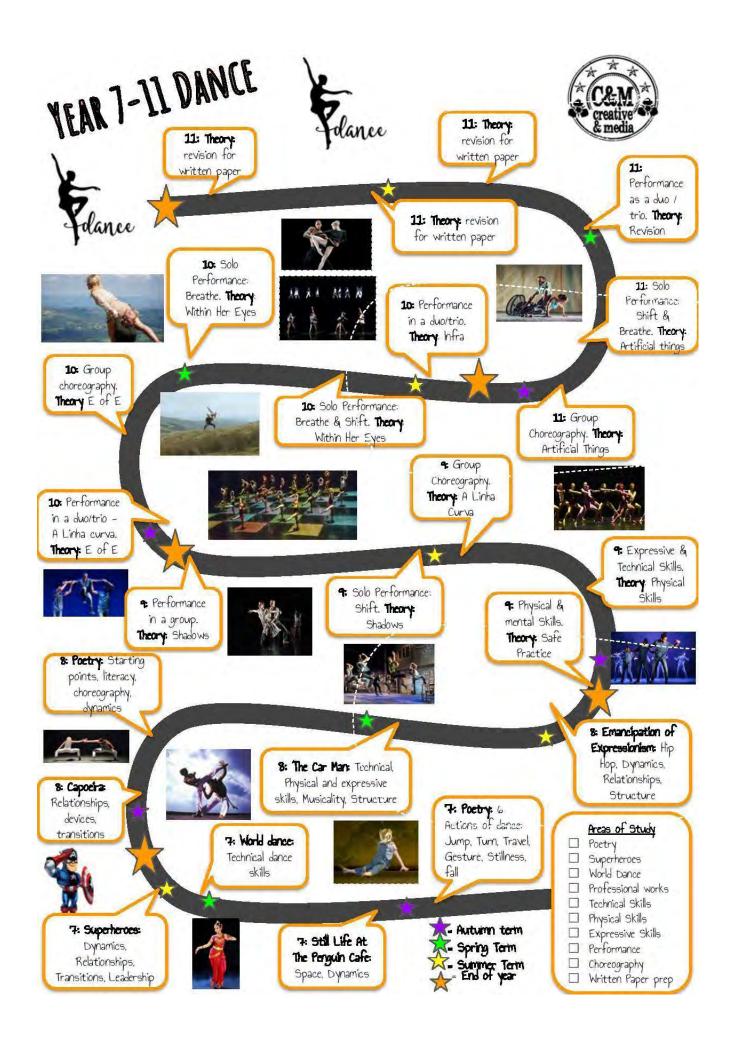
Self-study

Spring Term - Evaluative writing analysing and reflecting on 'The Carman' by Matthew Bourne.

Parental support

- Encourage their child to watch live and recorded dance in a variety of styles.
- Ensure their child wears the appropriate kit and has equipment for all lessons.
- Dance kit green shorts and Wildern polo shirt.

Suggested reading Ballet Stars Rambert Dance	 Films & documentaries Matthew Bourne dance pieces Emancipation of Expressionism - Anthology
 Cultural experiences Theatre visits. The Berry, Mayflower, Nuffield, London, Sadlers Wells Performing as a part of the dance extra curricular programme in the Berry Theatre 	Things to see and do locally Dance clubs at school D@rt Centre dancer activities The Point Theatre The Berry Theatre The Mayflower Theatre
 Top Websites Capoeira - https://youtu.be/Z8xxgFpK-NM The Car Man - https://new-adventures.net/the-carman#overview Brothers of dance: Contemporary - https://youtu.be/KEAkyBd6a-Y Emancipation of Expressionism Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUQl8kUiaiE 	 Things we do Year 8 dance club Dynamism Boys Dance Company Junior bare roots (by invite only) Showcases x3 in the Berry Theatre Dance Live!



Department: <u>DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY</u> Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students take part in the following projects: Pull along toy, Mood lamp, Emoji toy and Food Kitchen Safety, Diet and Health. Students learn valuable skills and techniques which could be used in Year 9.

How students will be assessed

Students are assessed throughout the projects and given a Wildern Step for practical and design work.

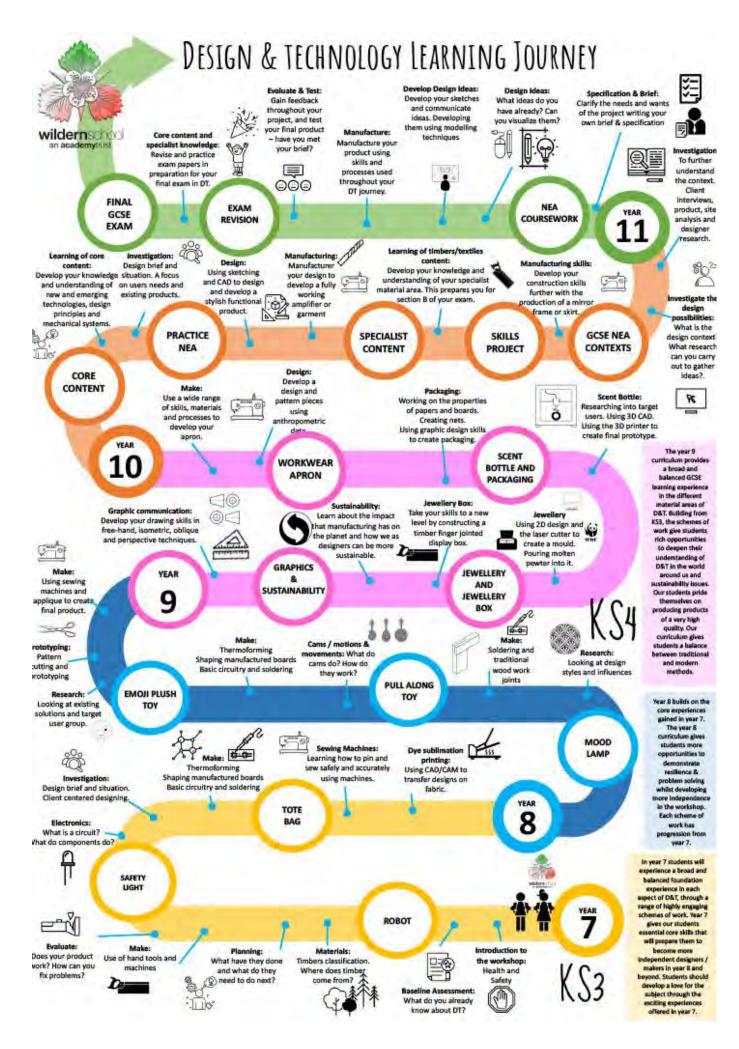
Self-study

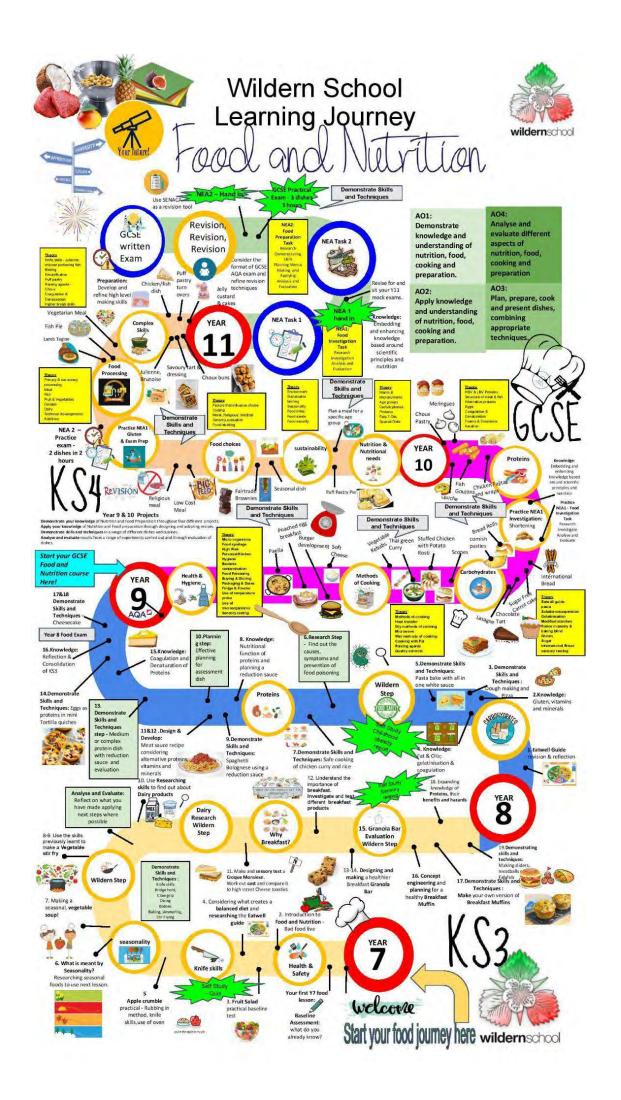
Self-study is given at least once every term. Self-study tasks can be found on Google Classroom. In Cooking and Nutrition a self-study on food safety will be set at an appropriate point in the course.

Parental support

- Provide ingredients where necessary for practical food lessons.
- Check planners for recipes and money collection.
- Ensure your child has a pencil and pen for every lesson. Coloured pencils may be an advantage.
- Assist with research and check self-study is completed on time.

 Suggested reading Design: The whole story Design: The definitive history Fashion: The definitive visual history Jamie Oliver 5 ingredients Biographies of designers and chefs 	Films & documentaries Great british bake off Masterchef Inside the factory Food unwrapped BBC How to make BBC The great british sewing bee
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> Big band fair Visiting local food markets and food festivals Goodwood festival of speed Farnborough air show New forest county show 	Things to see and do locally INTECH 1851 trust Solent Sky Beaulieu Hovercraft museum
 Top 3 Websites https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/ http://www.technologystudent.com/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07mddqk 	 Things we do Run after school clubs. These include STEM club, Design club, Textiles club, Cooking Club Run an after school cooking competition Share our love of the subject and what we do with ou skills outside of teaching





Department: DRAMA Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students will practically explore many styles of theatre ranging from Devised Drama to Comedy. They will also look at adapting film scripts for the stage as well as creating whole class scenes. In yr 8 we also consider what impact our work can have on an audience and how we can fulfil our artistic intentions through dramatic form. The explorations will enhance students' understanding of explorative strategies and performance skills.

How students will be assessed

Students are assessed at the end of each half termly Scheme of Work. Although the assessment is practical, students can still make progress by showing their understanding of topics and performance through self study tasks and assessment reflections. Students are graded by The Wildern Drama Steps for their performances and practical work.

Self-study

Students need to complete a written task set by the teacher after every practical unit. Additional self-study tasks will be set at the discretion of class teachers. As part of self study students will be encouraged to arrange their own extra rehearsal times in the Auditoriums.

