



Wildern School

An Introduction to Year 8 The Year of Choices

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Aim of the Evening

- Our culture and expectations
- Triangle of Team
- Key priorities for all
- GCSE's – what I need to start thinking about?
- The benefits and perils of social media
- The importance of literacy and numeracy
- The teenage challenge
- The Home/School Partnership
- Communication
- Working together
- Parent Handbook



Our culture and expectations

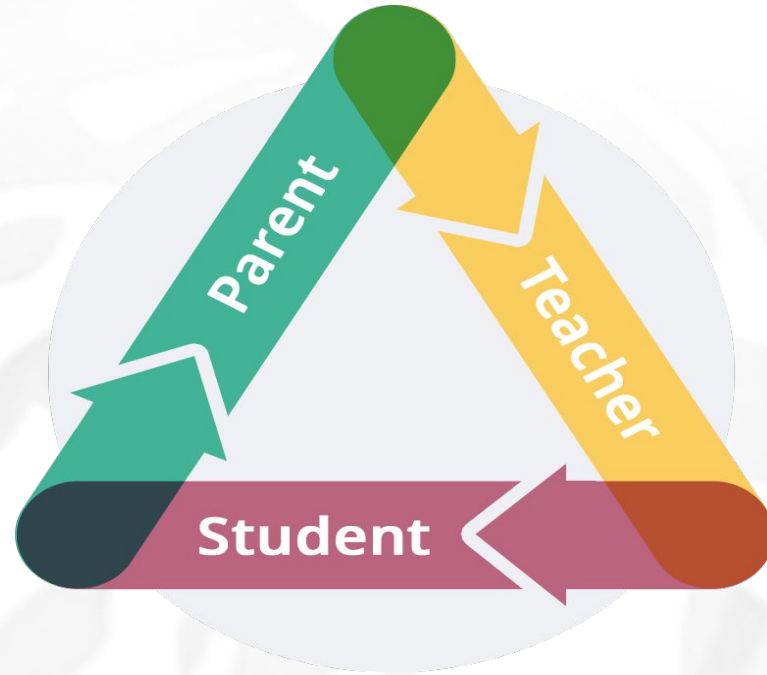
We want a happy, healthy, safe and focussed school where all staff and students can thrive

We want to be a school where all:

- students speak politely and listen to each other and staff
- students show respect to their teachers through the way they communicate and respond
- students are well mannered to each other, staff and those around them at home
- students respond appropriately in communications
- students respond at the first time of asking
- moments count



The Triangle of Team!



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts.



School

- Ongoing communications and updates (Wildern Weekly/Website/Social media)
- Half termly curriculum updates, so you can see what's coming in curriculum areas
- Safeguarding- we will do all we can
- Support
 - In class
 - Pastorally
 - SEND
 - The future- pathways, careers, college and beyond
- Education for life- Comprehensive curriculum for life outside of academia.
- Additional cross curricular support and enrichment opportunities.



Student

- Think carefully about their choices in school
- Be present:
 - Physically/Mentally- 96% attendance = 2 grades better vs 80% attendance = 2 grades worse
- Positive behaviors- allow others to learn
- Good practice habits- self study, use of school support and resources
- Make use of extra resources - do the extra
- Plan, prepare and look ahead (pathways choices, extra curricular commitments)
- Rest
- Use Student Voice- “talk2Us”- Surveys- Tutors- My Wildern



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Parent

- Communicate
 - Please keep us in the loop with key information- tutor is first call always
 - With your child
 - With school- with the right people in the right way
 - Check insight and ask if unsure
 - **Attend parents' evening - Virtual**
- Attendance- if your child isn't in school, their chances of progress reduce
 - Holidays will not be authorised
 - Very exceptional leave only
 - If they are off ill, support the recovery physically and academically
- Tough love- discipline needed
 - Social activities
 - Social Media and screen time
- Coaching questions



The Parent Community- we want to expand and involve our parents even more in their school

- Parent Charity Events
- Parent Quiz evenings - 12th October 6pm
- Parent Community Group
- Parent Social Media admin
- Parent survey - biannual
- Mini parent surveys in Wildern Weekly (these appear regularly)
- Email wildern@wildern.org
- Ofsted Parent view (668 completed in 2024 for nearly 1950 students)
- Parent open morning and coffee meets
- Parents evenings - information and communication



Our culture and expectations

Uniform expectations

- School identity starts with the uniform
 - Safeguarding
 - Hard wearing (52% of the year is in uniform)
 - Identity and pride
 - A sign of conformity
- Individual identity
 - Being them! (We want to encourage them being them)
 - Bring things to the 21st century!
 - Still want to avoid extremes of fashion
- Safety and security
 - Still has to be a priority

If we get this right, more time is focussed on learning & pastoral conversations.



