

***** REMINDER: School is closed on Friday 25 November *****

Welcome!

Hello and welcome to this week's edition of the Wildern Weekly. I am Mr Bateman and I am one of Wildern's Pastoral Senior Lead Practitioners. Last week you may remember that Mrs Cooper introduced herself and the student services team. I work very closely with this team to support our students' pastoral development. My main areas of responsibility are inclusion and attendance and as a part of this I support the Directors of Progress and Achievement in their day-to-day roles.



I am also one of the Science teachers here at Wildern and take an active part in the running and delivery of our Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. DoFE is a fantastic opportunity for our young people which we are now offering in Y9 and Y10. The skills which can be learnt outside of the classroom are just as valuable and important as the ones we teach inside the classroom and I have witnessed first hand the transformative effect DoFE can have. Please do keep your eye out for communications from the school around this or there is more information on our website.

I have now worked at Wildern in various roles since 2014 and some of you may recall that I was a Director of Progress and Achievement myself for many years before I took on my current role. This means there are very few pastoral situations that I do not have experience with, or can offer advice on. My top tip would be to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how big and small. It's only through working together as a team that we can support our young people in their pastoral development in what is an ever-changing and challenging world.



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Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Thursday 24 November	Soundbites evening	All years
Friday 25 November	CPD day - School closed	All years
Monday 28 November	Week 8	All years
Monday 28 November - Friday 2 December	JFL practice speaking exams	Year 11
Tuesday 29 November	Roar Choice concert - Portsmouth Cathedral	All years
Thursday 1 December	Certificate Evening	2022 leavers
Thursday 1 December	Christmas Dance showcase	All years
Friday 2 December	Trip to GCSE Science Live	Year 9 & 10
Friday 2 December	Ski trip - dry slope skiing practice	Year 9 & 10
Monday 5 December	Week 8	All years
Monday 5 December	Christmas Music Concert	All years
Thursday 8 December	Geography Trip to Sea Life Centre	Year 8
Thursday 8 December	WINK: Dangers of sexting (face to face)	All years
Thursday 8 December	WINK: The effective use of Edtech to support learning (virtual)	All years
Friday 9 December	Ski trip - dry slope skiing practice	Year 9 & 10
Monday 12 December	Week 8	All years
Monday 12 - Friday 16 December	Basics Food Bank Collection (Monday: Year 7, Tuesday: Year 11, Wednesday: Year 10, Thursday: Year 9, Friday: Year 8)	All years
Tuesday 13 December	Choir trip to Winchester Christmas market	Year 7, 8 & 9
Thursday 15 December	Flu vaccinations	Year 7, 8 & 9
Thursday 15 December	Practice Exam results	Year 11
Thursday 15 December	Ski trip - dry slope skiing practice	Year 9 & 10
Friday 16 December	End of term: School finished at 1:30pm	All years

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Communications

- [All Years](#)
- [Christmas celebrations and end of term arrangements](#)
- [WINKS: Sexting - what it is and how to talk to your child about it \(face to face\)](#)
- [Hampshire SEN parent survey](#)
- [Free school holiday activity clubs](#)

Tickets for the Christmas Celebration of Dance and the Music Christmas Concert can be purchased [here](#)

Dinner queue: From Monday 28 November, Year 7 & 8 students will queue separately to other year groups (on the other side of the block 3 foyer entrance). This is following feedback from students about making the queue more efficient for all year groups. Students will be taken from each queue in turn to go through to the main severy.

[Year 9](#)

[Geography: Inland Trip](#)

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There are **no** letters for Year 7, 8 or 10

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Cost of living

It seems timely to say to you all that it is not lost on us as a school, despite the buzz of a World Cup or sense of positivity that a festive holiday often brings, that the struggles and worries in this challenging economic period have not disappeared. With rising prices and colder months ahead, presents real challenges for many families. If you are worried or facing challenges, please get in contact with us and we will endeavour to support, reassure and advise you the best we can. The message from Wildern School is - if we know we can help, I appreciate it may be difficult to talk about but please do feel free to contact us on wildern@wildern.org or request a call back.

You may also find [this link](#) helpful - it draws together in one place all of the support that is available from the Autumn Budget, agencies and companies/charities. It is a comprehensive and accessible read.

Reminders

All Years
We realise that times are hard at the moment with higher fuel, energy and food bills as well as Christmas around the corner. If you are having difficulties please do make your child's DOPA aware so that we can support you.
Personal Best Teen Project - an opportunity for students who receive Free School Meals
Personal Best Teen Project Flyer

[Year 7](#)

[Flu Vaccination Info and NHS consent letter](#)
Wildern Christmas Concert: Students in year 7 have been learning Christmas Songs for the Christmas Concert on 5 December. Please can you give permission for your child to perform via parent pay.

