



## Parent Digest

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

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

## Whole School

**The Willink**  
Village School, Global Outlook

**WALK FOR Talk**

**Thursday, 17 September 2026**

**Please Support our Students' 10K Fundraising Walk!**

Help us raise funds for specialist audio equipment for our MFL department, giving our students the tools they need to develop their listening & language skills and build confidence. Every donation makes a difference!

**DONATE**

**SCAN HERE**

**willinkschool.org.uk**

### **Reminder: Fundraising Walk - Thursday 17 September**

The whole school will be taking part in a 10km fundraising walk through the woods and farmland surrounding the school this **Thursday, 17 September**.

This year, we are raising funds for specialist audio equipment and technology for Modern Foreign Languages, helping to enhance students' speaking and listening skills. We would be very grateful for any donation that you, your family or friends are able to make in support of our students' efforts. Please see the following linked letters for further details, including information about the event and the consent form required for students to leave the school site once they have completed the walk:

**KS3 & 4 Students (Years 7 - 11) Fundraising Walk Letter** – [Click here](#) to read.

**KS5 Students (Years 12 & 13) Fundraising Walk Letter** – [Click here](#) to read.

Please note, students will NOT be able to participate in the walk if parents/carers have not given consent via our Trips platform EVOLVE. An email was sent requesting consent. If you have not received this, please let the school office know ASAP.

Please [click here](#) to make a donation for the fundraising walk.

## **Reminder: School Opening Times – Thursday 17 & Friday 18 September**

A reminder of our planned arrangements for **Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September**:

### **Thursday 17 September – Early School Closure**

School will close to all students at **12pm** to allow us to prepare for our Whole School Open Evening that afternoon/evening.

### **Friday 18 September – INSET Day**

The school will be **closed to all students** for an INSET (staff training) day.

Students will return to school as normal on **Monday 21 September**.

## **Open Evenings and Open Mornings**

**Pursue Your Passions  
At The Willink School  
& Sixth Form**

**The Willink**  
Village School, Global Outlook

*We are a friendly, vibrant community with high expectations and aspirations for all. Come along to one of our Open Evenings, or register to visit and discover more about our school and sixth form.*

**Whole School Open Evening & Open Mornings**

**THURSDAY  
17<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER  
2026  
5:30 - 8 PM**

Tour our campus, meet teachers & students, & sample our curriculum.

Headteacher's Presentation 6pm & 7pm

Open Morning visits by appointment only

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

**WEDNESDAY  
21<sup>st</sup>  
OCTOBER  
2026  
6-8 PM**

Tour our fantastic facilities, explore subjects & student life with staff & students

[willinkschool.org.uk](http://willinkschool.org.uk)

The Willink, School Lane, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3XJ

This term we are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our upcoming **Whole School and Sixth Form Open Evenings**.

### **Whole School Open Evening**

Thursday 17 September 2026

5:30–8pm

### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

Wednesday 21 October 2026

6–8pm

The evenings are a great opportunity for prospective students and their parents and carers to explore our school, meet staff and students, and find out more about learning and life at The Willink. This may include younger siblings or relatives of students already part of our school community, as well as families who are new to The Willink.

Some of our students may also be invited to help at the Open Evenings. **If your child is being asked to take part, we will send a letter home with further details and a permission slip for you to complete.**

Thank you for supporting our students in helping us to welcome prospective families to The Willink.

## **School Photographs Now Ready to View**

Van Cols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered, you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost, you can call Van Cols Parent Line on 01206 273711. The school number is 7210. For individual photographs you will need the student's Arbor Student ID; this is the 4-digit number written on your child's Yondr pouch, alternatively please email the school office [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk)

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to school is **Friday, 2 October 2026**.

The Van Cols website is <https://www.getphotos.co.uk>

### **Travel to School: 2/2A Bus Service**

We are aware of ongoing roadworks between Reading and Burghfield causing regular delays and, as a result, depriving students who travel to school via the Lime 2/2a of valuable learning time. Arriving to school on time is fundamental in fostering a sense of belonging in the school community. [Click here](#) for the timetable for the Lime 2/2a service (updated Sept 2026). If your child is having difficulty arriving on time, for some it may be appropriate to join other students on the earlier service. Please contact your child's tutor in the first instance should you have any queries.