Parental support

- To ensure the correct equipment and footwear is brought to every session.
- Supporting with extra rehearsals/extra-curricular activities.
- Supporting with the learning of dialogue

 Suggested reading The Hunger Game Trilogy- Suzanne Collins Teechers by John Godber I love you Mum - Mark Wheeller Hard To Swallow- Mark Wheeller 	 Films & documentaries The Hunger Games- Gary Ross Clue - Jonathan Lynch
 Cultural experiences Backstage Tours at The Mayflower Day trips to London to visit The West End RSC tours and play to enjoy in Stratford Upon Avon Involvement with Inhouse Productions Outside Theatre at Mottisfont (National Trust) 	 Things to see and do locally The MayFlower Southampton - Backstage Tours and Summer Schools New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth Winchester Hat Fair - Free Outdoor Arts Festival The Point and Berry Theatre Youth Theatre and workshops The D@rt have a Thursday night drama club
Top 5 Websites www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/aboutus/virtual-tour www.royalcourt.com www.visitlondon.com/vitually-london www.rsc.org.uk (virtual tours) https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p08gh374	 Things we do School Production Drama Club/ Drama Club Showcase Theatre Visits Watching GCSE Drama work as an exam audience Being part of hot seating exercises for LAMDA candidates



Department: EDUCATION FOR LIFE Class Organisation: Tutor Groups

SUPPORTING YOU TO BE RESPONSIBLE, CONFIDENT, HEALTHY AND RESPECTFUL YOUNG ADULTS PREPARED FOR LIFE AND WORK IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD

Course Overview:

The Education for life programme supports students to be responsible, healthy, confident and respectful young adults prepared for life and work in an ever changing world. There are three key themes that all year groups will focus on throughout the year:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World

Education for Life encompasses our whole school statutory Relationships & Sex Education and focuses upon students economic and personal wellbeing. Students are encouraged to develop their personal opinions and discussion skills. Topics included in Year 8 Education for Life include Drugs & Alcohol, No Outsiders - Prejudice and Discrimination, Setting Goals (Careers), Emotional Wellbeing, Identity & Relationships and British Values & Citizenship.

How students will be assessed

Students are assessed using a variety of methods on the work that they complete throughout the year including self or peer assessment in each unit and google quizzes at the end of each half term.

Self-study

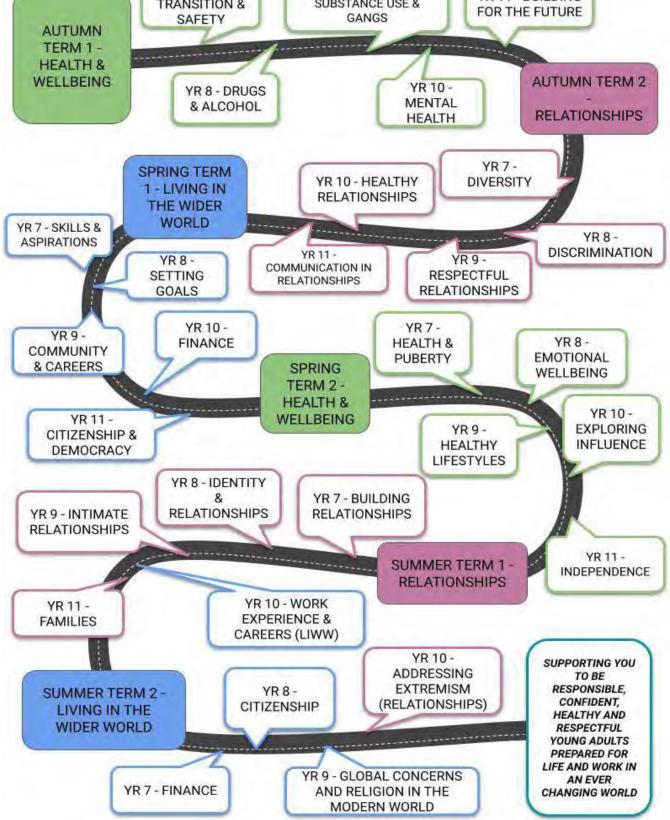
Self-study is not applicable in this subject.

Parental support

- Ensure that you encourage your child to keep up to date with current affairs.
- Support can be given to your child by encouraging debate and discussion at home.

 Suggested reading A good clean edge, Vincent Caldy The garbage king, Elizabeth Laird The Boy at the back of the class, Onjali Q.Rauf Keeping Mum, Marianne Talbot 	Films & documentaries ■ Modern Family
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> National Trust Theatre trips linked to themes 	Things to see and do locally Explore youth parliament
Top 5 Websites youngminds.org.uk/ stem4.org.uk/ www.childline.org.uk/ www.bbc.co.uk/newsround www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament	Things we do ■ Lessons on mindfulness and wellbeing

EDUCATION FOR LIFE - 5 YEAR JOURNEY YR 9 - PEER INFLUENCE. TRANSITION & SUBSTANCE USE & FOR THE FUTURE GANGS SAFETY AUTUMN TERM 1 -**HEALTH &** WELLBEING YR 10 -YR 8 - DRUGS



Department: <u>ENGLISH</u> Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

All students study a range of contemporary and seminal texts, including Shakespeare. Additionally, students develop their writing skills for different purposes and audiences, and hone their speaking and listening skills through presentations, paired and group discussions and debate.

How students will be assessed

Students are assessed using a range of formative and summative mediums, including quizzing, creative writing tasks, comprehension activities and more formalised examinations, such as reading and spelling tests.

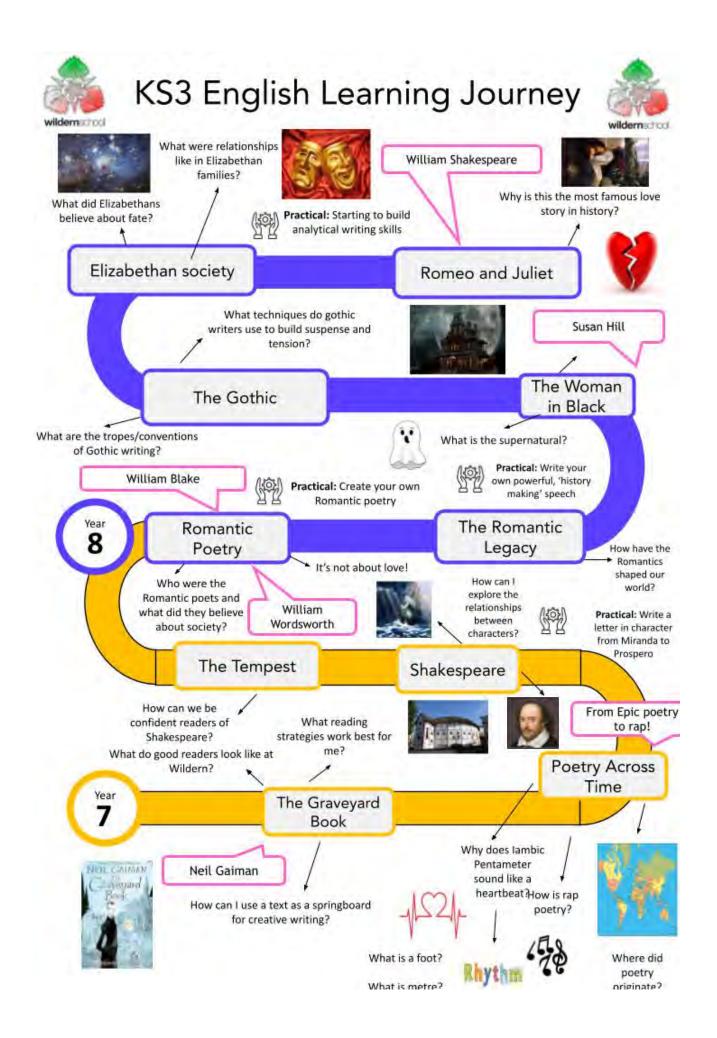
Self-study

Students receive weekly self-study. All work is set via Sparx reader which requires students to complete 45 minutes of reading per week.

Parental support

- Check self-study is completed on Sparx reader.
- Talk to students about their reading and encourage them to complete regular reading for pleasure at home.
- Help students to access the enrichment ideas, where possible.

Suggested reading One of us is Lying' series- Karen McMannus Uglies' series- Scott Westerfeld Daz 4 Zoe' Robert Swindles Rani and Sukh'- Bali Rai 1984'- George Orwell Please see the school website for all the latest LRC (library) booklist recommendations	Films & documentaries Any film production of Romeo and Juliet or relating to Shakespeare's era The Woman in Black - https://www.thewomaninblack.com/ The Romantics and Us - Simon Schama
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> The Globe Theatre, London Shalespeare's house and the theatres of Stratford Upon Avon The Mayflower Theatre Southampton and the MAST theatre Visit a wild natural location like The Lake District or The Peak District 	 Things to see and do locally Portsmouth City Museum- they often have Arthur Conan Doyle exhibits as he was born in Portsmouth. Visit Milestones - the living Victorian village. Visit a moorland (The New Forest or Dartmoor) to experience the setting for Romantic poetry/experience the power of nature.
 Top 3 websites BBC Bitesize: KS3 Romeo and Juliet- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdj6sg Romantic Poet: Wordsworth- https://wordsworth.org.uk/wordsworth/daffodils- and-other-poems/ https://www.sparknotes.com/ 	 Things we do Theatre in schools drama workshops by Box Clever Share documentary clips to engage students and develop their understanding of the contextual timeframe. Encourage additional wider reading of detective, tragedy and mystery novels.





Here at Wilden we actively encourage you to read, and here's why...

Reading is the key to improving all aspects of your school work across your curriculum areas.

It will help with your vocabulary, it may improve your memory and help you to relax.

But also, and possibly most importantly, reading may inspire you and help to make your imagination flourish.

