

Welcome!

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday passed illness free and you were able to take advantage of some rest and recuperation alongside your Christmas festivities.

As you may know this year is our 90th birthday; we are hoping to celebrate this birthday across the year and to start the year we have launched our new logo.

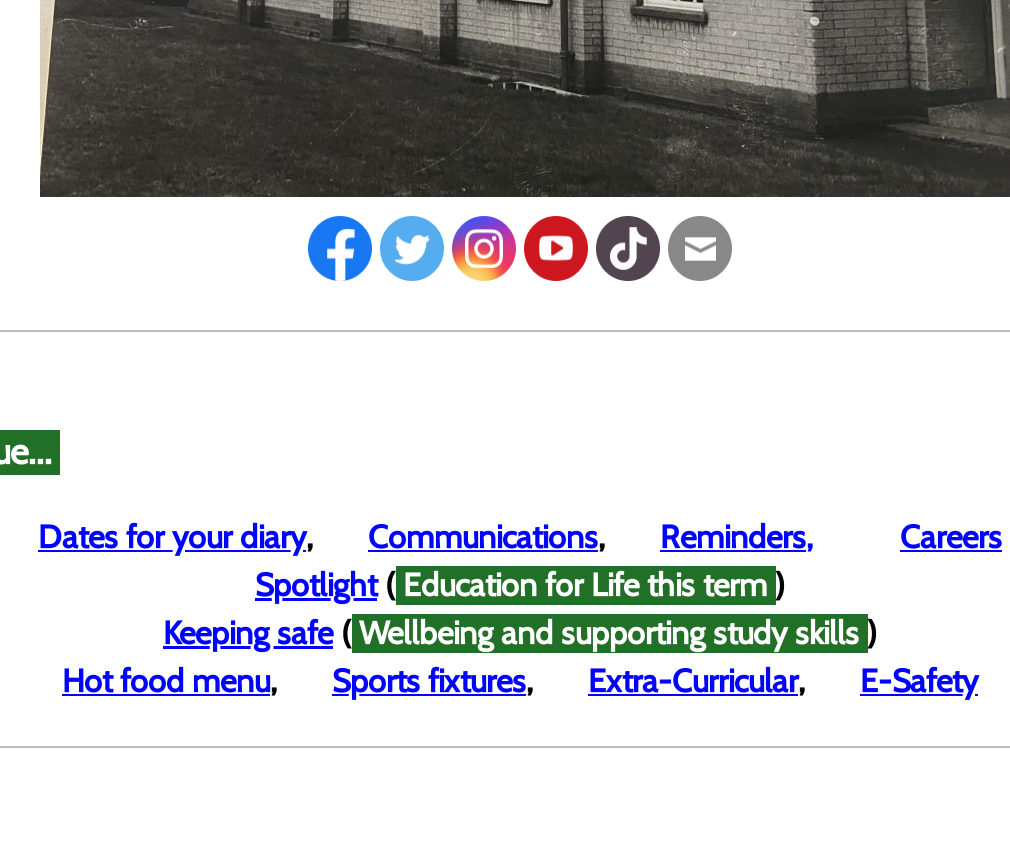
It was 90 years ago in April that a new, local school for secondary students was opened. It was to take students from two neighbouring villages, Botley and West End, as well as from Curdridge. The school was designed to take up to 370 students aged 11-14 years with room for growth as the total number in the school system at this time was 340!

The school was to have specialised science, cookery and woodwork classes as well as have nine general purpose classrooms but with spending cuts, one of these did not happen! Nothing changes!

Over the course of this year we will be giving you an insight into life at Wildern across all 90 years - there are certainly some eye opening tidbits!

Below is the plan of the new school, you may recognise the school as Shamblehurst as that is where we were first situated before moving into a new school adjacent to Shamblehurst in 1963 which is where we have remained!

We would love to gather together memories, stories and photos of Wildern School from our wider community. If you have photos or anecdotes of your time at Wildern we would love to see / hear these. You can email these to 90thbirthday@wildern.org.



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Dates for your diary

| Date | Activity | Year Groups |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Friday 6 January | Year 9 & 10 Future Chef Competition | Year 9 & 10 |
| Saturday 7 January | Dance of Edinburgh practice walk | Year 9 & 10 |
| Monday 9 January | Week 8 | All years |
| Monday 9 January | ICT: Media exam | Year 11 |
| Thursday 12 January | Year group school photos | Year 7 & 11 |
| Thursday 12 January | Year 10 Parents' evening | Year 10 |
| Monday 16 January | Week 8 | All years |
| Tuesday 17 January | Year 11 English RAP Parents' info evening (Invitational event) | Year 11 |
| Wednesday 18 January | Dragon's Den day (careers event) | Year 7 |
| Thursday 19 January | K&A Acoustic Night | Year 9, 10 & 11 |
| Thursday 19 January | WINK: Pathways (virtual) | Year 8 |
| Monday 23 January | Week 8 | All years |
| Monday 23 January | Year 10 practice exams | Year 10 |
| Wednesday 25 January | Year 11 Drama showcase | Year 11 |
| Thursday 26 January | WINK evening: E-safety | All years |
| Thursday 26 - Friday 27 January | Year 11 Food & Nutrition practical assessment | Year 11 |