### **Reminder: Safe Driving, Safe Parking**

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of student safety and our local residents when parking in the areas surrounding the school site. Please avoid parking on yellow zigzags, pavements, or in locations that block visibility for road users or safe access for pedestrians.

Parking inappropriately can also affect our neighbours by restricting access to their homes and driveways, and in some cases compromising their privacy. We ask that everyone parks considerately to ensure we maintain positive relationships with the local community.

Please also be aware that parking at The Willink Leisure Centre is for leisure centre users and Willink staff only. If you choose to use the leisure centre car park when collecting your child, please be mindful of this restriction and ensure that you do not obstruct parking bays or prevent leisure centre users and staff from accessing available spaces. This includes parking spaces specifically allocated for the use of disabled users, which must be kept clear at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe, respected, and considerate of our local community.

### **Reminder: Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term**

We are delighted to offer our students a wide range of enrichment opportunities, enabling them to explore their interests, develop new skills and make new friendships. A full timetable of lunchtime and after-school clubs can [be viewed here](#).

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 16 September – Year 7 Clubs Fair (Lunchtime)  
Wednesday 16 September – Battlefields Trip Pre-Departure Meeting, 5:30-6pm Main Hall  
Thursday 17 September – Fundraising Walk  
Thursday 17 September – School Closes at 12pm (Preparation for Open Evening)  
Thursday 17 September – Open Evening  
Friday 18 September – Inset Day  
Friday 18 September – Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Training  
Tuesday 22 September – Year 10 Parent Information Evening, 5:30-6:15pm  
Tuesday 22 September – Year 11 Food & Nutrition Parent Information Session, 5.30-6.15pm in C14  
Tuesday 22 September – Year 11 Parent Information Evening, 6:30-7:15pm  
Thursday 24 September – Iceland Trip Pre-Departure Parent Information Evening, 5:30-6:30pm  
Tuesday 29 September – Year 8 Parent Information Evening, 5:30-6:15pm  
Tuesday 29 September – Year 9 Parent Information Evening, 6:30-7:15pm  
Thursday 8 – Friday 9 October – Educational Visit to the Battlefields of Ypres/Somme (Year 9)  
Wednesday 7 October – UKMT Senior Maths Challenge (Years 12 and 13)  
Wednesday 7 October – Malaga Educational Trip Pre-Departure Meeting, 5pm in Drama Studio  
Thursday 8 October – Destinations Expo: Newbury College Trip (Year 12)  
Thursday 8 – Friday 9 October – Battlefields Educational Trip  
Thursday 15 October – Year 7 Disco, 7-9pm  
Wednesday 21 October – Sixth Form Open Evening  
Thursday 22 – Monday 26 October – KS4/5 Iceland Trip  
Thursday 22 October – Break for Half Term, 3:05pm Finish

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*Friday 23 October – Monday 2 November – Autumn Half Term Break*

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Tuesday 3 November – Term 2 Starts

[Click here](#) to access the whole school calendar.

### **PE Schedule of Activities 2026/27**

For all students in Years 7–11, the Scheme of PE Activities for this academic year can [be viewed here](#).

### **PE Fixtures Calendar**

PE Fixtures are communicated directly to the students taking part. A calendar of school PE fixtures can be viewed [here](#).

## Examinations

[Click here](#) for examinations information available on our website.

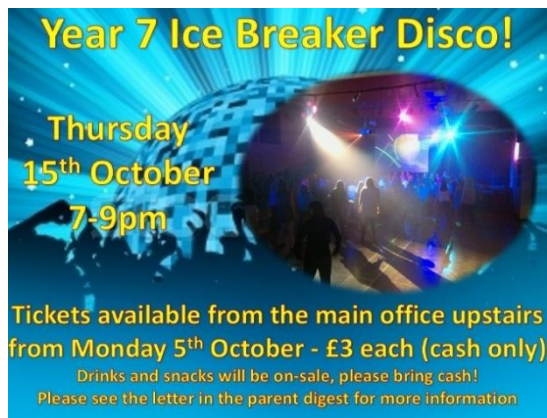
## Year 7

### **Arbor Account Support**

We recognise that some parents and carers have experienced difficulties in accessing and creating Arbor accounts. We appreciate your patience whilst we have been resolving these issues.

If you are still unable to access your Arbor account please email [transition@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:transition@willink.w-berks.sch.uk) including your child's name and tutor group and we will be in contact as soon as possible.