I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." J K Rowling

> Reading is cool. Books are cool. That's it. That's the tweet. Marcus Rashford MBE























ADVENTURE BOOKS



- → Melt Ele Fountain
- >> Race to the Frozen North Catherine Johnson
- ➤ Noughts and Crosses Malorie Blackman
- >> Where the River Runs Gold Sita Brahmachar
- >> The Boy at the Top of the Mountain John Boyne
- >> Young Bond Shoot to Kill Steve Cole
- ➤ The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe Ally Condie
- >> Lightning Girl Series Alisha Dixon
- ➤ Alex Rider Series Anthony Horowitz
- >> The Cherub Series Robert Muchamore >> The Boy who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair - Lara Williamson
- >>> Bearmouth Liz Hyder
- > Into the Woods Lyn Gardener
- >> Silverfin Charlie Higson
- >> Where the World Ends Geraldine McCaughrean
- ➤ Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah
- >> The island at the End of Everything Kiran Millwood Hargrave

















Fantasy Books

- The Hunger Games Trilogy Suzanne Collins
- Harry Potter J K Rowling Percy Jackson Rick Riordan The House with Chicken Legs Sophie Anderson

- The Merrybegot Julie Hearn
 Lord of the Rings J R R Tolkien
 City of Bones Cassandra Clare
 The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C.S Lewis
 Northern Lights Philip Pullman
 Shiver Maggie Stiefvater

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 Twillight Saga Stephenie Meyer
 Children of Blood and Bone Tomi Adeyemi
 Throne of Glass Series Sarah J Maas
 The Wordsmith Patricia Forde
 The City of Guardian Stones Jacob Sager Weinstein
 Skulduggery Pleasant Derek Landy
 A Pinch of Magic Michelle Harrison
 The Lie Tree Frances Hardinge
 The Secret of Birds and Bone Kiren Millwood Hargrave
 The Spooks Apprentice Joseph Delaney

 - The Spooks Apprentice Joseph Delaney Red Queen Victoria Aveyard North Child Edith Patou





















MYSTERY BOOKS

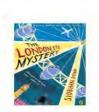






- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime Mark Haddon
- Goldfish Boy Lisa Thompson
- Truly Devious Series Maureen Johnson
- A Murder Most Unlady Like Robin Stevens
- Safest Lies Megan Miranda
- High Rise Mystery Sharma Jackson Race to the Bottom of the Sea Lindsay Eagar
- The London Eye Mystery Siobhan Dowd
- Moonrise Sarah Crossman
- Ruby Redfort Series Lauren Child
- Bunker Diary Kevin Brooks
- You Will Know Me Megan Abbott
- Button War Avi
- Down the Rabbit Hole Peter Abrahams
- Encounters Jason Wallace











Romance

- Twilight Stephenie Meyer
- C Love Frankie Jacqueline Wilson
- The Fault in our Stars John Green
- To All the Boys I've Loved Before Jenny Han

- When the Stars are Scattered Omar Mohamed
- The Deepest Breath Meg Grehan
- Cherry Crush Cathy Cassidy



















Classic Books



Peter Pan - J.M Barry A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens

Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

Sherlock Holmes - Arthur Conan Doyle

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Little Women - Louisa M. Alcott The Secret Garden - Francis Hodgson Burnett 當當

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Black Beauty - Anna Sewell The same The Railway Children - Edith Nesbit

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Ballet Shoes - Noel Streatfeild Swallows and Amazons - Arthur Ransome Anne of Green Gables - L M Montgomery di





















Science-Fiction Books

- A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle
- Dune Series Frank Herbert
- Mortal Engines Philip Reeve
- Arc of Scythe Series Neal Shusterman
- This Mortal Coil Emily Suvada Meta Wars Jeff Norton
- The 100 Kass Morgan
- Itch Simon Mayo
- The Lorien Legacy Pittacus Lore
- The Starlight Watchmaker Lauren James
- Bzrk Michael Grant
- Monster Michael Grant
- Eve of Man Tom Fletcher
- The Fever Code James Dasher
- Where the World Turns Wild Nicola Penfold
- Skywake Invasion Jamie Russell

















Thriller Books









- Are You Watching Vincent Ralph
- A Danger to Herself and Others Alyssa Sheinmel
- A Good Girls Guide to Murder Holly Jackson
- One of Us is Lying Karen McManus The City of Secret Rivers Jacob Sager Weinstein
- Last One to Die Cynthia Murphy
- Catching Teller Crow Ambelin & Ezekiel Kwaymullina
- Its Behind You Kathryn Foxfield
- Burning Secrets Clare Chambers
- Ruby Redfort Lauren Child
- The Whisper Jonathan Stroud
- The S.T.A.G.S Series M A Bennett













Historical Books



Orphan Monster Spy - Matt Killeen

Wave me Goodbye - Jacqueline Wilson

Now - Morris Gleitzman

Red Ribbon - Lucy Adlington

宫 My Story Series

宫 Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

E The Silver Hand - Terry Deary

We Played with Fire - Catherine Barter 宫

宫 Carrie's War - Nina Bawden 貫 Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne

菖 Lightning Mary - Anthea Simmons 宫 Frost Hollow Hall - Emma Carroll

菖 12 Minutes to Midnight - Christopher Edge

The Roman Mysteries - Caroline Lawerence Ē

How High the Moon - Karyn Parsons























HORROR BOOKS

- Women In Black Susan Hill
- The Graveyard Book Neil Galman The Adjusters Andrew Taylor
- The Saga of Darren Shan Darren Shan
- Goosebumps Series R.L. Stein
- Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick
- The Haunting of Aveline Jones Phil Hicks Horowitz Horror Anthony Horowitz
- The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe Ally Condie
- Wranglestones Darren Charlton





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NON - FICTION AND COMING OF AGE BOOKS



I am Malala

Tsunami Kids - The Gandy Brothers

9999999999 Dear Evan Hansen - Val Emmich

Love is a Revolution - Renee Watson

Rick - Alex Gino

The Boy at the back of the Class - Q Onjali Rauf Ghost - Jason Reynolds











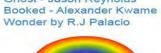












Department: GEOGRAPHY Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students begin the year by looking at a bespoke unit of work 'Commotion in the Ocean' focusing on plastic pollution. We move on to study Urbanisation, with a focus on China and their population growth. In the Spring term, we study Africa to find out about differences in development, life in poverty and aid. Finally, students study how the complex interactions between humans and the environment can cause conflict in the fragile environments of Australasia and Antarctica.

How students will be assessed

Managing China's population Getting out of poverty The Coral Reef Assessment

Self-study

Self-study via Google Classroom, project based over a 3 week period. Examples include; Chinese New Year, Aid to Africa, The Biomes Project and entry to the GA competition.

Parental support

- In accessing subject specific resources like atlases and online sites like www.worldatlas.com
- Through taking part in student questionnaires and surveys.

 Suggested reading Horrible Geography Series Lonely Planet, A journey through every country Lonely Planet: The Big Earth Book DK: Natural Wonders of the World DK: What's where in the world? 	Films & documentaries Seven Worlds, One Planet (David Attenborough) Documentaries by Simon Reeve The Impossible Frozen Planet On Thin Ice
 Cultural experiences National Trust 50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾ Have access to a world map at home e.g. poster, atlasscratch map, blow-up globe Make a homemade weather station & keep a diary of the weather 	 Science Museum, London London Eye
 Top 5 Websites BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize BBC news https://www.bbc.co.uk/news Geoguessr https://www.geoguessr.com/ World population clock https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/ Google Earth https://earth.google.com/web/ 	 Things we do Book Covering competition Trips to London including a boat trip on the River Thames and visit the London Aquarium. Pathways Lesson linked to development. Residential to Argoed Llwyd in the Bannau Brycheinic (Brecon Beacons)



Department: <u>HISTORY</u> Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students will study the turbulent 20th Century and explore the challenges facing the world today with a focus on the Edwardian society, Titanic, women's suffrage, WW1, WW2, Civil rights, the Holocaust and the Atomic bomb.

How students will be assessed

Written assessments using Wildern Steps once a term. Group and individual self-study.

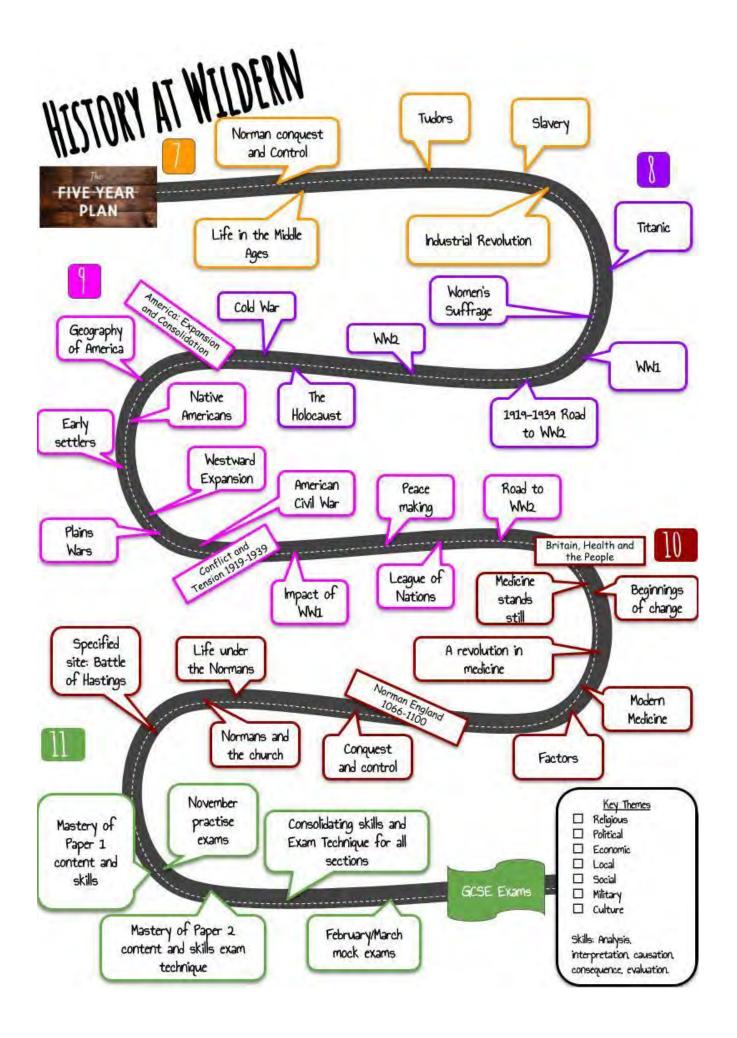
Self-study

Self study is set via google classroom. There are a mixture of projects, reading comprehension, glossaries, quizzes and worksheets based around 'meanwhile elsewhere' tasks.

Parental support

- Use of Library for research.
- Support with planning and meeting deadlines.
- Use of google classroom for extension and support information.