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Communications

- [All Years](#)
- [Help with cost of living](#)
- [Years 7 - 10](#)
- There are no letters for Year 7-10
- [Year 11](#)
- [Ofqual letter to students](#)
- [Drop-in Perform Newsletter](#)
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Reminders

- [All Years](#)
- Uniforms:** Please can all parents ensure that students are wearing coats and school jumpers into school please. It is incredibly wet out at the moment and the rain looks set to stay.
- Socks:** there is a slight trend at the moment where bright fluffy socks are being worn over tights, please could you ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform to school.
- Piercings:** It would seem that a number of students have had nose piercings for Christmas. These are not allowed in school unless arranged with the Director of Progress and Achievement, if your child has a piercing other than in the ears, it should be removed for school.
- [Year 7](#)
- Tip:** [Natural History Museum & London Eye](#) - Deadline Wednesday 11 January
- [Years 8 & 9](#)
- There are no reminders for Year 8 and 9
- [Year 10](#)
- [Parents' evening information](#)
- [Year 10 Practice exams information](#)
- [Year 10 Practice exam timetable](#)

Art and Photography practice exams: 6 & 7 February 2023

Animal Care students: please make sure that the **Parent Pay** consent is completed by Tuesday 10 January

- [Year 11](#)
- [ESP timetable - Spring 1](#)
- Monday 9 January:** Drama
- Tuesday 10 January:** RE or Media
- Wednesday 11 January:** Music or French

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 Past Papers - Please can you make sure that you have paid £6 for the past papers which are being used as self study, as this exam practice is invaluable as part of revision.

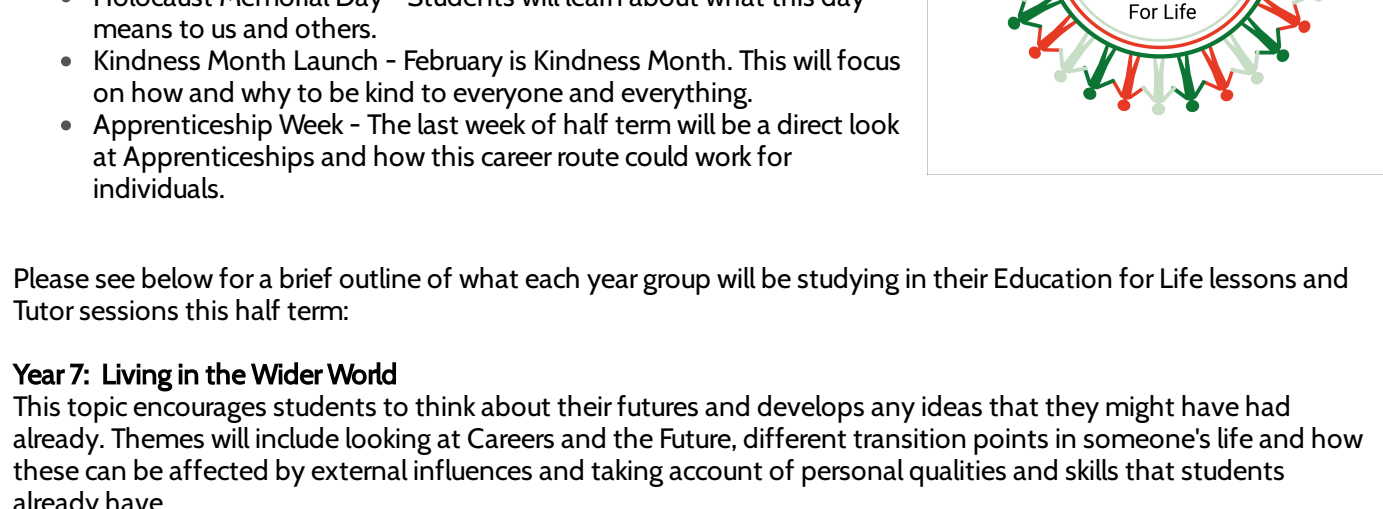
Art and Photography GCSE exam papers were handed to students this week on Tuesday - these were also shared via Google classroom - Students have the spring term to prepare prior to the 10 hour art or photography exam that will take place in May - this is worth 40% of students final GCSE grade.

English: A reminder that Year 11 revision guides for Language and Literature are still available to purchase for £1.50 each. These contain the Wildern-specific approaches and guidance to consolidate what your son/daughter has been learning in class, as well as a variety of past papers for revision. These can be purchased by collecting a form from finance.

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Careers

Access your FREE university and apprenticeships guides for parents and bonus STEM guide now by clicking the images below!
 The [Wildern website careers page](#) has also been updated to include local Labour Market Information, a Career Comparison tool, the guides above and information on writing a personal statement.