Our culture and expectations

Respectful culture

As a Rights Respecting school, at Wildern we expect all students to be respectful and polite in the way they communicate with all members of our community. We have outlined this as:

Talk - think about your **tone**, **words** and **volume**

Actively listen and **respond appropriately**

Look interested - show positive body language

Kindness - show empathy, avoid judgement, respect others' ideas



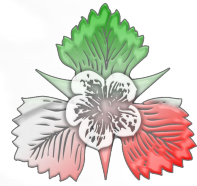


Toilets and Phones

- Phones away and in bags at the beginning of the day
- Try to avoid messaging your child during the day

- Toilets- they are open during the day
- There is plenty of time at break
- No queues for majority of break and lunchtime





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The year of choices



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Learning routines and habits at home

- To feel safe and secure
- To ensure there is time for fun or spending time together
- To develop a sense of responsibility
- To develop basic work skills and time management



The importance of literacy and numeracy



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"





The importance of literacy

How you can help at home?

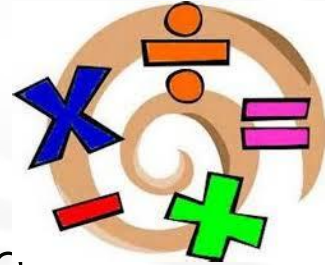
- Encourage to read
- Discuss different styles of text
- Discuss favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators
- Visit the local library
- Discuss new and unusual words
- Encourage to write





The importance of numeracy

How you can help at home?



- Be positive!
- Read through the problem with them
- Encourage them to refer to their class notes and worked examples
- Use the videos in Sparx
- Talk them through how you use maths to solve everyday problems e.g. which is best value for money in the shopping, budgeting for a holiday/trip
- Check they can still use their times tables
- Get them to show you how their scientific calculator works



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The Year of Choices - Pathways

- Structured programme for all students and parents around GCSE choices
- Discussions you could start having with your son/daughter:
 - Interest and enjoyment in subjects
 - Peer influences
 - Teacher influences
 - Career aspirations
 - Keeping doors open
 - Managing the decision process





The benefits and perils of social media

#followtheschool

More advice and these slides are on the **school website** parent members area:

Username: **parents**

Password: **wildern**





Online safety advice

- T- Talk** about staying safe online
- E - Explore** their online world together
- A- Agree** rules about what is ok and what is not
- M - Manage** your family's setting and controls

Help your kids stay safe online.
Work as a **TEAM**



Talk



Explore



Agree



Manage



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Online safety advice

- Age appropriate apps
- Who are you letting into their rooms?
- If you aren't sure, check
- Keep devices out in communal areas downstairs overnight- rest everything and everyone.

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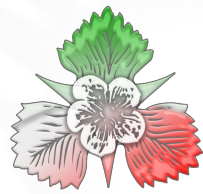
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The teenage challenge

Welcome to being a parent of a teenager. Prepare for a large amount of eye rolling, emotional outbursts, and thoughts of running away. And that's just the parents.





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- Uniform
- Attendance
- Attitude to Learning
- Interaction with Others



02 Kindness

- Demonstrating Compassion and Empathy
- Supporting AND challenging with Kindness





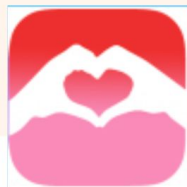
4 Points For Achieving Excellence Together



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Aspiration

Aspiration for all in everything they do.

