



WILDERN
news

Winter 2019



All that Jazz...

Chicago comes to Wildern!!

**Plus P.E., Dance, Art, School
trips, Charity events and lots
more...**

Every Student matters, Every Moment Counts

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6th January	Spring Term starts
15th January	Year 10 Parents Evening
29th January	Year 8 Parents Evening
17-21st February	Half Term
24th February	CPD Day
11th March	Year 11 Parents Evening
6th -17th April	Easter Holidays

Dates for September 2020	
1st September	CPD Day
2nd September	Year 7 in only
3rd September	All School in



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to our Winter newsletter; we are now digital! This newsletter is filled with interesting stories of success and achievements from across the school as well as tales from the adventures experienced on the many trips undertaken so far this term.

This year began with yet another celebration of our excellent examination results that our last Year 11's achieved, placing us fifth in the county; truly amazing. However perhaps our most impressive outcome is that all our students left with some qualifications which will stand them in good stead for a promising and successful future.

The term began with our fresh faced new Year 7 students who, while perhaps a little nervous at first, have started brilliantly and are now totally embedded in the workings of the school. They really are a lovely group of young people and I know that Miss Wyatt is incredibly proud of them. On that note, the whole school has started this year with a sense of purpose and energy; they look smart and are all working hard. This superb atmosphere that exists in the school was evident for all our prospective parents and students who joined us at the end of September for our open mornings and evening. The feedback from these events about our students was stunning!

The end of the half-term saw our annual school show: Chicago. What a show! What talent! As always I was blown away by our gifted students; our actors, our dancers, our musicians, our tech team. It would not have been out of place in the West End. Many thanks to all of you who wrote in to extend your congratulations as this means so much to the team and to the students.

We have had a busy end to the term with Year 11 practice exams; the students must be commended for the excellent way they conducted themselves throughout this time but also the effort they have shown. It is a full on intense two weeks and they did so well to keep focused.

We have also have had the Dance Showcase and by the time you read this the Christmas Concert, which always gets the school in the mood for Christmas. Both were incredible and being able to watch the growth in our students as they move through the school is so exciting.

I hope that you enjoy reading about all the different articles within this newsletter and that when Christmas finally arrives, it is one of peace, joy and happiness.

Best wishes,

**Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher**





Design and Technology department played a very active role in the WWI centenary events last November.

A group of Wildern students and staff worked together to create 100 unique poppies. these were used to create the beautiful display outside the D@rt last year.

Our thought was to make a poppy for each year of the centenary. These were made from metal stems and acrylic petals.

Each petal was individual hand-shaped by Wildern students.

Poppies are available to purchase



During the poppy appeal this year, these poppies were displayed in the main entrance foyer of Hedge End Sainsburys. The British Legion kindly sold the poppies for us during the poppy appeal. We were blown away with the positive response from the local community.

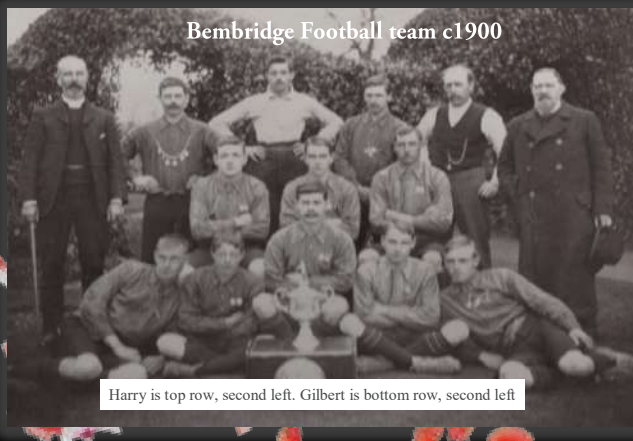
All the poppies sold out in just 3 days! Each poppy generated an average £5 donation, giving our total amount raised of £500.



History trip 2019

This year for the History trip we visited lots of sites in Belgium and France exploring the First World War from a first person point of view as we went to the graves of soldiers from both sides and also some of the trenches.