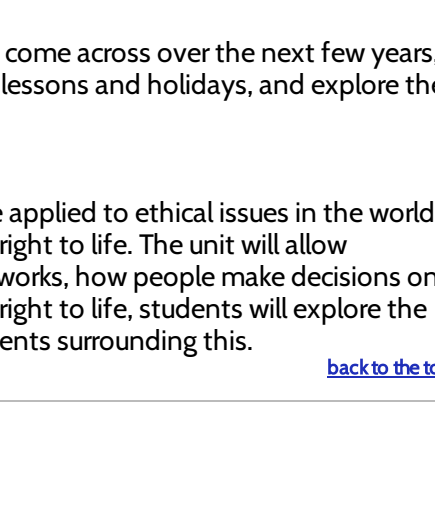


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Spotlight

Education for Life - what is being studied this half term

This half term we are focussing on our third theme 'Living in the Wider World'.



All Year groups
 Students will be looking at a variety of whole school and national events that link into the theme of Living in the Wider World. These include:

- Holocaust Memorial Day - Students will learn about what this day means to us and others.
- Kindness Month Launch - February is Kindness Month. This will focus on how and why to be kind to everyone and everything.
- Apprenticeship Week - The last week of half term will be a direct look at Apprenticeships and how this career route could work for individuals.

Please see below for a brief outline of what each year group will be studying in their Education for Life lessons and Tutor sessions this half term:

Year 7: Living in the Wider World
 This topic encourages students to think about their futures and develops any ideas that they might have had already. Themes will include looking at Careers and the Future, different transition points in someone's life and how these can be affected by external influences and taking account of personal qualities and skills that students already have.

Year 8: Setting Goals and Pathways
 This topic is to develop the insights towards next year and making sure that Pathways choices selected are the best suited to every individual. Topics include thinking about exploring careers, making decisions about Key Stage 4 and thinking about the various subjects there are on offer.

Year 9: Health and Wellbeing
 In this unit, students will explore health and wellbeing, including an awareness of teenage cancer and looking after your emotional wellbeing. Students will be looking at a number of examples of positive coping strategies to support their wellbeing. They will also be looking at self-determination in relation to the issue of euthanasia, along with religious arguments for & against. This unit also includes a series of lessons on first aid that includes both theory and practical taught by a accredited member of staff to award students a first aid certificate.

Year 10: Finance
 During this unit students will be exploring money issues that they are likely to come across over the next few years, such as understanding their first pay slip, how to budget for things like driving lessons and holidays, and explore the positives and negatives of getting a loan.

Year 11: Human Rights
 In this unit students will explore what Human Rights are and how they can be applied to ethical issues in the world around them. They will explore two rights in detail - the right to vote and the right to life. The unit will allow students to explore the concept of voting in terms of how a general election works, how people make decisions on how to vote, along with issues surrounding voter turnout and apathy. For the right to life, students will explore the punishment of criminals with a focus on the death penalty and ethical arguments surrounding this.

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Keeping Safe

Ways to improve wellbeing

50 daily tasks to improve wellbeing
 Try one activity a day at home or in school to improve your physical and mental health

How to help your teenager with their studies

As a parents, you can't revise for your teenager, but there are plenty of ways you can support them in practical ways to improve study techniques. Read through some of these articles to get some helpful tips and ideas.

- [The Parents' Guide to:](#)
- [Teaching your teen to revise well](#)
- [Five proven strategies to helping your teen with revision](#)
- [Creating a revision timetable](#)
- [Making study interesting](#)

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Hot Food Menu

Dan and his catering team can adapt the majority of meals to any dietary needs if they know in advance (your child can just ask by visiting the Kitchen before 8:30am that day). Main/gill vegetarian options are always available - just ask Dan and his team.

| | Main | Grill |
|-----------|--|--|
| Monday | Mac 'n' cheese with garlic bread (v) | Veggie meatball with pasta and tomato sauce (v) |
| Tuesday | Pepperoni/veggie pizza with potato wedges (v) | Spicy roast chicken thighs with Cajun fries and sour cream |
| Wednesday | Sausage and bacon topped jackets with spring onions and mozzarella | Honey and chilli chicken curry, with naan and rice |
| Thursday | Curry of the day | Tex-Mex messy burger or veggie burger with fries (v) |
| Friday | Fish of the day | Bacon and cheese flatbreads |

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

| Date | Sport | Opposition | Year Groups |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------------|
| 9 January | Year 7 Boys Football | Shoreham Academy | |
| 10 January | U16 Basketball | Weston Secondary School | 10 & 11 |
| 10 January | U14 Netball | Central league event against various schools, held at Redbridge School | 7 & 8 |
| 12 January | U14 Basketball | Weston Secondary School | 8 & 9 |
| 16 January | U14 Basketball | Oasis Academy Sholing | 10 & 9 |
| 19 January | U14 Basketball | Swanmore College | 8 & 9 |

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Extra Curricular

Please see our updated clubs timetable for the Spring term. This includes focus groups which are running as part of our student leadership programme. More details can be found on our website using the button below.

The library is always available to students after school as well.

Drama Club will return 3:15-4pm for Year 7 on Monday 16 January and for Year 8 on Monday 23 January.

Extra Curricular Timetable Spring 2023

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E-Safety

Stay Safe on New Devices

A free online safety guide on staying safe on new devices.

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.

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