

# Communication

Our success is based on meaningful collaboration with parents and students and good communication is at the heart of this. There are several platforms for communication.

There will be formal occasions such as Learning Review Day which is an annual event for you and your child to meet with their tutor to review their achievements and together set goals to promote academic progress and wellbeing. Similarly, you will be invited to Parent Consultations with your child's subject teacher to gain further insight into academic progress. These annual events are complemented by three Achievement Reports which will detail progress towards target levels and Attitude to Learning (comprised of Focus, Behaviour and Homework scores from each subject teacher).

We use ClassCharts to provide you with daily updates which relate specifically to your child and you will therefore receive a unique username when your child joins us in September.

**Homework:** Your child's teacher will share details of homework tasks, due date and recommended time for completion with you and your child via ClassCharts. This is a useful tool to help your child develop independent learning and organisation skills.

**Conduct:** Your child's teachers will provide daily updates about their conduct and is a useful tool to reward and recognise individual efforts relating to engagement, respect and achievement. They will also use this platform to communicate any concerns about these areas. This is a useful tool for tutors, Head of Learning and parents to have meaningful conversations.

You will be able to contact your child's tutor, subject teachers or Head of Learning via the following email: [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk)

We will share information relating to your child's year group via weekly Parent Digest (Wednesdays) and whole school information via WeLink (fortnightly on Tuesdays).

## THE WILLINK SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to this week's edition of the Parent Digest. Please click on the relevant links which open the document or letter on the school website.  
Kind regards,  
The Willink School

### WILKINS SCHOOL

**Reminder - Raising £ All performance tonight at 8.30pm in the main hall.** A gripping piece of theatre that takes stories from young people from West Berkshire who have been negatively impacted by the following issues: e-safety (Snapchat & Facebook/social network misuse), substance and alcohol misuse, sexual exploitation, grooming and inappropriate or exploitative relationships. There has been much media coverage about increasing County Lines activity - particularly in rural areas via West Berkshire. Responding to this performance will help parents to identify early warning signs and indicators. It will also provide stimulus to introduce the conversation with your child. Please see [here](#) for more details.

**Please support Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on December 13th.** Creative adapted jumpers of 10 shirts are very welcome, or take advantage of a Black Friday bargain! Money goes to support struggling children in the UK and around the world. £1 can be paid to tutors on the day more details.

### EVENTS

- 27th November - Raising £ All, 8.30pm in the hall
- 28th November - Duke of Edinburgh Award parent information evening 6.30pm in the hall
- 4th - 6th December - Schools Will Rock You Production
- 5th & 6th December - Learning Review Days
- 5th & 6th December - Year 12 Exams
- 9th December - Year 11 Mock Exams Start
- 13th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December - Year 11 Interview Suit Workshop
- 13th December - Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church Burghfield 7pm
- 20th December - End of Term, 12.45pm

### TRIPS

**Parkto Trip reminder:** This is a whole year group trip so if your child is not already going, please reply to the [email](#) ASAP.

### OFFERS

Any parents interested in their son or daughter taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award should contact their child's tutor.

Final decisions do not have to be submitted until June 4th 2020. Students will be asked to attend Applicant Days over the coming months. Similar to Open Days, these allow students to visit the universities and talk to staff about facilities, course content and learning styles. They are an excellent way to make an informed decision.

**Maths Inspiration trip:** Deadline for payment Friday 29th November. See [letter](#), including payment and consent, for details.

on evening on Thursday 28th from 19.30. Information about the opportunity for Thursdays at the end.

Students only need to attend their LRD appointment on Thursday 5th if organised is now not available. Work to be done at home will be

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to attended last week's Sixth Form Open Evening. A digital available to download from our website at [the Willink School](#)

lock their ClassCharts and email this week for instructions using date for applications is January 10th 2020.

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mitted via UCAS before Christmas should aim to stem by Friday November 20th. This is an internal to students and send them to UCAS by

internal UCAS deadline of January 15th 2020. Universities and colleges do not have to consider

## WE LINK

17th March 2020  
[www.willinkschool.org.uk](http://www.willinkschool.org.uk)  
Dear Parents, Carers and Students,  
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Last Monday we participated in the annual BBC News Report - focusing on news stories such as climate change, recycling, food, and school news stories throughout the day. The students were keen, proactive and energetic, gathering the product of their work. Oh, for normal news for all of us - COVID-19, an or global outlook.

I am conscious that in writing this p COVID-19 is obviously a deeply of vulnerable family members, social and colleges when a growing th and how to post to make a newsworthy final report. Take a look at the final results at: [https://www.bbc.com/news/education-55444444](#)

**BBC YOUNG REPORTERS**  
Monday 9th March a group of our year 8 students took part in the BBC Young Reporter project. The students researched and prepared interviews about topics relevant to teenagers today, such as the impact of phones on education, why we should reduce the use of plastic, why it is important to respect and what are the concerns regarding the safety of streaming.

Students had a great day learning how to use the video camera, how to encode a good interview and how to post to make a newsworthy final report. Take a look at the final results at: [https://www.bbc.com/news/education-55444444](#)

We will continue to follow the advice of Public Health days from the point of displaying even mild symptom temperature. This includes any member of the household. We will continue to follow the advice of Public Health days from the point of displaying even mild symptom temperature. This includes any member of the household.

Following current guidance, all foreign trips have been cancelled. Other trips and off-site activities will be suspended. Other trips and off-site activities will be suspended. Other trips and off-site activities will be suspended.

### YEAR 8 TECH HORIZONS

Wednesday 4th and 5th March all our year 8 students enjoyed an exciting Business Partnership and Games Television. Each group was challenged to create the making of a cup of tea using videos with the students learning that the end of the results were interesting. The results were interesting. The results were interesting. The results were interesting.

Mr P Fry, Head