This trip was especially moving for Toby and Oscar as this would be the first time anyone from their family visited the graves of two relatives. Their names were Gilbert Sterling and Harry Holbrook and they both battled for Britain in the war. This was an experience that not only Oscar and Toby had but it was shared with the wonderful students and staff on the trip.



We also got a chance to learn about some special people and soldiers such as a man called N. C Chavasse who was awarded two Victoria Crosses (the highest medal of honour) and was told a story about a man who was very brave and took over a machine gun himself and saved other soldiers but later got shot and also about the Royal Newfoundland Regiment who sent 800 of their soldiers to go battle and in the first day all but 60 died.

Toby- I enjoyed the trip for the emotional side and the experience of seeing new things learning about different people and getting a much stronger idea of how devastating the war was for both sides as we got to see rows and rows of graves and names on walls of soldiers who were never found after death.

We also went to Ypres and got to see the remembrance parade where Oscar and Emily got to lay a poppy wreath at the Menin Gate.



Oscar- it was incredible. The gate was so big and breathtaking but standing there among people with military experience with a Wildern school uniform made me feel so proud. Laying the wreath in front of people who had come from across the globe was an honour.



Overall we fondly enjoyed our time in Belgium and so did all the students and staff, it was a trip that I think everyone should experience for themselves for all the wonderful sites, people and all of the great knowledge you gain from the trip.

Lest We Forget

CONGRATULATIONS to year 11 Art and photography students who recently sat a 10 hour practice exam. Each student was required to complete 4 areas of preparation work to meet the 4 assessment objectives. A01 Artists/Photography studies, A02 intital ideas and exploration of materials and techniques, A03 Observational studies and A04 not only the final outcome, but the development and refinement of the final outcome/s. The exam preparation is of equal value to the final outcome created in the 10 hour exam. Although the exam felt daunting, the students rose to the challenge with a very positive and hardworking attitude, a credit to themselves! The work, once marked, will form the basis of students coursework and 60% of the their final GCSE grade. Some amazing outcomes can be seen here.

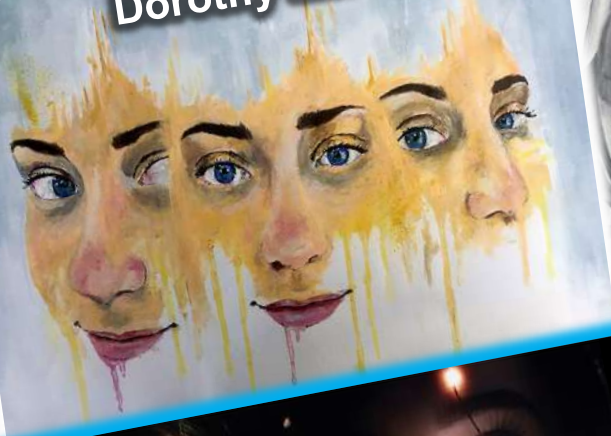
Congratulations to all! Mrs Lynch



Matilda Evans 11A2



Dorothy Litt 11P2



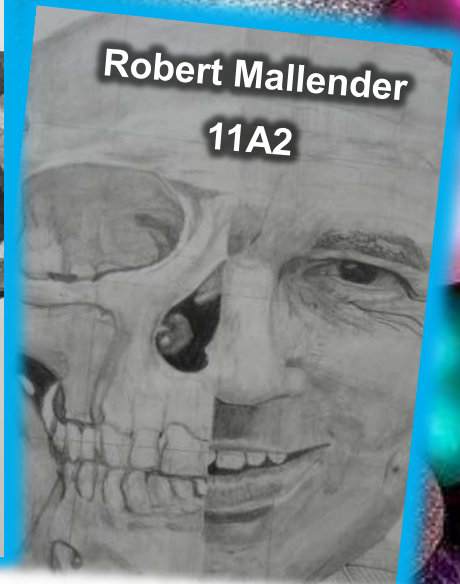
Isla Sturgess 11B2



Joseph Smith 11D1



**Elliot Picard
11A1**



**Robert Mallender
11A2**



**Charlie Campion
11J2**

This term we have been running our Photography House Competition in conjunction with the Geography Department with a view to raising awareness to the climate crises; this will be the underlying theme all year. This terms theme has been Sustainability and we have been absolutely inundated with amazing entries from across all year groups .