 Suggested reading When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr (WW2) Private Peaceful - Michael Morgpurgo (Ww1) The Book Thief - Markus Zusak (WW2) Wave Me Goodbye - Jacqueline Wilson (Ww2) 	Films & documentaries (please check rating of films) Dunkirk Pearl Harbour Midway Hidden Figures
 Cultural experiences Battle Abbey Imperial War museum Tower of London/ London Dungeons National History museum Mayflower theatre (War horse) 	 Things to see and do locally D Day Museum Portchester Fort Nelson Southampton Titanic Museum (Seacity museum) Chapel, grounds and cemetery at Royal Victoria Country Park
 Top 5 Websites BBC bitesize www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39 Titanic twitter (real time): https://twitter.com/titanic_live?lang=en BBC teach www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks3-history/zhbdpg Youtube clips 'horrible histories channel', 'woeful second world war' 'HISTORY' youtube channel 	 Things we do Imperial War museum Movies: Titanic, Suffragette, War Horse Virtual museum tours Archaeology club



Department: MATHEMATICS Class Organisation: Broadly banded

Course Overview:

Year 8 students follow the KS3 National Curriculum. Investigative skills are developed and accurate use of equipment is practised. Students are taught effective use of their own scientific calculators. Topics covered include:

Autumn: Transformations, algebraic functions, linear graphs, constructions, loci, calculator skills, plans and elevations.

Spring: Applying averages, interpreting data representations, integers, powers and roots, geometric reasoning, further sequences, applications of probability, perimeter, area and volume.

Summer: Fractions, percentages, ratio, proportion, formulae, solving equations, further transformations and a data investigation.

How students will be assessed

Ongoing assessment through regular in class assessments, formal exams in May, self-study tasks and through formative assessment strategies in the classroom.

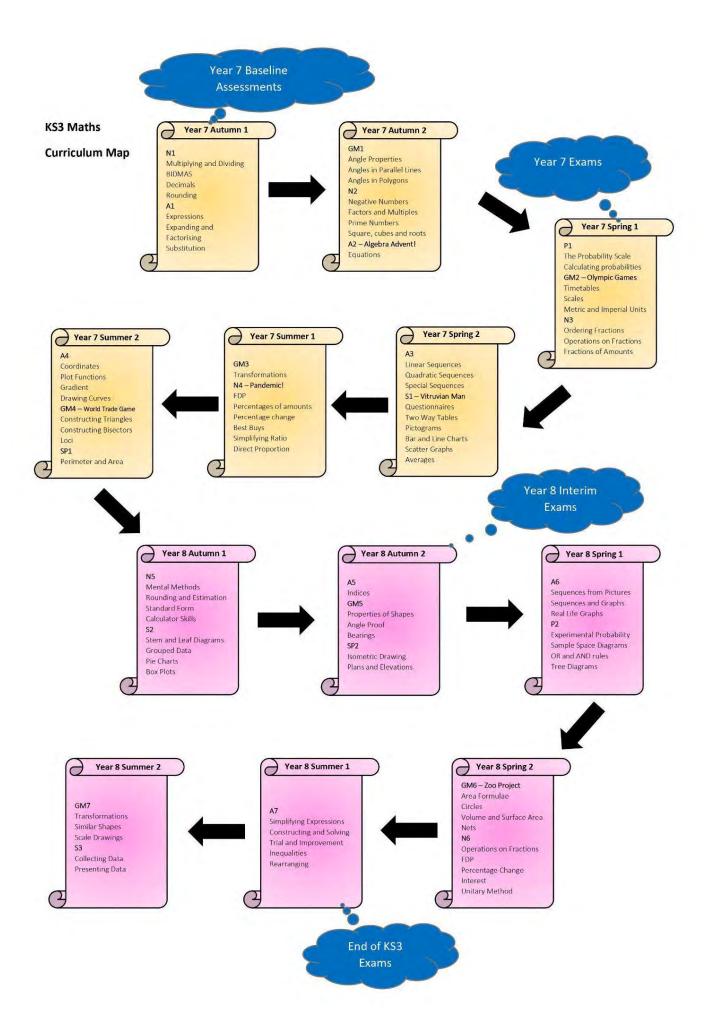
Self-study

Students receive self-study each week through Sparx Maths. Tasks are set which should take students on average 30 minutes each week.

Parental support

- Use teacher's marking and feedback in your child's exercise book to support your child with topics they are finding difficult. The website sparxmaths.uk gives very comprehensive and well-structured activities.
- Ensure your child has all the relevant equipment including a scientific calculator. We recommend the Casio 991ex.
- Ensure your child is confident with their times tables and basic number skills.

 Suggested reading Can you solve my problems? by Alex Bellos The Number Devil by Hans Angus Enzensberger 	Films & documentaries Imitation Game (12A) The Martian (12)
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes Playing resources-based games (e.g. Settlers of Catan Winchester Problem Solving club 	 Things to see and do locally Solent Air Museum Winchester Science centre
 Top 5 Websites Sparx Maths: sparxmaths.uk/student PiXL timestable app: https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/Timestables.html Nrich: https://nrich.maths.org/secondary UKMT Maths Challenge: https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/solo Numberphile Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoxcjq-8xIDTYp3uz647V5A 	 Things we do NSPCC Number Day (February) Year 7 and 8 Puzzle Club (Monday lunchtimes in roon 670) UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



Department: MFL – FRENCH/SPANISH/GERMAN Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

In year 8, students continue to speak and write across a wider range of contexts, including their town, food, fashion and holidays. Within these contexts, students develop the ability to use the past, present and future tenses, express a wider range of opinions and use more complex language. All skills in year 8 build on and extend learning from year 7. Students read longer and more challenging texts and begin to write extended pieces of writing.

How students will be assessed

Listening, Reading and Writing assessments each term. End of Key Stage assessment in May/June.

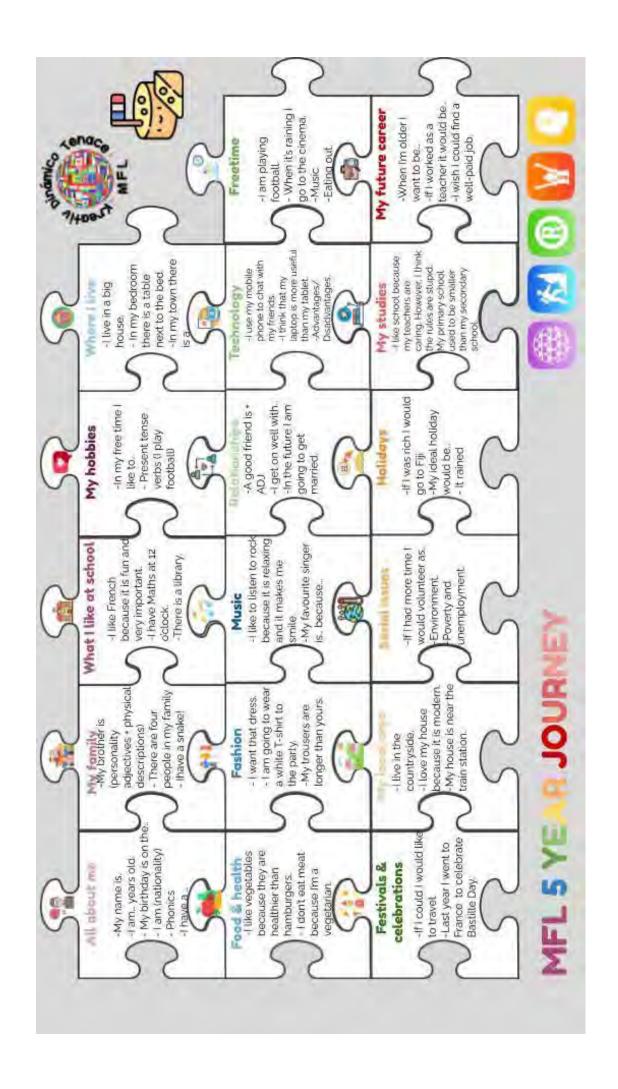
Self-study

All self-study tasks are set on Google Classroom. Self-study alternates between vocabulary learning on Memrise.com and online reading, listening and writing tasks on www.sentencebuilders.com. Vocabulary should be practised daily to support students' recall of key vocabulary. Sentencebuilder.com tasks should take approximately 30 minutes.

Parental support

- Test vocabulary and spellings weekly.
- Encourage students to use Memrise and <u>sentencebuilders.com</u> to practise their language at home.

 Suggested Reading French: Language guide online French reading, 1jour1actu German: Deutsche Welle Deutsch Interaktiv [search online] Spanish: Thespanishexperiement.com stories 	 Films & documentaries French: Kirikou et la sorcière, La prophétie des grenouilles, Mini-Loup(Wolf) German: Goethe Institut Erste Wege in Deutschland, Harry gefangen in der Zeit (Deutsche Welle website) Spanish: Cortometrajes en Youtube (Short Films)-'Cuerdas', 'El Regalo' 'Alma' 'El número', Nailed it! (Baking show!) Netflix
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> French: Wildern Paris Trip, PenPal letters with school in northern France German: German exchange experience Spanish: Pen pal letters with partner school in Mallorca Explore the Guggenheim Bilbao https://artsandculture.google.com/project/guggenheim-bilbao 	 German: Stein Garten German bar Southampton Spanish: La Regata restaurant Southampton
Top 5 Websites www.memrise.com/www.quizlet.com KS3 BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv https://www.busuu.com/ www.fluentU.com - Language blog www.lingo-play.com - Language learning games	 Things we do Foreign Language Film Club Arabic Club European Culture Club European Day of Languages



Department: MUSIC Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students develop their understanding and knowledge of skills, technique and style through termly units. This includes work in the Digital Media Suite where Music Technology is explored further. The units in Year 8 are Songwriting, Art and Music and Dance Music.

How students will be assessed

Student's knowledge and understanding are assessed through performance, composition or listening and evaluating tasks.

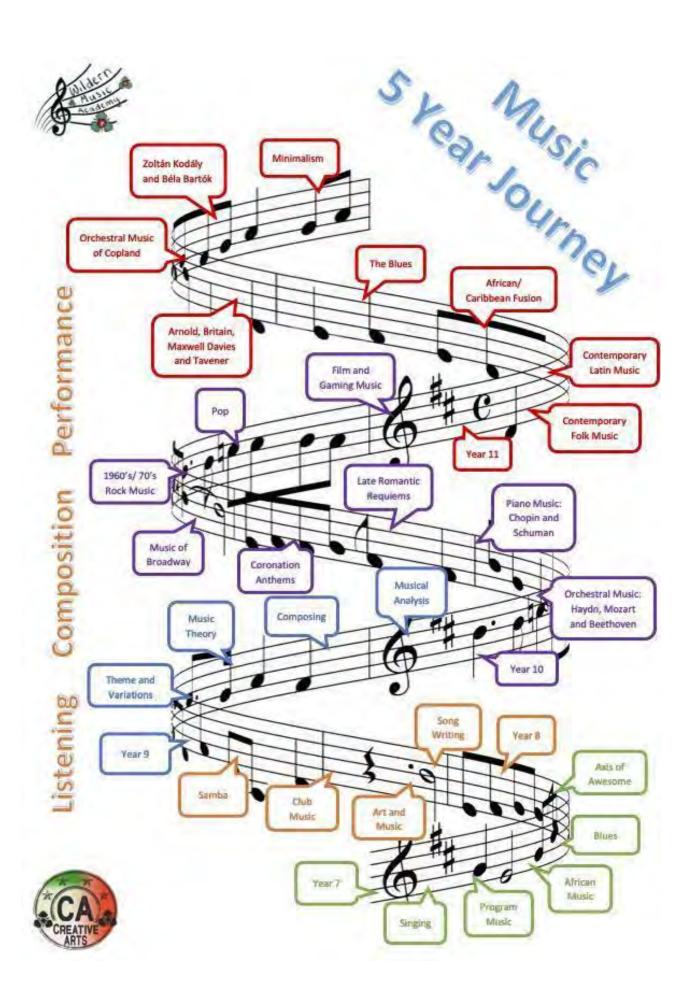
Self-study

Two self-study activities should be completed per term, for each unit of work. These will be set through Google classroom and be in the form of a mid-unit reflection and google form listening quiz.