### **Year 7 'Ice Breaker' Disco 2026**



We are delighted to announce the first of our fundraising discos of the academic year. Our Year 7 "Ice Breaker" Disco will take place on Thursday 15th October, 7-9pm in the main school hall. Please [see this linked letter](#) for further information and how to buy tickets.

### **KIVA Bake Sale – This Thursday! Year 7 Bakes Wanted!**

Year 7 students are invited to bake something delicious for our **KIVA Bake Sale**, which will take place during the **Open Evening on Thursday 17 September**.

Please bring in a cake or other baked treat that you have made at home on Thursday morning. **All money raised will go towards KIVA**, helping people around the world to build better lives.

We'd love to see some bakes with an **international theme**, if that inspires you, but all types of cakes and bakes are very welcome!

There will also be **prizes for our star bakers**, so get baking!

#### **Where and when to drop off your bake:**

Please bring your bakes to the **MFL staff room (back of L2)** between **8.20am and 8.40am on Thursday morning**, where Mr Debuire will be waiting to receive them.

Thank you for supporting this great cause!

**Mr Debuire**

### **Reminder: Year 7 Parents Information Evening – Presentation Slides**

Many thanks to all Year 7 Parents and Carers who attended yesterday's Information Evening. A copy of the presentation slides can [be found here](#).

### **Reminder: KS3 Art Equipment Requirements for September 2026**

Please [see the linked letter](#) regarding the purchase of essential Art equipment for the new academic year, along with a voluntary donation to support the materials and resources used in Art lessons. Your support helps us continue to provide a high-quality creative learning experience for all students.

### **Reminder: Year 7 English Homework and Sparx Reader**

Please [see this linked letter](#) regarding Year 7 English Homework and Sparx Reader, an online platform that provides personalised reading tasks matched to each student's reading level.

### **Reminder: KS3 Design & Technology Contribution**

Please [see the linked letter](#) regarding the voluntary contribution for your child's KS3 Design & Technology lessons during the 2026–27 academic year. The letter explains how the contribution helps cover the cost of materials used across Product Design, Textiles, and Food & Nutrition.

### **Reminder: Food and Nutrition Ingredients Lists Autumn Term 2026**

Students who are studying Food and Nutrition this term will have brought home an ingredients list for their practical lessons this term. These lists are also available on our school website [here](#), along with the recipe cards they will follow in the lesson.

## **Year 8**

### **Year 8 Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 29 September, 5:30pm**

You are cordially invited to our Year 8 Parent Information Evening. Miss Lyons (Head of Learning) and Dr Tam (Assistant Head for Year 8) will be hosting the event.

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 September 2026

**Venue:** Main School Hall accessed via back entrance (Leisure Centre Car Park)

**Time:** 5.30 - 6.15pm

Topics to be discussed include:

- Keeping Safe in the Virtual World
- Reporting and Assessment
- PSHE

There will also be opportunities for you to ask members of staff any questions you may have.

**Students are not expected to attend the event.**

Working in partnership with you is important to us, and we look forward to welcoming you again. Should you have any queries relating to the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school via [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

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### **Reminder: Sparx Reader Homework for the 2026/27 Academic Year**

Please [see this linked letter](#) regarding Sparx Reader Homework for the 2026/27 Academic Year.

### **Reminder: Trip Launch – Rugby Trip to Allianz Twickenham, 14 November 2026**

We are delighted to say that the PE Department has been allocated 15 student tickets for the England vs Japan match on Saturday, 14 November 2026, as part of the Autumn Rugby Internationals. This is a fantastic opportunity for students in years 8-10 to experience international rugby at The Allianz Stadium. For more information, please [see this linked letter](#).

Deadline for registration of interest is **Thursday, 18 September**.

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## **Year 9**

### **Year 9 Parent Information Evening – Tuesday, 29 September, 6:30pm**

You are cordially invited to our Year 9 Parent Information Evening. Miss van Zwieten (Head of Learning) and Dr Tam (Assistant Head for Year 9) will be hosting the event.

**Date:** Tuesday 29 September

**Venue:** Main School Hall accessed via back entrance (Leisure Centre Car Park). Please note that the car park will be in use for the Year 8 Parent Information Evening until approximately 6:15pm

**Time:** 6:30 - 7.15pm

Topics to be discussed include:

- Keeping Safe in the Virtual World
- Preparation for GCSE Option Selection
- PSHE

There will also be opportunities for you to ask members of staff any questions you may have.