A culture of celebrating success collectively



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Integrity

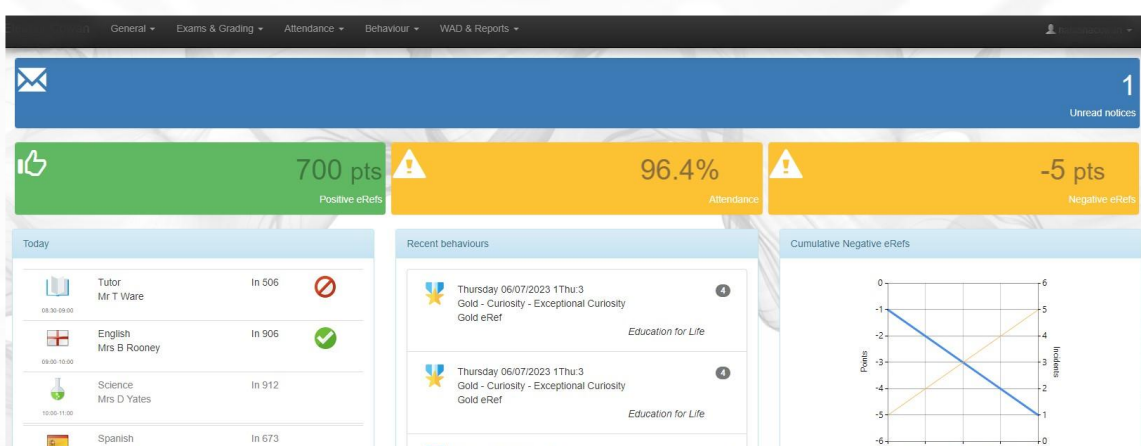
Right is right, even if no one else is doing it





INSIGHT

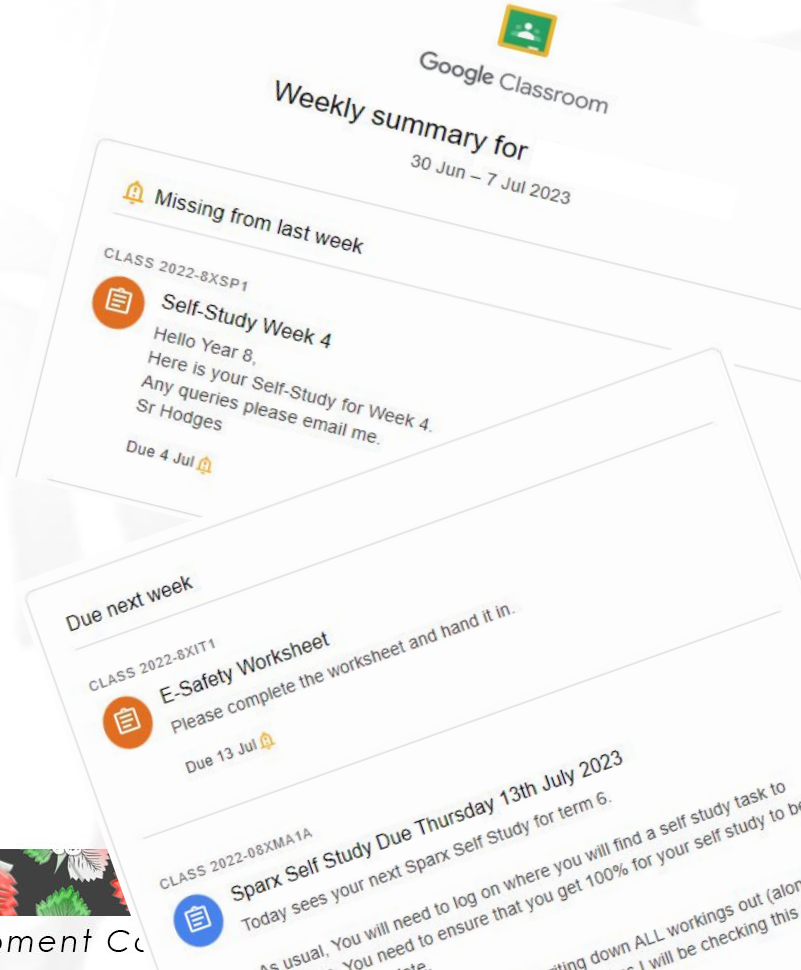
- Check Student Attendance
- Check Student Achievement and Behaviour
- Check Student Timetables
- Update Student and Parent Information
- Report an Absence
- Check the School Calendar
- Receive messages from the school
- To set up your INSIGHT account we need to have your email address on our system - we will then send you an invitation.





Google Guardians

- Sends you a daily or weekly summary
- Includes any work:
 - that has been set,
 - that has **not** been handed in
 - that is due the next few days
- Useful to help you support your child in managing their self-study
- Informs you of what has and hasn't been done





Wildern Weekly

- Sent out on Fridays
- Links for all letters
- Reminders & key dates
- Spotlight features
- Advice & guidance
- Food menus
- Extra curricular
- Sports results
- All previous issues are available on our website



Wildern Weekly

Parent Bulletin

Friday 7 July 2023



I'm Mrs Dixon, Director of Learning for Humanities and subject leader for Geography.