Parental support

- Encourage your child to listen to and appreciate a wide range of music and styles.
- Take an interest and encourage independent research in the current musical unit.
- Encourage your child to take part in an extended curricular opportunity and instrument lessons.
- Listen to any form of 'Live' music.
- Use appropriate music software with a midi keyboard on the home computer.

 Suggested reading Piano & Keyboard Chords: Easy to Use, Easy to Carry, One Chord on Every Page by Jake Jackson Adventures In Songwriting: A Guide For Kids by Gina Boe and Sue Smith 	 Films & documentaries The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (Benjamin Britten) narrated by Peter Pears. Can be found on youtube. "Score: A Film Music Documentary" by Matt Schrade
 Cultural experiences Externally run enrichment (Samba and Songwriting Workshop) Performing in the Berry theatre (Christmas concert, Summer concert, Year 8 musician of the year) Busking zone performance opportunity WIldern Music Festival 	 Things to see and do locally Musical productions at the Mayflower theatre Christmas/Summer concerts at the Berry theatre
Top 5 Websites Youtube piano tutorial videos: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9WDdfvgUby PrFTUqBnQYQ BBC bitesize KS3 Music: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82. Music Theory: https://www.musictheory.net/ Online music making: www.bandlab.com Sheet music: https://www.musicroom.com/	 Things we do School ensembles (KS3 choir, percussion ensemble, ukulele club, orchestra/brass band etc) Year 8 theory club and Year 8 Enrichment club Wildern Music Festival - Year 8 songwriting competition



Department: PHYSICAL EDUCATION Class Organisation: Broadly Banded & Mixed Gender

Course Overview:

Students continue to build on the foundations of the concept-curriculum that were established in Year 7 with a greater emphasis placed on the students' depth of understanding each concept. This will then radiate to their ability to more effectively apply and transfer the six key concepts across a range of different practical activities and sports.

The **SIX KEY CONCEPTS** students are advanced in Year 8 are;

- 1. Overcoming Opponents (Indoor): Basketball, Badminton, Handball, Table Tennis, Volleyball.
- 2. Overcoming Opponents (Outdoor): Football, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Rounders & Athletics.
- 3. Aesthetic Technique & Performance: Gymnastics, Dance, Trampolining & Athletics.
- 4. Water Technique & Safety: Swimming, Personal Survival, Synchronised Swimming, Water Polo
- 5. Health-Related Exercise: Fitness Classes, Fitness Suite Sessions & Outdoor fitness sessions.
- **6.** Sports Culture: American Football, Lacrosse, Kabaddi, Aussie Rules, Gaelic Football.

In addition, students begin to learn the fundamental knowledge and understanding of how to lead a healthy, active lifestyle, wider understanding of practical activities and sports and begin their journey as part of **#TeamWildern.**

How students will be assessed:

Students will be assessed using the specially devised step-criteria for PE which analyses students ability to understand, apply and transfer concepts across a range of physical activities and sports in addition to an online theory test.

Self-study:

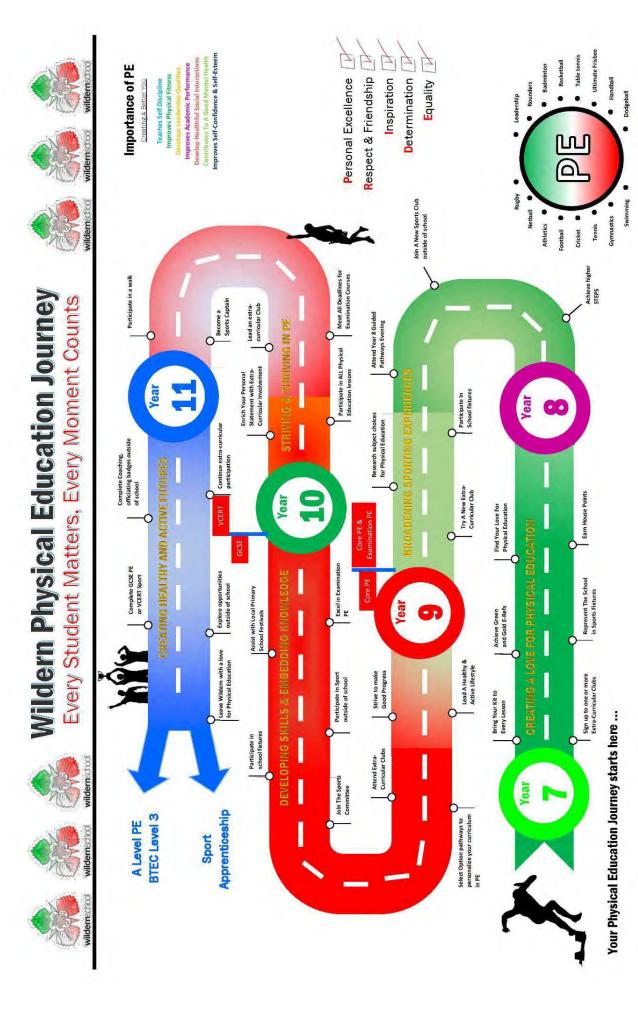
PE KNOWledge Quiz set each term - Set online using Google Classroom.

Parental support

- Ensure your child has the full & correct PE kit for **EVERY** lesson (*Even if injured students are encouraged to play an active role in lessons and so will be expected to change unless medically unable*).
- Remind your child to come **APPROPRIATELY EQUIPPED** for the varying weather conditions.
- Support PE staff in clarifying what is **PERMITTED & NOT PERMITTED** to be worn during PE lessons (See pg.13)
- Provide a written **NOTE** if your child is unable to fully participate in PE lessons.
- Encourage your child to take part in ALL aspects of PE & adopt a POSITIVE attitude towards physical activity.
- Encourage attendance at EXTRA-CURRICULAR activities.

Visit our dedicated PE Twitter account to see all the fantastic enrichment opportunities available to you (@WildernSchoolPE)

nrichment ideas:		
Suggested reading Understanding the Concept-Curriculum	Films & documentaries ■ McFARLAND, USA (2015) PG	
BBC Sport: Updates on Sport from UK & Abroad	REMEMBER THE TITANS (2000) PG	
Sky Sports: News and Updates from the World	• THE BLIND SIDE (2009) PG-13	
 <u>Cultural experiences</u> Join a Wildern sports club or a local sports club. Take part in sports fixtures locally, regionally, nationally & internationally. Attend elite levels sporting events as a spectator. 	 Things to see and do locally Southampton FC @ St Marys Hampshire Cricket @ The Ageas Bowl Trojans Rugby, Hockey & Squash Club Southampton Athletics Club 	
 Top 3 Websites https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q https://www.brianmac.co.uk/ https://www.teachpe.com/ 	 Things we do Weekly after-school sports clubs Competitive Teams and fixtures. Hosted Primary School Events. 	



Department: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

In Year 8 students build on the skills developed in Year 7 and apply these to philosophical questions and units of work such as 'Does God Exist'? and 'Resurrection Detectives' They also complete a unit exploring the religion of Hinduism.

How students will be assessed

Students will be assessed in line with Wildern Steps through a written assessment in each unit through which they will be given targets on how to develop and reach their step. There will also be a mixture of self and peer assessment in order to encourage students to reflect on their own and others progress.

Self-study

Self-study has been designed so that students can be creative and develop independence in selecting the way they present their work.

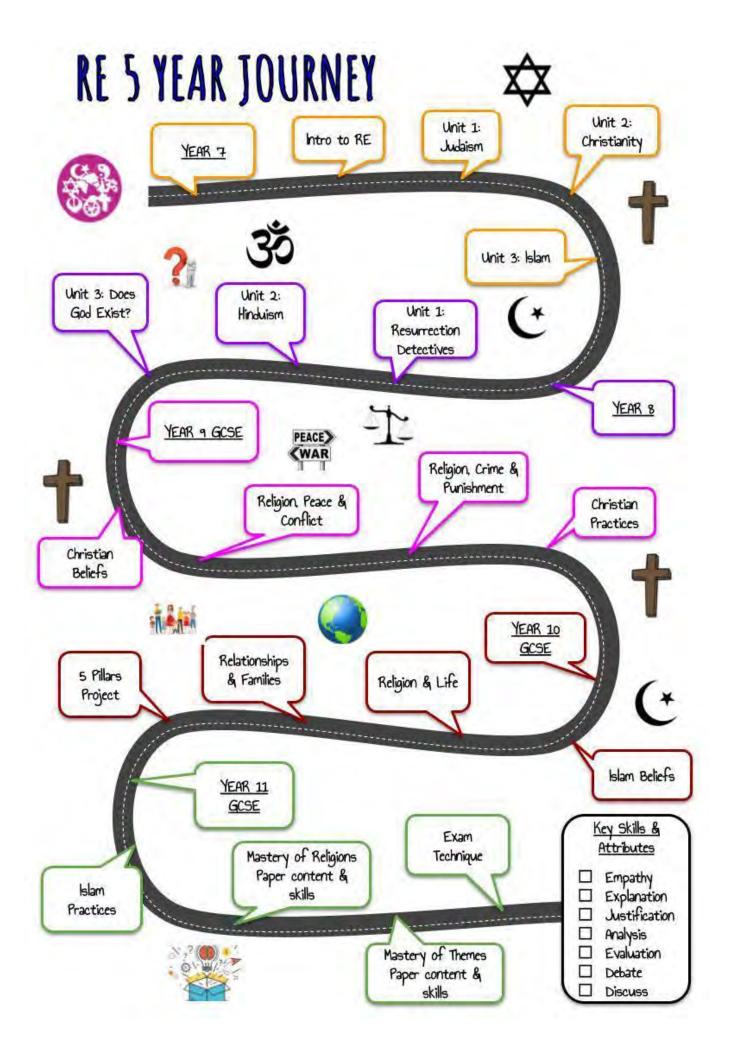
Autumn: Resurrection Detectives - Google Quizzes to consolidate previous knowledge

Spring: Hinduism Perfect Pilgrimage **Summer:** Spirited Arts competition

Parental support

- Encourage students to debate and discuss the topics and concepts they have covered in their RE lessons at home.
- Use the materials provided on Google Classroom to support students in their Self-study tasks.