**Students are not expected to attend the event.**

Working in partnership with you is important to us, and we look forward to welcoming you again. Should you have any queries relating to the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school via [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

**Reminder: Sparx Reader Homework for the 2026/27 Academic Year**

Please [see this linked letter](#) regarding Sparx Reader Homework for the 2026/27 Academic Year.

**Reminder: Year 9 Battlefields Trip Pre-Departure Meeting Wednesday, 16 September**

The pre-departure meeting for our Year 9 History Battlefields Trip will take place on the evening of **Wednesday, 16 September** in the Main Hall at **5:30pm – 6pm**. This will include information regarding departure timings, the places we will visit, the teacher groups students to report to and EU travel restrictions. It is important that you attend. A message has been sent out via Evolve.

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## Year 10

### **Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Parent Information Evening – Tuesday, 22 September 2026, 5:30 - 6.15pm**

We hope that your child has settled well into the new term. You are invited to attend a Parent Information evening on **Tuesday 22 September, 5:30 - 6.15pm**. Mr Sizer (Deputy Head) and Mr Rakowski (Year 10 Head of Learning) will host the event and provide information about what to expect and how to support your child in this important GCSE year.

This will include:

- Key Dates for the Diary
- Roadmap of activity during GCSE courses
- Developing good study habits and building resilience
- Encouraging positive wellbeing and managing exam pressure
- Work Experience

The talk will take place in the Main Hall. Please arrive via the Leisure Centre entrance.

We look forward to seeing you and **it would be great if your child can attend with you.**

Should you have any queries relating to the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school via [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

### **Place available: Malaga Educational Visit, 14 – 17 October 2026**

A place has become available on our educational visit to Málaga, Spain during the Autumn Term. All students may now apply. Please [see this linked letter](#) for more information. If you are interested in taking up the place, please contact the finance office at [finance@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

### **Malaga Educational Trip Pre-Departure Meeting - Wednesday, 7 October at 5pm**

We would like to invite all students and their parents/carers attending the Malaga Trip in October to a pre-departure meeting **on Wednesday, 7 October at 5pm in the Drama Studio**. The meeting will provide important information about travel arrangements, the itinerary, what to pack, expected conduct, and an opportunity to ask any final questions before departure. Attendance by both students and parents/carers is strongly encouraged.

### **Reminder: Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Silver Award Launch**

Please [see this linked letter](#) for details about taking part in the silver DofE award for 2026-2027. The training for the award will be undertaken on the on the INSET day at the end of next week, so turnaround is quick. If you have any questions or queries, please direct them to the school office who will forward them to me.

Please [click here](#) to access the enrolment form or visit our [DofE pages on our website](#).

Kind regards, **Mr S Burgess**

### **Reminder: KS4/5 Design & Technology Contribution**

Please see [this linked letter](#) regarding the voluntary contribution for KS4/5 Design & Technology students for next academic year. The contribution helps cover the cost of materials used throughout the course, supporting students to access the practical resources needed for their design and making work.

### **Reminder: Trip Launch, Emmanuel Centre London, 23 November 2026**

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 **Art and Textiles students** are invited to attend a special educational visit to the Emmanuel Centre, London. Whilst not compulsory, students are very strongly encouraged to attend (especially Y10/11) as the experience will be a huge benefit to their GCSE work. Please [see this linked letter](#) for more information and how to secure a place on the visit.

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Deadline for registration of interest is **Thursday, 18 September**.

### **Reminder: Year 10 English - ‘A Christmas Carol’ Book Purchase**

In anticipation of next academic year, we would like to make you aware that Year 10 will be studying the novella ‘A Christmas Carol’ after the summer break.

It is a “closed book” exam. Therefore, it is necessary for students to have their own copies to annotate throughout the year as revision tool in preparation for their exams in Year 11 on the text.

We are able to offer this text at the very competitive price of £3.90 for you to purchase from The Willink. Please [see this linked letter](#) for more information. Please follow the link on Scopay to purchase.