The judging has been completed, here are best six. **Well done everyone!**
Mrs Lynch



Ruby Saunders 9D2



Erin Allen 9A1



Molly Andrewartha 9S1



Ruben James 9D2



Megan Long 7P1



Kara Sims 9S2

This term the Art department got festive with 3 Christmas card competitions, 1 national, 1 local and 1 in-school competition. Well done to all who entered, and congratulations to **Maria Gbesemete—7J2** , who won the Wildern Christmas Card design for Mrs Oakley and Miss Litton!

1st



2nd



Matasta Bennett

7J2

3rd



Evie Rose Illman

7S1

4th



Lily Reading

7S2

Your LRC

The Learning Resource Centre has been a hive of activity since we have embarked on our new school year. It's lovely to see our returning students and new Year 7's using this amazing space so well, whether it's for revision, self-study or personal reading. Fresher's Fair and Open Evening were a great success and brilliant way for students to find out more about the LRC. It's wonderful to have so many keen readers in the school.



Mrs Searle and Miss Phillips



Try out a new book using our genre labels and displays...



Lots of Year 7 students have had a smashing start at the Reading Safari challenge! To complete the Bronze award, students read and review 6 books! They then move up to Silver and Gold Award!

This is a great and easy way for keen readers to earn positive E-Refs, gain house points and recommend books to other students.

Well done to those working on the challenge!



Did you know we have stationery on sale?
Be prepared for lessons and exams!



Lovely Librarians!

Our student librarians are great at keeping the library tidy and helping students.

We're looking forward to welcoming the new Year 7 Librarians. We've had lots of applications for the roles.

Kidsmeet Digital Leaders Event

Last term, me and 9 students from the Googlers focus group went to Stroud School for a digital leaders day. What great fun we had working with other students on digital challenges!



Some of the many activities we took part in was a Sphero challenge which involved remote control robots and we were given free reign over them.

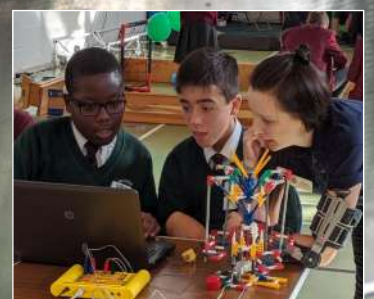
Also we programmed Robots to dribble a ball and shoot into the goal. That was one of my best bits.



The school hosting the day was called Stroud and they put on an brilliant lunch and were such great hosts. We had an amazing day and hope to be back taking part next year.



Written by Arthur Burt, Year 8





This year we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community coming together to contribute to the Rotary Shoe Box appeal to help those less fortunate.



Wildern donated an amazing 264 boxes.



Absolutely



Brilliant!



A massive well done for the tremendous amount of shoe boxes that were donated. The overall amount was **657** including our feeder schools and local charities that were collected from the D@rt on Saturday 9th November.

Curtain raiser for Wildern students



In September, 23 year 10 students were given a behind the scenes tour of Southampton's Mayflower Theatre, courtesy of The Peter Cooper Motor Group. As well as standing on the stage, the one and half hour tour allowed students access to the scene dock, fly floor, dressing rooms and wardrobe area. Students were also treated to a detailed explanation of the history of the theatre.

Darren Cooper, managing director of The Peter Cooper Motor Group, said: "We've had a long partnership with the Mayflower Theatre and this is a really nice thing to be able to offer the school. We are delighted they enjoyed the experience. It's great to be able to offer some of our sponsorship benefits

back into the local community to enthuse young performers."

Allowing our students the opportunity to see the workings of the Mayflower developed their understanding of the roles and responsibilities within a professional theatre, as well as developing their appreciation of how lucky we are to have this wonderful resource on our doorstep.

We would like to extend our thanks to Darren Cooper, Chris Godfrey and the staff at The Mayflower, who made us feel so welcome and provided this wonderful experience for the school.



