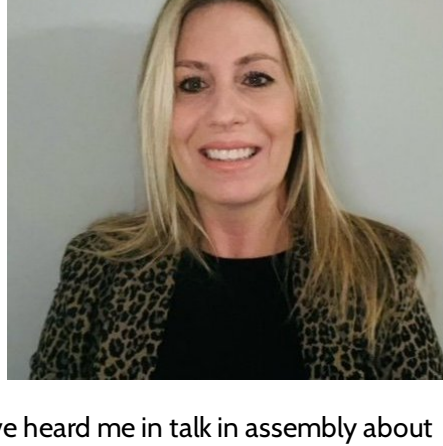


## \*\*\* GCSE results update \*\*\*

Our progress 8 figure, announced by the government on Thurs 20th October for 2022 Exam Results, has provisionally been given as +0.43 (before late results and appeals). This shows we ensure our students achieve significantly better across all subjects than all other schools nationally and we are ranked 4th in Hampshire by this measure. More information on results is on our website [here](#)

## Welcome!

Hello, and welcome to this week's edition of the Wildern Weekly! My name is Mrs Thomas and my role as Senior Lead for Pastoral, Wellbeing and Intervention enables me to oversee the Pastoral Team at Wildern alongside Mr Chance, Deputy Head for Pastoral.



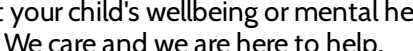
I am passionate about supporting our amazing students through the challenges that they may face throughout their time at secondary school and I am constantly seeking new ways to do this. I am incredibly lucky at how varied my role is at Wildern and a particular aspect that I love is leading on the Year 6 Transition to Wildern. From my initial visits to each primary school, where I field questions and ease any worries, to the moment they walk into Wildern, looking smart in their new uniform to begin their journey with us. To be involved in this significant step in our students' lives is a wonderful experience.

I have completed Senior Mental Health Lead training and all students will have heard me in talk in assembly about the importance of well-being and positive mental health. I am determined to promote and raise awareness of this key issue in the lives of our young people and help them to develop the skills they need to navigate this now and later on in their lives.

I am also raising awareness to stamp out bullying behaviours in school. You will have already received information about the United Against Bullying Campaign we are running as well as our new Anti Bullying Ambassador scheme. Through both of these schemes we hope to equip our students and staff with the tools they need to tackle bullying behaviour to create a safer, kinder school community and working with students to create a positive culture in school is essential.

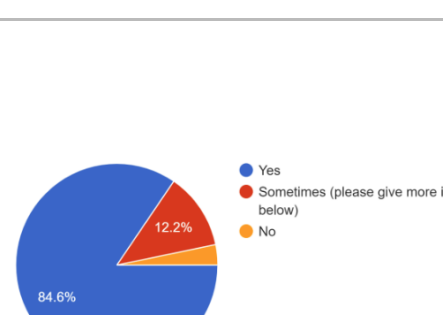
I meet regularly with our local Police to raise awareness of local issues educate our students around these in order to help them make positive decisions and keep themselves safe. Our links with King Community Church, No Limits, Barnardo's and Life continue to flourish and as a result they are all able to offer our students bespoke interventions and support when needed, which can be integral to their personal success. In school, we have created the [Wildern Wellbeing Hub](#) on our website where our students can access a vast amount of external support. There is also the [Feedback Report](#) form where students can tell us they need support easily without having to find an adult. In addition, [student voice](#) is very important to us and our [Feedback](#) form is where they can share their ideas about how they feel we can improve. Ultimately Wildern is their school and we need to work alongside them to make it the best experience for them it can be.

If there is ever a need to talk to us about your child's wellbeing or mental health please do contact your child's tutor or Student Services in the first instance. We care and we are here to help.



### Wildern Weekly feedback

Thank you to everyone who answered our plea for feedback; this was really helpful and showed that the overwhelming majority of parents who responded feel the Wildern Weekly has improved the way we are communicating with you. Individual comments also gave us some great information regarding the sections of this bulletin that are most helpful and how we can improve this further which we have begun to implement.



### 'Meeting me' conversations

Across two days at the start of the year all tutors met with their tutees and parents as part of our 'meeting me' conversations. These were designed to support the tutor/tutee relationship, allowing time for staff to get to know their students, helping students to share any worries or concerns they had with their tutor and for us to take steps to support them with these. **We would love your feedback on these to help with future planning.** Please complete this [short survey](#).

### Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 October	School production: Mary Poppins	All years
Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Half Term	All years
Monday 31 October	Week 8	All years
Monday 31 October	St Giles workshop	Year 8
Monday 31 October - Friday 4 November	Rotary Shoebox Appeal Collection (Monday: Yr 11, Tuesday: Yr 10, Wednesday: Yr 9, Thursday: Yr 8, Friday: Yr 7)	All Years
Tuesday 1 - Friday 11 November	Practice exams	Year 11
Thursday 3 November	Natalie Gray music performance it wellbeing event	Year 9
Thursday 3 November	Meet the tutor evening	Year 7
Monday 7 November	Week A	All years
Thursday 10 November	WINK: Love of languages	All years
Thursday 10 November	KS4 Acoustic night	Year 9, 10 & 11
Friday 11 November	Science Trip - Marwell Zoo	Year 10
Monday 14 November	Week B	All years
Monday 14 November	Vocal workshop	Year 8
Tuesday 15 November	Vocal workshop	Year 7

### Year 7 WINK event and Year 7 Tutor evening

Join us on Thursday 3rd November to meet your child's tutor. Appointments can be made via the Insight App. On the evening we will also have the following programme of events available to you

**wildern:2000**

Welcome to Year 7! - a face to face presentation with Mr Clissold, your child's Director of Progress and Achievement - **The School Hall at 5.00pm or 6.30pm**

\*Supporting 'Your Child with Reading' - a 20 minute workshop with Mrs Slater in the LRC at 4.30pm, 5.30pm or 7pm

**Presentations**

**Drop in workshops/7pm**

*Between 5pm and 7pm we have a number of drop in sessions available. Please come and meet the team:*

**Curriculum Drop ins (classrooms 915 and 916)**

Please drop in any time between 5pm and 7pm to talk to some of our subject leaders about the KS3 curriculum, self study and the best ways to support your child's progress.

Maths and Science - **916** (off the Piazza)  
English and MFL - **915** (off the Piazza)

**LRC (Block 2)**

We will have our team of student librarians on hand in the LRC at any time to show you around and answer any questions you may have about the school library.

**EdTech (classroom 914)**

If you or your child have any questions about EdTech, using Google Classrooms or the Insight App, Mr Wainman and his team are on hand to answer any of your questions and provide demonstrations. Drop in between 5pm and 7pm to 914 (can be found off the back of the piazza).

*Tea and coffee will be available from the LRC.*

*We hope to see you there.*

**WINK!**

Every Student Matters. Every Moment Counts.

### Communications

- All Years**  
[Letter from Mrs Oakley](#)  
[Attendance letter](#)  
[WINK: Love languages \(in person 10 November\)](#)  
[Hosts for German Exchange visit](#)  
[Meeting me feedback form](#) - please let us know your views on these
- Year 7**  
[English trip to the Globe](#)
- Year 8**  
There are no letters for Year 8
- Year 9**  
There are no letters for Year 9
- Year 10**  
[English study sessions](#)
- Year 11**  
[Practice Exams info letter](#)  
[Timetable and Study room info](#)  
[How to support your child with revision](#)

### Reminders

- All Years**  
[Rotary Shoebox appeal](#) - information [here](#)  
[United Against Bullying](#)  
[Christmas celebration concert](#)
- Year 7**  
[Year 7 Meet the tutor evening](#): Please book your appointment for this via the INSIGHT Parent App  
[Year 7 vocal workshop](#) - year 7 gospel vocal workshops taking place on Tuesday 15th November. You can book (free) tickets to see your child perform what they have learnt during this day on The Little Box Office: <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/wildernschool>. To give permission for your child to attend the concert, please sign the consent via parent pay. The concert will take place at 3.30pm-4.30pm in the hall.
- Year 8**  
[St Giles workshop](#) - Monday 31 October  
[Year 8 vocal workshop](#) - year 8 gospel vocal workshops taking place on Monday 14th November. You can book (free) tickets to see your child perform what they have learnt during this day on The Little Box Office: <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/wildernschool>. To give permission for your child to attend the concert, please sign them up via parent pay. The concert will take place at 3.30pm-4.30pm in the hall.
- Year 9**  
There are no reminders for Year 9
- Year 10**  
[English - Macbeth performance](#)  
[Experience of a Workplace](#): A reminder that completed placement forms should be handed to Mrs O'Leary in the Careers Office (Block 2) by the end of November. Please email [careers@wildern.org](mailto:careers@wildern.org) if you have any queries. The original [letter](#) and [placement form](#) can be found here.
- Year 11**  
[Virtual WINK - Preparing for exams](#)  
[GCSE Exams booklet information letter](#) and [GCSE Exams booklet](#)  
[PSCM Information letter](#)  
ESPs will not be taking place during the exam period and will restart on Monday 14 November

### Keeping Safe

## BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

this winter

**1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.

**2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in our headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or armbands work best. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!

**3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

**4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back, as well as a rear reflector). It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

**5** Of course, being bright isn't the only way to stay safe. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

**5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the [Tales of the Road](#) website at [www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad)

Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about over roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

### Hot Food Menu

	Main	Grill
Monday	Arrabbiata pasta with garlic bread	Mozzarella chilli dogs with sauté potatoes
Tuesday	Mac 'n' cheese with garlic bread	Sweet chilli chicken with rice
Wednesday	Roast of the day, with roast potatoes and vegetables	Cheeseburger pizza
Thursday	Curry of the day with rice and naan bread	Bacon burger with fries
Friday	Fish of the day	BBQ Chicken burger with dirty fries

\* correct at time of sending, but may be subject to change

### Spotlight

#### Literacy across the school

My name is Mrs Slater and I am privileged to be the Whole School Literacy Coordinator here at Wildern. We have a proud history of positively promoting literacy across the school, recognising that strong literacy skills lead to wider success across all subjects, as well as positive life chances in the future.