## **Year 11**

### **Year 11 Parent Information Evening – Tuesday, 22 September, 6:30 - 7.15pm**

We hope that your child has settled well into the new term. You are invited to attend a Parent Information evening on **Tuesday 22 September, 6:30 - 7.15pm**. Mr Sizer (Deputy Head) and Miss Argent (Year 11 Head of Learning) will host the event and provide information about what to expect and how to support your child in this important final GCSE year.

This will include:

- Key Dates for the Diary
- Roadmap of activity during Year 11
- Developing good study habits and building resilience
- Encouraging positive wellbeing and managing exam pressure

- Preparation for Sixth Form or next steps
- PSHE

The talk will take place in the Main Hall which is accessible via the Leisure Centre entrance. Please note, the car park will be in use for the Year 10 Parent Information Evening until approximately 6:15pm.

We look forward to seeing you and **it would be great if your child can attend with you.**

Should you have any queries relating to the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school via [office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

**Parent Information Session RE Food & Nutrition GCSE Assessments - Tuesday, 22 September 2026, 5.30-6.15pm in C14**

In preparation for GCSE assessments taking place in Food & Nutrition this academic year, I would like to invite you to a parent information evening on Tuesday, 22 September 2026. The information evening will take place from 5.30-6.15pm with the opportunity for questions afterwards. The location of our information evening shall be in C14 (food classroom). Please report to reception upon arrival.

The intention of the parent information evening is to give you an insight into what shall be expected of your child when they are completing their GCSE assessments this year. As you may remember, this shall comprise of two pieces of coursework and a written examination.

Please RSVP by emailing: [wmiles@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:wmiles@willink.w-berks.sch.uk) . May I please request all RSVPs are made by 3pm on Monday, 21 September 2026.

If you have any questions I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting with you and building upon the successes achieved in Year 10.

Kind regards,

**Mr Miles - Head of Food Technology**

**Malaga Educational Trip Pre-Departure Meeting - Wednesday, 7 October at 5pm**

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[letter](#) for more information and how to secure a place on the visit. Applications must be made by **Thursday, 1 October**. Applications must be made by **Thursday 1 October**.

#### **Reminder: Iceland Trip Pre Departure meeting**

We would like to invite all students and their parents/carers attending the Iceland Trip in October to a pre-departure meeting on **Thursday, 24 September at 5:30pm in the Main Hall**. The meeting will provide important information about travel arrangements, the itinerary, equipment requirements, expected conduct, and an opportunity to ask any final questions before departure. Attendance by both students and parents/carers is strongly encouraged.

#### **Reminder: Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Silver Award**

Students who completed the Silver Qualifying Expedition (camping and walking) in July now need to update their eDofE account to complete the expedition section of their Award.

Please log in to your eDofE account, navigate to the **Expedition** section and enter **3 July** as your **Presentation Date**. Once this has been completed, I will be able to sign off this section of your Award.

If you have any questions, please email the school office, who will forward your enquiry to me.

Kind regards,

**Mr S Burgess**

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### **Sixth Form**

#### **Engage – Weekly Sixth Form Newsletter**

We share a large number of opportunities and other information with students every week. To streamline this process, we have created a weekly publication for Sixth Formers called 'Engage'. Please [click here](#) to read this week's edition. We would really appreciate it if parents would read and discuss relevant items at home each week. Many thanks.

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## **Year 12**

### **Year 12 Parent Information Evening Slides**

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Year 12 Parent Information Evening. A copy of the slides shared [can be found here](#).

### **Reminder: Trip Launch, Destinations Expo – Newbury College, 8 October 2026\*\***

We would like all Year 12 students to attend a Careers Expo on the afternoon of Thursday, 8 October 2026. It is a fantastic event that showcases a wide range of career pathways and covers a multitude of sectors. Full details are [in this linked letter](#), and consent is required via a short online form from EVOLVE which you will receive shortly via email.

### **Reminder: Iceland Trip Pre Departure meeting**

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### **Year 12 Business Resources**

Please [see this linked letter](#) for information about the Business resources we recommend students purchase to support their studies.

### **Reminder: A Level Mathematics (and Further Mathematics) Required Study Resources (Year 12)**

Please [see this linked letter](#) regarding resources required to support course completion and academic success.

### **Reminder: Year 12 Economics Study Resources**

Please [see this linked letter](#) below for information about the Economics resources we recommend students purchase to support their learning and studies.