 Suggested reading Angel boy, Bernard Ashley Once, Morris Gleitzman Wenny has wings, Janet Lee Carey Old dog new tricks, Bali Rai My sister lives on the mantelpiece, Annabel Pitcher Looking at the stars, Jo Cotterill I predict a riot, Catherine Bruton An act of love, Alan Gibbons 	Films & documentaries Story of God with Morgan Freeman s1 ep5: 'Why does Evil Exist'? Bruce Almighty Evan Almighty The Finger of God
Cultural experiences ■ National Trust opportunities	Things to see and do locally Local Mandirs
	 Local churches ((KCC, Holyrood church, St Michae Church, Franciscan Friary)



Department: SCIENCE Class Organisation: Mixed Ability

Course Overview:

Students are able to develop their scientific knowledge and curiosity for the subject through both practical and content based lessons around 10 big ideas (Forces, Electromagnets, Energy, Waves, Matter, Reactions, Earth, Organisms, Ecosystems & Genes).

How students will be assessed

Students' work is summatively assessed through Exit Tickets, which focus on developing subject knowledge and working scientific skills. Termly formative assessments including a formal year 8 written exam test both Scientific Knowledge and Working Scientifically skills.

A revision guide may be purchased from the department if not already done so in Year 7.

Self-study

This is set every week from the start of the year on the Self-study Programme which will be shared via Google Classroom. Students will complete tasks to consolidate prior knowledge, enrich their scientific subject knowledge and challenge their understanding.

Parental support

- Encourage your child to catch up with any work missed by using the Science Website to access lessons: https://sites.google.com/wildern.org/science/home
- Encourage your child to keep up to date with Science in the news.
- Support your child with revision and self-study tasks.
- Follow Blogs/Twitter/Science You-tube channels that enthuse students learning.

 Suggested reading Subscribe to 'Science + Nature' Horrible Science- By Nick Arnold (Good titles include Disgusting Digestion, Electrifying Electricity) 101 Great science experiments- Neil Ardley The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – Jacqueline Kelly 	Films & documentaries Mythbusters The Martian Science experiments: Robert Winston Operation Ouc (CBBC) Bang goes the theory (BBC)
 Cultural experiences Survival club Range of activities in British Science week Southampton Science and Engineering fair Join the STEM club 	Things to see and do locally Planetarium, Chichester Blue reef Aquarium, Southsea Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Bursledon brick works Marwell zoo
Top 5 Websites https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/ https://www.billnye.com/ https://science.howstuffworks.com/ https://earthhow.com/ https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/	Things we do British Science week Survival Club (Tuesdays 3.00pm – 4.00pm) Stem Club (Mondays 3.00pm – 4.00pm) KS3 Science Live Legoland



Feedback Practice

Feedback must cause thinking!

We believe marking and feedback should be used to identify students strengths and weaknesses and further students' learning. We monitor students' progress regularly and ensure students take ownership of the feedback they receive through meaningful reflection.

Feedback is given regularly through a variety of means and must always be acted upon by students in green pen.

- Staff will grade or mark a summative assessment at least three times a year, for which all students will receive a numerical score, percentage, and/or a WCS or GCSE grade within two weeks (At least twice for subjects at KS3 where students have 1 contact hour per fortnight).
- Current Levels of Performance are shared with students and parents via Wildern Assessment Data (WAD) two or three times a year depending on year group; this is to be recorded by students on their feedback fliers.
- Quizzes will be used frequently and marks recorded. These will include the testing of knowledge currently being taught, as well as previously taught knowledge.
- Literacy: identified errors will be circled sparingly (up to five) and identified with a sp/ww placed in the margin with the correct word written next to it, depending on the age and ability of the child. Students need to write out the correct spelling three times in the margin using look, cover, write, check.

Students' work will be marked following the school's grading system and will be completed in a contrasting colour to the student's work.

The following symbols will be used by students and teachers: -

sp	- incorrect spelling	Marking abbreviations:
ww	- wrong word used	
С	- incorrect capitalisation	GCSE grade - 9 - 1
//	- new paragraph needed	VCERT/BTEC:- D*-P
р	- reconsider punctuation	
sc	- poor sentence construction	WCS:Wildern Current Step
?	- vague, unclear	WST: Wildern Step Target
	- target	
®	- reflection	

Students' work will be assessed following the schools' grading system and will be completed in a contrasting colour to students' work.

Green pen will be used by students self-critiquing their own work, peer critiquing each other's work, and for all reflection tasks which could include: redrafting, reapplying knowledge, repeating a skill or practice, or facilitated research.

Wildern Steps



Wildern Steps

Our Wildern Steps link to GCSE grades. Students receive steps to show their current level of performance (WCS) on the curriculum content covered in Year 7 and 8 and then receive steps with GCSE grades in Year 9-11 often on new curriculum content.

Step	GCSE grade	Vocational grade
33	9	D*
30-32	8	D*
27-29	7	D
25-26	6	M
23-24	5	L2P
20-22	4	L2P
16-19	3	L1P
12-15	2	
9-11	1	
0-8	Not on the GCSE scale yet	

Students are tracked and given target bands across subjects in KS3 and this is refined at KS4 based on their KS2 scaled scores or teacher assessment as well as other baseline assessments in Year 7. Therefore it is an individual's progress towards their own targets that is important.

WAD Reports

At Wildern we believe in building upon individual students' strengths and identifying areas for improvement. We monitor student progress through collecting Behaviours for Learning Colours and Wildern Current Step (WCS) grades at 2 key points in each academic year. These grades are transferred into the Student Planner during a tutor session as well as being sent to you electronically via email and via the INSIGHT parent app on the WAD & Reports Menu.

WAD is collected at 2 key points during Year 8. It will contain Behaviours for learning colours grade, a current Wildern step performance (WCS), on occasions an exam mark and a GCSE/Step Target Band based on prior academic attainment. This will be refined as they move through school.

Yr8 WAD1: Week beginning 20 January 2025

Yr8 WAD2: Sent home with the end of year report (The report will include subject exam results in steps

and external GL assessment reports in English and Maths)

Behaviours for Learning

Effective learning and teaching takes place where there is mutual respect, support, encouragement, security and independence and where all the members of the school share responsibility for developing this ethos successfully.

Encouraging a positive attitude to learning

At Wildern School we want students to be willing to learn and ready to work to enable them to succeed. To support and encourage this to happen, students need to have a positive approach to their own learning. A copy of the Attitude grade criteria is within this booklet.

A positive and hardworking attitude can make the vital difference to student performance.

The EREF (Achievement and Behaviour) System

At Wildern there are a wide range of rewards that a student can receive. In lessons students will most likely receive an Eref from their teacher. These come in the form of either Green (worth 2 points) or Gold (worth 4 points). These are awarded for excellent work and attitude in class as well as excellent pieces of self-study. There are a number of rewards that happen across the year group as a result of positive Eref scores. These can include recognition in assembly or class, postcards home, certificates, awards in celebration events, food vouchers and even lunch with the Headteacher!

However on occasions when a student breaks the school Discipline Policy a negative Eref will be written Amber (-1 points), Red (-2 points) or for the most serious issues, a Purple (-4 points).

These awards will be recorded automatically on the Insight portal (child and parent) and you will be able to see your child's current score each time you log onto the website. A student's overall points total will be used in supporting the Wildern House Championship competition.

Successful Wildern Students will be demonstrating the following behaviours for learning:

- a) Being respectful to teachers and other learners in the classroom at all times
- b) b1)Being punctual to lessons to maximise learning
- b) b2) Attending all lessons to maximise learning
- c) Being always appropriately equipped and ready to learn
- d)Being fully engaged in lessons, listening carefully and following instructions
- e) Completing all class work on Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) to a required standard
- f) Completing all self-study on time and to a required standard
- g)Working independently and actively seeking out appropriate opportunities to maximise your potential
- h) Understanding and acting on feedback

- i) Preparing appropriately for assessments or Non-Examined Assessments (NEA
- j) Using appropriate subject specific vocabulary and skills

Behaviours for Learning Coding:

Y (Yellow)	Demonstrating the behaviours for learning that will support achieving your target
T (Turquoise)	One or more behaviours for learning need improvement to support reaching your target
B (Blue)	Not demonstrating the behaviours for learning to reach your target

The comment column of your report will indicate which element of the 10 behaviours for learning needs to be prioritised in each subject

Communication with Parents

At Wildern School we use a range of opportunities to communicate with parents regarding the progress and achievement of your child. In terms of reporting to parents, we go beyond the statutory requirements and utilise Parents' Evenings, Wildern Attitude Data collections (WAD) and the end of year report to keep parents informed. This approach ensures that a continual view of a student's progress is communicated throughout the academic year and negates the need to solely rely on an End of Year Report. More information about these elements are outlined.

Reporting to Parents

The report system has been reviewed and adapted with the implementation of the new behaviours for learning system. At Wildern we strive to report on more than just the statutory requirements of attendance and progress data.

At the end of the academic year, a report will be sent out to all parents. It will contain many of the below:

- Attendance and late figures
- Behaviour for learning data
- Reflections from the tutor
- A summary comment from the Director of Progress and Achievement
- Subject information what has been covered
- Final WAD for the year

Parents' Evening

These evenings are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher of each subject being studied. Parents Evenings will be run virtually via an online booking forum. How this will work will be communicated with parents prior to each event.

Yr 8 Subject Parent's Evening - 6 February 2025

Google Classroom and the Google Suite





All Students have a Google Classroom for each of their timetabled lessons populated with resources provided by their teachers. Google Classroom can also be accessed via the homepage of the school website or directly via https://classroom.google.com.

Students need to click on the nine dots once logged into their school email account to see all the Google apps including Google Classroom it should be on the top right corner and look like this

Some departments also set up additional classes and resources and invite students and staff into them. Students will have an invite on their homepage in Google Classroom.

Google Classroom is updated whenever staff post resources, questions, work or information online and will have specific information from teachers, Students will also receive an email when Google Classroom is updated and parents can opt to have a daily or weekly summary of the work status via Google Guardians.

Students also have access via their School email to the full suite of Google Education Apps via their Google Drive. Below are links to some helpful videos which show how to navigate Google Classroom as well as answer questions.

All self-study tasks are set via Google Classroom but can be completed in a variety of ways.