So far this year we have seen the following literacy events take place:

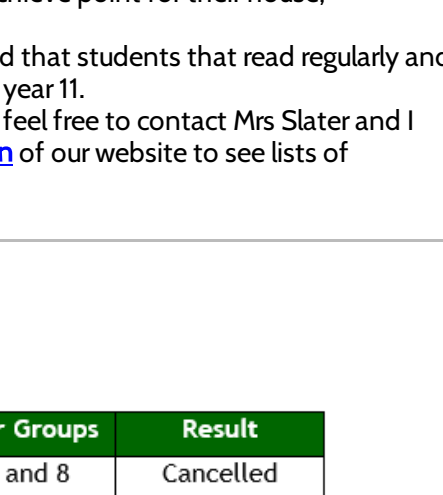
- The successful Summer Reading Projects completed by years 7 and 9 on Eie Fountains novels Lost and Melt
- Reading Ambassadors launched - a student led mentoring programme designed to develop articulation in reading for students in year 7
- The KS3 book club with Mrs Searle (Mondays 3-4pm LRC)
- The KS4 book club with Mrs Quirk (Tuesdays 3-4pm Dart)
- The LRC literacy sessions specifically designed for your child's age appropriate literacy needs:
  - o Years 7 and 8 - Word of the Week/Silent Reading
  - o Years 9 and 10 - Word of the Week/Genre of the Month
  - o Year 11 - Word of the Week and Literacy Exam Quizzes
- The launch of Millionaire Readers across years 7-11
- Our LRC seasonal competition "Haunting Hooks" across 7-11

You can see more about these events and what is coming up in our [Library newsletter](#). Looking ahead, we have our next LRC competition "Book in a Bauble" and we will be celebrating World Book Day in March 2023.

## LIBRARY LIST

### Millionaire Readers (7-11)

We have launched Millionaire Readers which is an initiative whereby students are encouraged to read 25 texts or more across the school to achieve millionaire status. The average secondary reading book has approximately 40,000 words, so 25 of these would roughly reach a million words read.



The expectation is that all students will have reading material to support their wider academic studies.

All students need to do, is collect a tracker from the LRC, complete the titles of the books read and hand this in at the end of the year to our school librarian Mrs Searle, or Mrs Slater in 901 to achieve point for their house, certificates and prizes.

Please encourage your child to take part and read widely. It is well documented that students that read regularly and around their questions are more likely to achieve top grades (7-9) at the end of year 11.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding whole school literacy, please feel free to contact Mrs Slater and I would be delighted to hear from you. Additionally, please visit the [LRC section](#) of our website to see lists of suggested reading for your child.

### Sporting Results

Date	Sport	Opposition	Year Groups	Result
17 October	U14 girls football	Bourne Community College	7 and 8	Cancelled
17 October	Year 8 boys football	Redbridge School	8	Cancelled
17 October	U15 Girls football	St George's Catholic College	9	7-0 win
18 October	Year 9 boys football	Bitterne Park School	9	3-2 loss
18 October	U14 Netball	St Anne's School	9	4-1 loss
19 October	Year 10 boys football	Wyvern School	10	5-4 loss on penalties
20 October	Year 8 boys football	Oasis Academy	8	3-0 win
20 October	Year 7 boys football	Bayhouse School	7	13-2 win

\*all fixtures correct at time of sending, but may be subject to change

### Extra Curricular

#### Duke of Edinburgh opportunity - Years 9 and 10

## Year 9 and 10 - Start your DoE now

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We are launching the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award to students in Year 9 and 10.

If your child is interested in completing their DoE award, they should complete this google form **before Wednesday 2nd November**:  
<https://forms.gle/qwmyuY1TuaCe66PA>

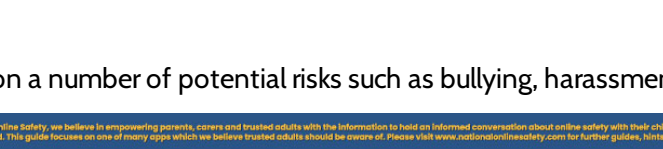
Our first Meeting will be after school on **Monday 7th November**, introducing students to the programme and giving them an outline of the skills they will be learning.

A letter will be sent out in the Wildern Weekly with additional information regarding dates, costs and an outline of the DoE on 4th November.

[Click here for more information on Bronze award](#)

### Extra-Curricular activities

Please see our updated clubs for the second half of the Autumn term. Focus groups have now launched as well. More details can be found on our website using the button below. The library is always available to students after school as well.



### E-Safety

#### What Parents Need to Know about Sendit

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app; it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever'; users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, unless a question is for paying subscribers - Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, harassment and grooming.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SENDIT



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