The remembrance parade in Hedge End was a really special day and not only did the Head Boy and Head Girl do us proud but there were so many Wildern students representing the Scouts, Cadets, Guides etc... it was inspiring!



The Big Clean was another hugely successful event with over 80 students, staff and parents attending and despite the rain there was such a brilliant atmosphere and community spirit.



The School Site is looking magical!

Our students really are amazing.



CHICAGO



" I have been lucky enough to be involved in all of the school productions since starting my Wildern experience but I think it's safe to say that October's performance of 'Chicago' was my favourite. I played the lead role of *Roxie Hart* and it was incredible!

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Working with everyone in the cast, pit band and stage crew to put on this fantastic performance was, to be truthful, a lot of hard work and a big time commitment but I loved every second of it. I am really proud of my performance and the show we produced was worth every rehearsal ". *Esta Williams 11D1*

Year 10 & 11 students enjoyed attending the Wildern Careers Fair



At the beginning of October, all year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to attend Wildern's annual Careers Fair. The main hall and d.@rt auditoriums were filled to the brim with 28 colleges apprenticeship providers and various organisations who had come along to answer any questions that were directed their way.



It really was an enjoyable and informative day with lots of positive feedback received from both students and visitors.



Year 9s enjoyed creating some fine cuisine with The Royal Navy



40 year 9 students were wowed recently when they were visited by The Royal Navy Catering Services Branch. Our guests delivered an informative session to the students on what opportunities were available to them within The Royal Navy. This was followed by our students attending a workshop where the Navy demonstrated creating some fine cuisine.



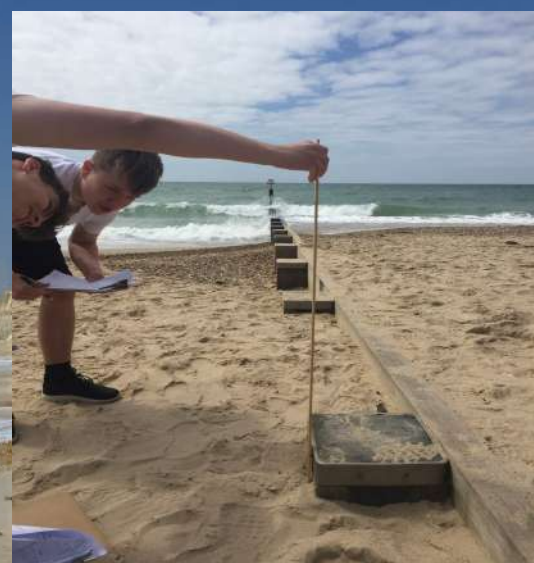
This was a great opportunity for the individuals who had expressed an interest in joining the armed forces in the future or interested in a career in catering or hospitality. A fantastic morning was had by all.

Hengistbury Head Field Trips

In June the Geography Department had the pleasure of leading field trips to Hengistbury Head and Christchurch in Dorset. We took 134 year 10 students across three days to research two questions: firstly, are the groynes at Hengistbury Head successful? Secondly, are the services in Christchurch suited to tourists?



Despite the arrival of poor weather for our first day our students showed incredible resilience and a wonderful thirst for learning in an outdoor environment. Each day followed a similar itinerary; in the morning session to help answer our first question students completed a field sketch, groyne drop (see image below) and wave count to look at the effectiveness of groynes. We then had lunch and travelled to Christchurch to complete our afternoon session which included a land use survey and a questionnaire to explore whether the services on the High Street were suited to tourists more than locals.



Students will write up their results in lessons evaluating and concluding the methods and reliability of the results completed we collected and in the summer of 2020 we will have exams covering the topics.

A huge thank you must go to the staff that helped to accompany the trips, without you the trips wouldn't have been the success they are.

Students were well behaved on all three days, and we received compliments from other school parties and members of the public on the groups we took. Well done year 10 for your fantastic attitude to learning in an outdoor environment and for representing Wildern School and year 10 so well.

A CELEBRATION OF GERMAN AT WILDERN SCHOOL

We are proud that German continues to be one of the modern foreign languages offered at Wildern School. Over the last forty years, German has occupied an important place on the school curriculum, and many students have profited from it, both in terms of cultural awareness and employability.