### **Reminder: GCE Art & Design Studio Donation**

Please [see the linked letter](#) regarding the voluntary Studio Donation for students studying GCE Art & Design. This contribution helps us continue to provide the high-quality materials, specialist resources and creative opportunities that enrich the course throughout Years 12 and 13.

## **Year 13**

### **Reminder: Iceland Trip Pre Departure meeting**

We would like to invite all students and their parents/carers attending the Iceland Trip in October to a pre-departure meeting on **Thursday 24 September at 5:30pm in the Main Hall**. The meeting will provide important information about travel arrangements, the itinerary, equipment requirements, expected conduct, and an opportunity to ask any final questions before departure. Attendance by both students and parents/carers is strongly encouraged.

### **Year 13 Business Resources**

Please [see this linked letter](#) for information about the Business resources we recommend students purchase to support their studies.

### **Reminder: Year 13 Economics Study Resources**

Please [see this linked letter](#) below for information about the Economics resources we recommend students purchase to support their learning and studies.

### **Reminder: A Level Mathematics (and Further Mathematics) Required Study Resources**

Please [see this linked letter](#) regarding resources required to support course completion and academic success.

## **Career Opportunities**

**Each week we will be sharing current and exciting opportunities for our students to explore.**

**If any students would like help in applying to any of them or would like more information, please ask them to see Mrs Connor in the Careers Hub.**

### **Apprenticeship Opportunities at AWE**

Are you interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship opportunities at AWE?

We are currently recruiting for over 20 different roles to start 1st September 2027. Come and speak informally to managers and apprentices about what each apprenticeship involves. No need to pre-register.

When: **Thursday 22 October | 4.00pm - 8.00pm**

Who for: **All**

Where: **Tadley Community Centre, The Link, Newchurch Rd, Tadley, RG26 4HN**

### **Get Into STEM Virtual Event**

On Thursday 17 September, 5:00–7:00pm, Young Professionals are bringing together major STEM employers from energy, engineering, technology and consulting to show you what a career in STEM actually looks like — and how you get one. Whether you're at school, college or university, this is a direct line to the people who work in the industry and hire the next generation of talent.

When: **Thursday 17 September | 5.00pm - 7.00pm**

Who for: **Year 10+**

Where: **Online**

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **Get Into Business, Accounting & Finance Virtual Event**

Accounting and finance is one of the widest doors into business — and almost nobody explains what's actually behind it.

Young Professionals are bringing together PwC, UBS, BDO, CIMA and S&W — with more to be announced — to talk about what the work really involves: audit, advisory, tax, investment banking, wealth management, corporate finance and consulting. Whether you're at school, college or university, this is a direct line to the people who decide who gets in.

When: **Friday 18 September | 5.00pm - 7.00pm**

Who for: **Year 10+**

Where: **Online**

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **Get into Law Virtual Event**

Interested in a career in law? Young Professionals are running a free virtual event with 12 international law firms including all five Magic Circle firms. You'll hear from practising solicitors, join interactive breakout workshops, get application tips, and receive a certificate of attendance for your CV.

When: **Wednesday 16 September | 5.00pm - 7.00pm**

Who for: **Year 10+**

Where: **Online**

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

## **Support Our School**

### **Easyfundraising**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for The Willink School with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-willink-school> and join for free.

### **Donate to The Willink Charitable Trust**

[Click here](#) to learn more about The Willink Charitable Trust and make a donation. To support the Trust you can make a donation to the school in the form of a regular standing order or a one off annual donation; we currently receive individual amounts between £5 and £35 a month. Whatever the size of donation please be assured it will be greatly valued.

### **Useful Links**

- School website: [www.willinkschool.org.uk](http://www.willinkschool.org.uk)
- Term Dates: [The Willink School - Term Dates](#)
- School Letters: [The Willink School - Letters](#)
- Safeguarding: [The Willink School - Safeguarding](#)
- Contact us: [The Willink School - Contact Information](#)
- Reporting absence: [The Willink School - Student Absence](#)
- Payments and Online Ordering: [The Willink School - Payments and Online Ordering](#)
- Food Technology Ingredients lists: [The Willink School - Food and Nutrition](#)
- PE Activity Lists (KS3): [PE Scheme Overview 2026-27.pdf](#)
- Facilities for hire: [The Willink School - Facilities For Hire](#)