Google Classroom Help YouTube Playlist

Google Drive Help YouTube Playlist

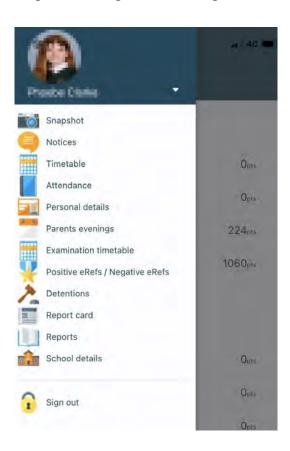
IT Guide Information Booklet

Insight - Website/App

At Wildern we use the Insight Website to communicate and keep parents informed and up to date as possible on their child's progress whilst at Wildern School. All parents/guardians will be sent a welcome email in the summer holidays for the Insight Website or App. Parents can use Insight for the following:

- Check Student Attendance
- Check Student Achievement and Behaviour
- Check Student Timetables
- Update Student and Parent Information
- Report an Absence
- Check the School Calendar
- Receive Messages from the School
- Book Parents Evening appointments

In order to set up Insight access we need to have a parent's email address on our system. Once you receive an invitation you can then register and log on to the Insight website at Insight.wildern.org.





"We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work"

— Thomas A. Edison

School Trips and Enrichment Opportunities

We offer a vast array of school trips, after school clubs, and enrichment opportunities for students, including educational day trips and residentials throughout the academic year.

At Wildern, we believe that students gain valuable learning experiences, from going on cultural visits overseas to visiting local points of interest and participating in local community projects. We believe that educational visits and out-of-school teaching can bring learning to life by deepening our young people's understanding of the environment, history and culture and improving their personal development. Therefore, we are always seeking to bring the world into the classroom and take our students beyond it.

The school offers an outstanding range of opportunities for students to extend their interests outside the classroom. Each curriculum area looks for trips that will help further students' interest in and understanding of key subject material, whilst the aim of other visits is to foster independence, leadership and curiosity.

Residential Trips





Wildern School has always offered a fantastic range of domestic residential and international residential visits. Some of our trips are extremely well-established and have been offered for many years; students and former students will talk glowingly about their school visits to Austria, Belgium, the USA, and Germany. Some have an entirely sporting focus (for example, our skiing trips and water sports trips). Others have had a particular curriculum focus (for example, our trips run by the History or Geography departments). Others have had a cultural focus (for example our exchange trips to Germany and Portugal).

Enrichment Opportunities and Competitions



Wildern School - Co Curricular - Autumn 2024



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MATHS	Chess Club (all yrs) 302, Break 1 Sparx Clinic Drop in (all yrs) 901, 3-3:30pm		Maths Clinic Drop in (all yrs) 312, 3-4pm		Chess Club (all yrs) 302, Break 2 Maths Clinic Drop in (all yrs) 312, 3-4pm
ENGUSH		KS4 Book Club (yrs 9-11) 913, Break 2 The Vox Student Newspaper (all yrs) 901, Break 2 KS3 Book Club (yrs 7&8) LRC, 3-4pm English Drop In (Yr 11) 913, 3-3:55 pm	Academic Mentoring (Yr10) invite only, Am Reg Quotation Club (Yr11) 906, Break 2 KS3 Study Support (Yrs 7&8) 309, 3-4pm	British Sign Language club (all yrs), 904, Break 2	KS3 English clinic (Yrs 7 & 8) 913, Break 2

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Wildern School - Co Curricular- Autumn 2024



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SCIENCE	Science drop-in (all yrs) 318, Break 1 STEM club (all yrs) 306, 3-4pm Microbiology Club (Yr 10) 303, 3-4pm Science drop-in (all yrs) 318, 3-4pm	Science drop-in (all yrs) Break 1 318 Survival club (all yrs) 910, 3-4pm	Science drop-in (all yrs) 318, Break 1	Science drop-in (all yrs) 318, Break 1	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES		KS3 Computing Club (Yrs 7&8), 675, 3-4pm		ICT NEA Support Clinic (Yrs 9-11), 902, Break 2 Business Studies Drop in (Yrs 9-11), 680, Break 2	Media Studies Drop In (Yrs 9-11), 901, Break 2
TECHNOLOGY	STEM club (Yrs 7&8) 306, 3-4pm		KS3 Cooking Club (Yrs 7&8) 512, 3-4:30pm (once a month, date listed in Student Wildern Weekly)		

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MFL		MFL clinic (all yrs) 103, Break 2	Language Leaders (Yrs 8-10) 102, Break 2	MFL clinic (All years) 103, Break 2	Speaking practice (Yr 11) 102, Break 2 Block 1, 3pm-4pm
HUMANITIES		Geography Clinic (all yrs) 504, Break 2		Geography Club (all yrs) 504, Break 2	Geography Clinic Year 11 504, Break 2 30 minute Fridays (Yr 11) 504, 3-3:30pm
STUDY SUPPORT	Learning Support Homework club (all yrs) 668, 3-4pm		Core Study Support (Yrs 7&8), 309, 3-4pm		
FOCUS BROUPS	Careers (all yrs) 211, Break 1 Diversity (all yrs) CPD Room, Break 2	EdTech (all yrs) 211, Break 2	RRC (all yrs) 506, Break 1 Mindset Builders (all yrs) 316, Break 2		Eco (all yrs) 306, Break 2
OTHER	Film Club (all yrs) 910, Break 1 and 2	Film Club (all yrs) 910, Break 2	Film Club (all yrs) 910, Break 1 and 2	Film Club (all yrs) 910, Break 1 and 2	Film Club (all yrs) 910, Break 2 CRAFTY-Y (all yrs) 504, Break 1

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Wildern School - Co Curricular - Autumn 2024





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ART / PHOTOGRAPHY	KS3 Art Club (Yrs 7&8) 214, 3-4pm			Lunchtime Drop in (Yrs 9-11) 215, Break 2	
DANCE	Junior Bare Roots (by invite only), MUH, 3-4.15pm Senior Bare Roots (by invite only), Da1, 3-4.15pm	Year 7 Dance Club MUH, 3-4.15pm DanceLive! (Yrs 8-11) Gymnasium, 3-5pm (Nov - Jan)	Year 8 Dance Club MUH, 3-4.15pm Dynamism (Boys, all yrs) Da1, 3-4.15pm		
DRAMA		Legally Blonde (Yrs 8-11) Aud1/Aud 2/ Da1, 3:10-5pm	Legally Blonde (Yrs 8-11) Aud1/Aud 2/ Da1, 3:10-5pm		Legally Blonde (Yrs 8-11) Aud1/Aud 2/ Da1, 3:10-5pm
MUSIC	Rock Band (all yrs) Mu2, Am Reg Wassail Choir (all yrs) Mu1, Am Reg Jazz Band (all yrs) Mu2, 3-4pm	KS4 Choir (Yrs 9-11) Mu2, Am Reg Legally Blonde Pit band Mu2, 3-4pm	KS3 Choir (Yrs 7&8) Mu1, Am Reg Legally Blonde singing rehearsals, Mu1, 3-4pm	Young Voices Choir (all yrs) Mu2, Am Reg Wind Band (all yrs) Mu1, Am Reg String Group (all yrs) PR2, Am Reg	Year 8 Enrichment Mu2, Am Reg Wassail Choir (all yrs) Mu1, Am Reg Legally Blonde singing rehearsals, Mu1, 3-4pm

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MOVEMENT MATTERS

Mon	All Years Rugby Peam Manager/Coach: Mr Kinnaird & Mr Sutherland	Year 8 Football MANGA Team Manager/Coach: Mr Hill	Junior (Yr7,8+9) Basketball @ Spars vall Tearri Manager/Coach: Mr Martin	Senior Girls Football Field Team Manager/Coach: Miss Clarke	Fitness Club (Yr 10 Only) @ Hitness Suite Glonn/Josh (Finishes at 4pm)
Tue	Senior (Yr10+11) Basketball Seporal Hall Seam Manager/Coach: Mr Martin	All Years Netball Goart Team Manager/Coach: Mrs Drayton & Mrs Fearon	Year 7 Boys Football Muga/Ann Pitch Team Manager/Coach: Mr Hill & Mr Sutherland	Year 10 Boys Football Auto/Field Team Manager/Coachi Mr Wood	DANCE LIVE REHEARSALS Gynnasium Lead: Miss Gates, Miss Saunders, Miss Wiley
Wed	Junior Girls Football Food Team Manager/Coach: Mrs Drayton	All Years Hockey Club Fald Team Manager/Coach Mr Ryan-Heaney	Fitness Club (Yr 11 Only) (Fitness Suite GlernyJosh (Finishes at 4pm		
Thu		No	Clubs Due to School Meeting	5	
Fri	Year 9 Boys Football Retroffed Feam Manager/Coach: Mr Sutherland/Mr Brookes	All Years Badminton O Worse/Field Team Manage/Coach: Mr Leung/Mr Hill	Year 11 Boys Football @ Adva/Field Tearn Manager/Coach: Mr Collings/ Mr Morrison	Clubs ru	-4:15 - Yr 7-8

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The Wildern House Championship

The Wildern House Championship is a whole school competition that runs all year from the first day of term in September all the way through to July. The Championship is spread across all year groups, with 2-3 tutor groups from each year per house. Students stay with their house for the duration of their time at Wildern.



The House Championship is designed to allow all students of all abilities, aptitude and talent to participate in events across the year. Every member of the school is part of a house, including staff (except headteacher and House Championship Coordinator), which aims to build a community spirit with opportunity for all to participate individually and part of a team. Every house has two house captains who are role models and leaders amongst their peers to help support and run house events. House events are run as stand alone events, as well as within lessons across all subjects and as part of all the school charity events.

There are 6 houses in total and the heads of houses are:



Points

Points are earned through student attendance, e-refs and points from House events. The house with the most points at the end of the year wins the House Championship trophy and gets to enjoy a celebration lunch.

E.Ref Colour	Points
GOLD	4
GREEN	2
AMBER	-1
RED	-2
PURPLE	-4

Attendance	Points
100% Term	4
100% Year	10 (Bonus)

Bron	nze: 100, 70, 50, 30, 20, 10
Silve	r: 200, 140, 100, 60, 40, 20
Gold	400, 280, 200, 120, 80, 40

[&]quot;September marks a new beginning of the championship, so get involved, and good luck!!"

Mrs Poyner

Head Student Team

Lead the prefect teams, organise rotas and team involvement in events, regularly meet the Head Teacher, attend special events, carry out duties



Senior Prefects Play a significant role in one of the key areas of impact, attend Senior Prefect team meetings, lead on special events like Awards or Induction Evening, carry out specific duties

Prefects Play a role in one of the key areas of impact, support events like Induction Day and Awards Evening, carry out duties.