A major factor in motivating students down the years has been the chance to take part in an annual exchange visit with our partner school, the Ernst Sigle Gymnasium in the town of Kornwestheim, twinned with Eastleigh. Thousands of Wildern students have sampled German life at first hand, leading to long-term friendships (and even some Anglo-German marriages!). The exchange experience has motivated many Wildern students to study German beyond GCSE level and to live and work in German-speaking country.

With this background in mind, we decided it was time to celebrate all things *Deutsch* at a special evening event for parents of Year 8 students on Tuesday, 17th September 2019. The Goethe Institut in London, the educational wing of the German embassy, helped us by providing German-style decorations, books and other cool paraphernalia.



Our event was kindly opened by Richard Cutler, a native resident of Botley, and Honorary Consul to the Federal Republic of Germany. He spoke eloquently and convincingly about how learning German at school had impacted so much on the direction of his life.



After a quiz about German culture led by Mr Russell, it was time to announce the winners of the Year 8 Gummibear competition. This challenged students to design and describe in German their own Haribo-style creation. There were some fabulous results in the form of biscuits, cakes, models and cushions!

The winners, who all received wonderful prizes purchased at the Gummibear shop in Heidelberg, were:

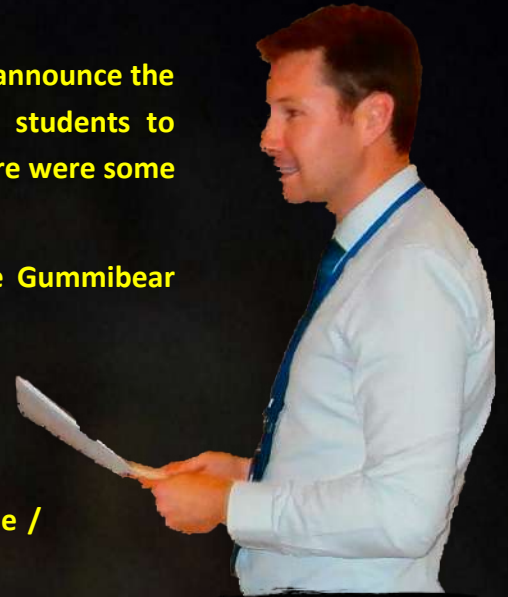
1st prize: Isobel Hart / Abbie Twyman

2nd prize: Tom Cave / Darcie Wells

3rd prize: Jayden Horner / Lucy Williams / Amy Clarkson / Jess Cole / Sam Head / Annabelle Hale / Max Robinson / Olivia Davies

The final part of the evening was an advertising pitch about the 2020 German exchange programme before the attendees enjoyed a piece of *Käsekuchen* (cheese-cake), baked by Mr Horton using an authentic German recipe.

German at Wildern School had been well and truly celebrated and looks forward to a successful future.



Mr Horton
MFL Teacher

P.E Department Wildern School Tennis



This year Wildern students Scarlett Doman, Mia Prosser, George Day and Luke West represented Wildern at the County Schools Tennis Doubles Championships.

All four of them produced some really pleasing performances against very talented students from all across the country.



Well done to George and Luke who came second overall to win silver medals. Well done also Scarlett and Mia who were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals. Well done and hopefully even greater success next year.



Well done to Scarlett Doman who took part in the County Tennis Championships this year—playing in the 14 under singles, 16 under singles both the 14 under mixed doubles.

She was the winner of the 14 under singles, making her the County Champion—a fantastic achievement!

She was also part of the winning team in the 14 under Mixed Doubles event, playing with George Day, making them the Under 14 Mixed Doubles Champions.

She increased her national ranking points, placing her 203rd in the country for under 14. This has helped her gain her place training with the under 16 County Team, as well as continuing her training with the under 14 County Team.

WELL DONE SCARLETT, A GREAT SEASON. GOOD LUCK NEXT YEAR.



P.E Department

Inter School Cross



Country Championships

Several Wildern students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Inter Schools Cross Country Championships at St Swithun's School.

Despite very windy and wet conditions all the students ran really well.

Emerson Churcher did especially well in the Year 7 girls event coming 3rd overall (from a field of 130 students) to come third and win the Bronze Medal. The Year 7 Girls Team also came 5th overall. Well done to all who took part.



Well done to the Wildern students who took part in the first round of the British Schools Trampoline competition and gained the following places...

1st Tiernan McKeigue 2nd Jorja McRae 3rd Thom George

They all produced really great performances and all three of them qualified for the next round of the National Competition.

Earlier this year, a group of students volunteered to help Shamblehurst Primary School with their Sport's Day.

They ran 12 different sporting events from javelin throwing and football shooting to sprinting and basketball.

They did a great job—they have been invited back to help next year!

The Shamblehurst pupils clearly had a great time and they produced some very pleasing performances.

Wildern students support Sports Day at Shamblehurst



Another Successful Soundbites evening



We have had yet another successful Soundbites concert. These concerts give an opportunity to all students who take instrumental lessons, regardless of their grade, the chance to perform a solo or group piece to a small audience. The hope is that this will help develop their performance skills and give them the confidence to perform more often in the future. All of the students performed brilliantly, and for many of them this was their first concert. We hope to see them performing again in our next Soundbites concert in May.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

October saw the creation of Fabulous Bakin' Boys- a team of seven year 11 students who were set a demanding and somewhat different class challenge! The boys worked together in pairs to create, make, bake and sell their very own flapjacks to the whole school. Working in partnership with Chef Dan, students had to follow strict instructions, whilst showing diligence and respect, within a work place environment.



At lunch teams sold produce wearing full chef outfits and massive smiles – well done to all: Dylan Hewitt-Hampton, Ryan Gard, Charlie Wookey, Reece Hampton, Oli Gregory, Darius Fard and Dylan Hopson.

FABULOUS BAKIN' BOYS



Watch out for the next instalment of the Fabulous Bakin' Boys in the next edition!

Mrs E Lea (Sous Chef)

dance



Junior Bare Roots performed at the 10 year celebration of the Hamble U₃A (University of the 3rd Age). The group have become very close as a company over the year and this performance showcased their talent and team work. It was very well received by the audience.

Dance Showcase

On Wednesday 27th November, Dance students from year 7-11 performed in the Christmas celebration of dance. The students from GCSE classes and clubs have been working hard all term creating and developing pieces to showcase to their family and friends in the Berry Theatre. The event was completely sold out with over 300 people watching and supporting. The Dance department are very proud of each and every one of the performers who have given a huge amount of time and commitment, the feedback we have received has been amazing. Finally, a huge thank you to all staff who have helped choreograph and support in the running of the show.

Mrs Gates





... Save the Christmas... 25% being donated... local
... & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service.



CHRISTMAS

Thank you so much for supporting Christmas Jumper Day, there has been a fabulous array of knitwear!

JUMPER DAY



13th December 2019



Travel & Tourism Paulton's Trip

On October 17th, 17 BTEC Travel and Tourism students went to Paulton's Park for the day. The day consisted of a morning lesson followed by an afternoon in the park.

During the hour and a half lesson, students learnt about how Paulton's is a family business and has expanded over the years from starting off as a garden and animal centre to becoming the multi-million pound business it is today. Students learnt about the ways that the business has expanded and diversified to achieve this and more recently how it is appealing to international markets including celebrities.

The lesson also talked the students through the company's failures and successes such as opening of Peppa Pig World. This led to the visitor numbers doubling in just one year and has helped secure the annual visitor numbers at just over 1 million per annum. Students thought about the positive impact this had on locals and the economy as well as how Paulton's aims to minimise its impact on the environment.

Once the lesson was over, the students went round with Mrs Dixon & Miss Skinner to the eco-friendly building in Peppa Pig World. It was once the 'greenest building in Hampshire' with vegetation planted on the roof, grey water recycling and natural ventilation.

In the afternoon students almost had the park to themselves and managed to go on many of the larger rides as many times as they wanted. The students were well behaved and have been able to see a fantastic example of a successful family run business that continues to go from strength to strength.