[Year 8](#)

[Flu Vaccination Info and NHS consent letter](#)

[Year 9](#)

[How to talk to your child about WAD video](#)
[Flu Vaccination Info and NHS consent letter](#)
[Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award info](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Geography - WorldWide Magazine](#)
[Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award info](#)

Science Self Study Help: Tuesday 3-4pm Room 317

English - Macbeth Box Clever Theatre visit: (Spring '23) We still have tickets available for this fantastic performance and workshop that will take place in school. More information is [here](#).

[Year 11](#)

ESPs this week
Monday - Maths (MN) / Science (PG)
Tuesday - Business Studies
Wednesday - Design Technology or Food and Nutrition

Art and Photography coursework deadline: Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Coursework is worth 60% of students final GCSE grade.

ICT Exam: Monday 9th January. This is worth 33% of the final grade for ICT. All students have been given a copy of the Wildern revision guide and have other revision resources available on Google Classroom

Science: AM Registration Booster sessions are starting on Tuesday this week. The sessions will run on Tuesdays and Fridays for three weeks. Letters have been sent home for those students invited to attend.
Science Self Study Help: Mondays and Fridays, 3-4pm Room 317

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Spotlight

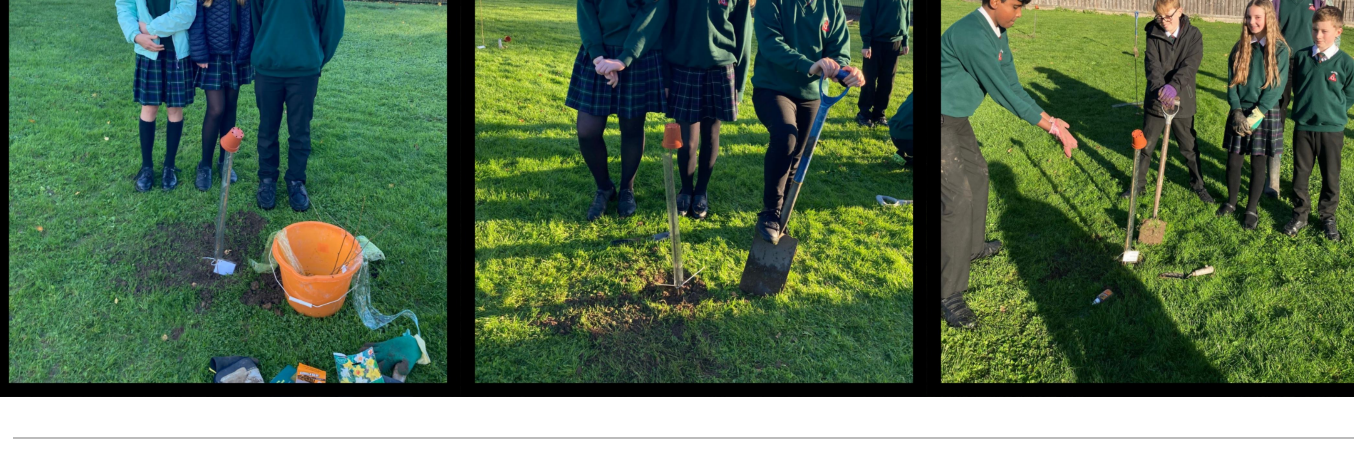
Sustainability

Water is one of the most precious resources on the planet and in the UK we rely on it to carry out our daily lives. In other parts of the world, they are less fortunate than ourselves. We therefore need to preserve this natural resource for the future. On average a person in the UK uses 142 litres of water per day and this demand is set to increase (especially if you have a car in the house)! One added benefit to saving water is that it can also save us money on our water bills especially if you are on a meter.

Saving Water at Home

Jubilee tree planting

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, [The Woodland Trust](#) have given us a number of trees to plant in our school grounds as part of their free trees for schools project. This was organised through our Eco focus group and students met last week to plant the saplings in the space between the Tennis courts and the Astro.