Key Areas of Impact

F ocus Groups Ye ar 7-8 Queue Duties

Charit y

RC

Departme nt Support

Educ ation for Life

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Points
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Student Leaders (Curriculum)

Focus Groups

All students can attend a weekly Focus group during tutor time. Members from each Focus group to represent their group at termly meetings.

RRC Leaders Mindset builders Eco Leaders Ed-Tech Leaders Careers Leaders Diversity Leaders

Learning Leaders

Year 8 students can apply to be a Learning Leader to observe teaching and learning across the school

Learning Leaders to assist with school strategies e.g. the Wildern Attributes

Learning Leaders can also be used to assist department development, e.g. Language Leaders.

Transition Leaders

Year 8: Transition leaders for Year 7 students to assist with tutor time activities, the running of the 'Big Room' and Induction Day

Years 9 & 10: Transition Leaders to support students in lower years

School Leaders

Students to be ambassadors for the school e.g. providing school tours
Representing the school at community events e.g. The Big Clean

Diversity Leaders

Students from all Year groups are welcome to apply

Running campaigns e.g. Anti-bullying month Promote and model tolerance and respect amongst staff and students

'Every student matters, every voice counts.'

There are other aspects of student leadership that all students have the opportunity to be a part of Department and Year team; House Captains; Anti-bullying Ambassadors; students as evaluators; being tour guides to visitors; getting involved in school events such as the Big Clean; being on interview panels.



Wildern Colours

Wildern Colours is an opportunity for students to be recognised for their hard work and determination in both PE and Creative Arts.

The Creative Arts and PE Colours:

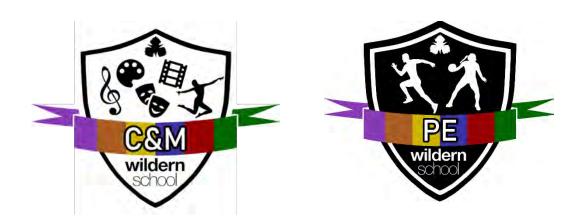
- Acknowledge and value the commitment students give to Creative Arts and/or PE.
- Give a visible reflection of the pride we have when you represent us with a badge on the school jumper for Half Colours and a red tie with the Colours symbol for Full Colours.
- Recognise that students have gone above and beyond in these subject areas.

Half Colours will be awarded to those students who have made a commitment to these areas over two years. Half Colours will be given for regular commitment to and representation at Creative Arts and/or PE events that demonstrates dedication, determination, passion and pride for these subjects at Wildern. The earliest Half Colours can be achieved is at the end of Year 8.

Full Colours are an incredibly prestigious award and will be achieved by those students who have made a consistent commitment to these areas over four years. Full Colours will be given at the end of Year 10 for regular commitment to and representation at Creative Arts and/or PE events throughout a student's time at Wildern that demonstrates dedication, determination, passion and pride for these subjects.

For more information on how these can be obtained students should see their Creative Arts and/or PE teacher.

A celebration event will be hosted at the end of each year where these badges (Half Colours) and tie (Full Colours) will be awarded.



Charities

Wildern School takes pride in supporting its community. Across the year we raise money for a number of local, national and international charities, building on our responsibilities as a Rights Respecting School.

This year 2024-2025, our focus will be:

Local Charities

- Southampton City Mission
- Basics Food Bank Appeal
- Wessex Cancer Trust

National Charities

- Rotary Shoe box Appeal
- Unicef Soccer Aid

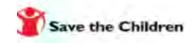




International Charities

- Cancer Research
- Save the Children
- Comic Relief





Spreading a little Happiness

Rotary Shoebox Scheme





Careers Support

Curriculum support

Specific careers lessons take place in each year of Wildern.

Year 8

Careers lessons remain a part of the 'Education for Life' lessons and specifically look at ways of supporting students with their pathway choices by giving them ideas about how different subjects will be useful for different careers. This is complemented by dedicated explanatory sessions in the Tutor Programme. Students will have access to

a range of online careers tools. All students in Year 8 will get the opportunity to take part in a careers speed networking event. This allows students to meet local businesses and gain invaluable information about several different career sectors.

Further support

A careers library is available in the Learning Resource Centre. Students can go there at any time to access the information that will help them as they move on from Wildern. A careers focus group also meet regularly and help to form and test careers initiatives and ideas.

We have a careers advisor, Ian Henser, who works within the careers area in block 3 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He will meet all students in Year 11 at least once and have 1-2-1 interviews with all of them. He will also meet with identified Year 10 students during the summer term. During the pathways process in Year 8 Ian will also meet with identified individuals and groups of students to support them with making GCSE option choices. Ian is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for drop in sessions: available at break, lunch and after school.

As above all students within the school will have access to online careers tools which can be used both inside and outside of school. These sites have key information about different career sectors, examination requirements for different careers and are easy to navigate around for information about all types of careers options options and choices. Finally, students might wish to look over our <u>alumni posters</u> on display for all at the top of block 9 and in block 3.

Wildern school works closely with the Careers and Enterprise company to ensure it regularly assesses and evaluates its provision with the **Gatsby benchmarks** for good career guidance. This is reviewed at least annually, ensuring the programme is up to date and relevant. The School-wide Careers policy is reviewed regularly too, with the next review due: October 2024.



Follow @wilderncareers on twitter or email careers@wildern.org

The Wildern Careers Ladder: Your journey from Year 7 to Year 11

Post Wildern -

Join our Wildern Alumni network through the school website, and also access careers advice and guidance for continued support.

Year 11 -

College Assemblies
Careers Fair!
Post 16 Options Parent Information Evening
CV writing and Destinations sessions in
Education for Life
1 to 1 sessions with careers advisor
Evening Apprenticeship Information evening (for parents too)
Support with College interviews

Year 10 -

Experience of a Workplace Launch Parent Information Evening Careers Fair!
Evening Apprenticeship Information evening (for parents too)

Evening Apprenticeship Information evening (for parents too)
Practice Interview preparation Education for Life tutor sessions
Practice Interviews with Local Businesses
College Taster Days

Experience of a Workplace

Year 9 -

Enterprise sessions in tutor time Work Skills day – focusing on developing transferable work skills

Year 8 -

Careers and Employers 'Speed Networking' event
Opportunity to meet our careers advisor regarding Pathways choices



Year 7 -

Year 7 Education for Life lessons

Launch of Unifrog careers website sessions in tutor and lesson time – and access to this provision throughout your whole 5 years at Wildern!

Enterprise 'Dragons Den' themed Day

The Learning Resources Centre (Library)

When is the LRC open?



Monday 8.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday 8.00am to 5.00pm
Wednesday 8.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 8.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm

Please note that students should have their Student Planner with them at all times.

The LRC is open at break, lunchtimes, before and after school, although times may vary. You may borrow or return items during these times. However, due to occasional meetings/events, the LRC may be closed after school at short notice.

Who's Who?

Mrs Searle, Senior LRC Assistant Miss Spraggs, LRC Assistant Student Librarian Team, led by Year 11 Prefect Librarian



How many items may students borrow?

They may borrow up to 4 items.

- **Books** are issued for 3 weeks. If you are still reading the book when the 'return date' is due, bring it to the LRC and we will reissue it to you.
- **DVDs** are issued overnight and must be returned the following day (if borrowed on a Friday, items must be returned the following Monday).

What happens if students return their books late?

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that books are returned to the LRC by the due date (stamped inside the book). It is at the discretion of the LRC staff to log an amber or red referral if books are overdue.

Is there a charge for DVDs

No, but a fine of £1 per school day applies if they are returned late.

Can students reserve items?

Yes. If a book is on loan, you can reserve it on the computer. Please ask at the LRC reception.

Can students recommend a book/DVD?

Yes please! We welcome your ideas and will consider the purchase of any sensible suggestions. If we do not have books on a subject you are interested in, please let us know by completing a suggestion slip and placing it in the box on the desk.

Can students use computers?

There are several computers in the LRC and everyone has access to these. Please note, however, that computers must be booked on the day you wish to use them and are to be used for self-study only.

Online Library

The LRC has gone online. You can log in with your Wildern email address and date of birth - DDMMYYYY. Select your book and select reserve at school.

What help can students get in the LRC?

The LRC staff and team of student librarians can assist in finding information for projects and self-study. We can also help with book selection and what to read next.

What else goes on in the LRC?

- LRC Millionaire Readers (All Years) Read 25 books within the school year to achieve this milestone.
- LRC Loyalty Bookmark (Years 8, 9, 10 and 11) These are stamped each time a student takes a book out from the LRC. Collect 6 stamps and be awarded a gold eref.
- Children's Book Award (All years) Read and review proof copies of titles that we receive from publishers. Reviews are forwarded to publishers for their interest. Gold erefs issued.
- **Reading Ambassadors** (Years 7 & 9) Year 9 students sit with Year 7s and listen/support with their reading. This is held once a week during tutor time.
- SIG (School Improvement Group) Reading Group Meet in the LRC throughout the year to read and discuss group sets of books.
- Blind Date with a Book (All years) Held in February, students take out one of our books which is wrapped up with just the genre written on it. Students are then asked to unwrap, read and review it. Participants entered into a prize draw.
- LRC Reading for Fun Fortnight (All years) Held in March, incorporating World Book Day. When students take out a book during the fortnight, they are issued with a raffle ticket and entered into a prize draw. World Book day £1 vouchers are issued to students on World Book Day, giving them £1 off their purchase in bookstores. Whole school reading promotions also take place at this time.
- Scholastic Book Club (All Years) Book Club brochures are distributed to students throughout the year. Scholastic publishers offer books at greatly reduced prices.
- LRC Board Games Club (All years) Held during Friday lunchtimes. A great way for students to make new friends.
- Wildern Spelling Bee Years (7,8,9) Students compete in tutor groups and then the winners represent their houses.
- Student Librarians We have a team of dedicated student librarians who support the LRC at break and lunchtimes. Vacancies are offered to year 7 students in October, where they are trained in various aspects of a librarian role, as well as confidence and team building. Most students stay with the LRC throughout their years at Wildern, until they leave in Year 11. Student Librarians can work towards obtaining 'Superstar Librarian' awards as well as 'Librarian of the Year' Award.

- Current Interest Promotions We are constantly updating our displays in the LRC to reflect what is happening around us, whether it be curriculum based, current news, sporting tournaments or the latest blogger!
- Author Promotions We rotate our 'Author Focus' displays regularly to create interest and discussion on individual authors.
- Author events Occasionally, we are asked by local bookstores to host author events at Wildern and are also invited to attend children's author events at local schools.
- WINK Reading Parents are invited to attend a WINK event in the LRC to hear staff talking about the importance of reading and how to encourage their child to read more.

Staff Structure