The Humanities subjects at **Wildern** are History (subject leader Miss Greenswort), Religious Education (subject leader Mrs Watson), Travel and Tourism (subject leader Mrs Mistry) and Geography. I love all of the humanities subjects because they help to explain our place in the World, create empathy and to always consider the impacts our actions have on the World and people around us.

July 11th is World Population Day, a day which seeks to bring awareness to the growing pressures and opportunities a growing population can bring. This week there is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our population of 8 billion people and how our humanities subjects are woven into this. Our population is able to live longer due to historical breakthroughs in medicine and growing international efforts for peace. Our population of 8 billion all have rich and diverse religious, cultural and social backgrounds which we can all celebrate not just within this week but always. Then we have to decide how we can balance the challenges of a growing population in an ever fragile World.

If you're curious to find out a little more, find out which billionth person you are by using this website <https://worldpopulationhistory.org/my-population-number/>.

If you have any concerns with your child's progress or attainment in Humanities, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself and we will be more than happy to discuss this with you.



Recent events @ **Wildern**

On Wednesday evening we celebrated our annual Awards Evening. Congratulations to all our winners and their families. Special mention to George and Sophie for the outstanding performances in such a large venue, the staff behind the scenes and the Kings Community Church.

A final huge thank you to our Senior Student Leadership Team: Harry, Evie, Josh and Flo for the brilliant way they hosted the evening. Supported by a team of really helpful prefects around the venue.

We have also had two Headteachers lunches for 140 student with aneref score over 700 this week.

Start of Term Arrangements 2023-24:



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Parent information evenings

You are not alone!



- Preparing for Exams - Thursday 3rd Oct 24
- Love Modern Foreign Languages Thursday 14th November
- What does it mean to be a Wildern Meta-learner? 21st November
- Teenage Wellbeing and MH Support- Lorraine Lee/Camhs 7th December
- The effective use of Edtech to support learning 14th December
- **Year 8 Pathways Thursday 30th January**
- Apprenticeship Fair - Tuesday 4th February
- Supporting your Teenager Anxiety Workshop -Thursday 27th February
- How to support your child's reading - Thursday 13th March
- SEND Evening- Supporting your child/How a child is supported in a mainstream school when they have a diagnosed need. JLF Thursday 20th March 25
- Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) and Education for Life - Thursday 15th May
- E-safety - Thursday 22nd May
- Healthy Eating/Affordable Nutritious Meals - Thursday 5th June



Partnership

How we work together



- Behaviour for learning
- Participation
- Uniform
- Feedback
- Self-study
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Holiday requests
- Behaviour in the community



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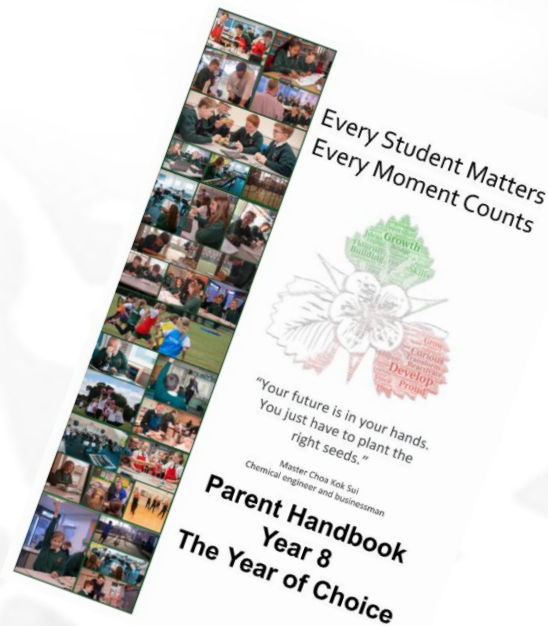
Behaviours for learning

- a) Being respectful to teachers and other learners in the classroom at all times
- b1) Being punctual to lessons to maximise learning
- 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 or 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 NEA
- j) Using appropriate subject specific vocabulary and skills



Parent Handbook

- Your comprehensive guide for day to day information
- Curriculum info
- Pastoral info
- Key dates
- First point of reference for questions





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Please give us
feedback on
tonight
(4 quick
questions)