Student Leadership

It has been a busy time over the last few weeks for student leadership:

- We have our newly appointed Anti Bullying Ambassadors under way with whole school initiatives
- The Eco Focus Group have been planting trees for the Queen's Jubilee
- The Diversity group have been busy with the new boards in the block 3 corridor
- Our head students attended the remembrance parade on the 13th November; it was an honour to represent the school at this event

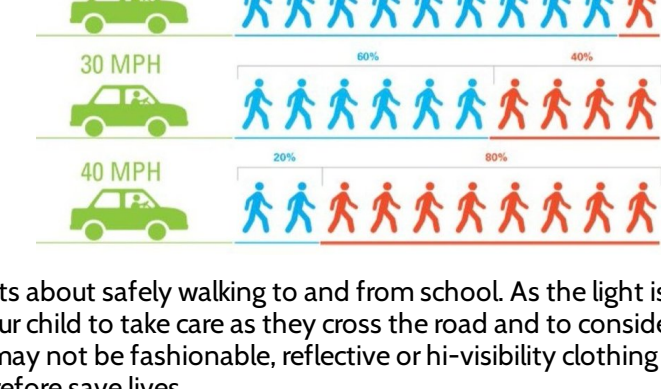
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Keeping Safe

Behaviour in the community & road awareness

On the whole, Wildern students do us proud and are mature and sensible in the way they conduct themselves in the local area.

Unfortunately, we have been contacted by a couple of local shops and cafes to report that a very small number of Wildern students have been involved with incidents of theft and vandalism. We are working with these shop owners and the Police to identify students involved so that further action can be taken.



Wildern lane is a busy road and we have reminded students about safely walking to and from school. As the light is drawing in and it is getting darker earlier, please remind your child to take care as they cross the road and to consider how easily they can be seen in the dim light. Whilst they may not be fashionable, reflective or hi-visibility clothing can help road users see children before they cross and saves lives.

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Hot Food Menu

Dan and his catering team can adapt the majority of meals to any dietary needs including gluten free, halal and dairy free if they know in advance (your child can speak to them by visiting the kitchen before 8:30am that day).

	Main	Grill
Monday	Pig in blanket / Veggie sausage hotdog with sauté potatoes (v)	Sausage and Applewood brioche bun with spicy fries
Tuesday	Tex-mex beef/veggie burger with chilli tortilla chips (v)	Thai green chicken curry with rice
Wednesday	Roast turkey and all the trimmings	Veggie hotdogs with roasted peppers and BBQ sauce (v)
Thursday	Curry of the day	Chicken/veggie nachos & sour cream (v)
Friday	Fish of the day	Meatball pasta bake with garlic bread

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Sporting Results

Date	Sport	Opposition	Year Groups	Result
21 November	Year 7 boys football	Glenmoor and Winton (National Cup 5th Round)	7	5-1 win
21 November	U14 girls football	George Abbott School (National cup)	8 & 9	Postponed
22 November	U16 girls netball	St Anne's Catholic School	10 & 11	13-1 lost
22 November	U16 basketball	Hamble School	11	Postponed



Sporting Fixtures

Date	Sport	Opposition	Year Groups
24 November	U14 basketball	Hamble School	9
28 November	U16 girls football	Bitterne Park School	10 & 11
29 November	Year 9 boys football	Court Moor School	9
29 November	U16 basketball	Swanmore College	11
30 November	Year 8 boys rugby	Thorndon School	8
30 November	Year 9 boys football	Cantell School	9
1 December	U14 basketball	Oasis Academy Sholing	9

* All fixtures correct at time of sending, but may be subject to change
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Extra Curricular

Our new extra-curricular sports programme for the winter season begins on **Monday 28 November** and will run until Friday 27 January. The idea around changing our extra-curricular activities on a seasonal basis is to give our students a greater breadth in the choice of activities we can offer. It also accounts for the diminishing light and the winter conditions which restrict the activities we are able to offer outside. We strongly encourage your child to get involved with as many activities as possible. **#TeamWildern**

EVERY MATTERS

Month	Junior & Senior Netball Training	Overheading Club	Last Swimming Club (Dry Cup Award)	Table Tennis Club	Fitness Club (Q&B Only)	Information
Mon						Check out our 2022-23 Club Calendar
Tue	Basketball	Overheading Netball Fixtures	Healthy Club	Table Tennis	NO WGA members	Junior + 21-22 Senior + 21-22
Wed	Junior Basketball	Overheading Netball Fixtures	Healthy Club	Table Tennis	Fitness Club (Q&B Only)	These clubs will run from 20th Nov - 21st 22nd Jan
Thu	No Clubs due to School Meetings!					
Fri	Badminton Club	*This club is closed*				

EVERY COUNTS

Autumn 2022 Extra Curricular Timetable

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E-Safety

What Parents Need to Know about Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry - Modern Warfare II - is proving to be hugely popular. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features - unsurprisingly - extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and potential political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, in-game purchases and addiction.

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Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts