



WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL



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Weekly Newsletter – 12.02.21

Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Helo!

Congratulations:

A massive Willows well done to all of our merit champions this week and over this half-term. We remain very proud of the independence and resilience of our pupils during this challenging time. Da iawn pawb!

An extra special thank you to our pupils and parents for their patience this week as we have worked to address a potential problem with our Office 365. Please be assured that we have worked as fast as possible to rectify the potential online safety issue and to re-set our pupil and teacher passwords. If your child is still experiencing a problem getting back onto their account, please contact the school on 029 20414243 and ask to speak to your child's Welfare Officer.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Top Merits in Year Group. Rows for Friday 05.02.21, Monday 08.02.21, and Tuesday 09.02.21.



It was 'Safer Internet Day' this week. With the increased time that pupils are spending online, we ask you to consider your child's internet use carefully. Where possible, limit their screen time during half-term and ensure that you have spoken to them regarding their privacy settings and safety online. Please remind them about the importance of not giving out their details or arranging to meet any strangers. Lastly, please encourage your child to be kind if they are on social media or use messaging services. A reminder that users should be at least 13 on Facebook, Snapchat and TikTok and 16 for Whatsapp.

The pupils will also be receiving an assembly on this after half-term.

We are pleased that many of our pupils spent their day off from live lessons taking part in projectvote.Wales. We are looking forward to getting involved in online voting soon – all part of our pupils becoming ethical, informed citizens. In the meantime, if any of our older or past pupils (aged 16 – 25) would like to join young co-creatives for a project called 'The Democracy Box,' they can sign up here:

https://www.omidaze.co.uk/blog/the-democracy-box-young-co-creator-call-out/?utm\_source=Twitter&utm\_medium=social&utm\_campaign=Orlo

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## School News:

A reminder that your child has access to hundreds of books through their MyON account. Please encourage them to use this throughout the half term too and to share with you what they have been reading.



A reminder that you can join Cardiff Libraries for access to online books and resources at:

[https://wales.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en\\_GB/card\\_en/](https://wales.ent.sirsidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/card_en/)

Also, pupils and parents can also access books through Welsh Libraries Borrow Box service. Further information can be found here:

<https://libraries.wales/my-digital-library/borrowbox/>

## Magical Maths:

A reminder that pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 (and their parents) are invited to join Mr. Batchelor for this free online event on 24.02.21. Register on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/magical-maths-tickets-139861853569>

## Health and Well-being:

### Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service would like all pupils to know about a new website from 'Children, Young People and Family Health Services' about Emotional Health and Well-being. Fill out the form below to have your say and be in with a chance of winning a £15 Amazon voucher:

<https://www.spinforms.co.uk/cyfp/>

Here is a link by Cardiff Youth Service to a Padlet featuring links to a number of services that may benefit young people at this time:

<https://padlet.com/CardiffYouthService/m278o4xvsqziwao3>

More resources, including a handy planner for families, which may give you ideas for half-term, can be found here:

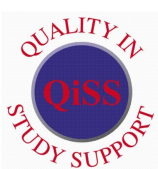
<http://cardiffyouthservices.wales/>



Here is a reminder of some of the key services available for young people and their families:

- **School nurse** – pupils can text 07520615718 or 'chat' on 'Chathealth.NHS.UK' for confidential advice and support.
- **Family Gateway** – 03000133133 – provides advice for families no matter how big or small the problem.

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- **Food Bank** - our nearest food bank can be found at St. Saviours Church on Splott Road. For dates and times, go to <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **Period Poverty** – Please e-mail Mrs. Bubbins at [Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) if you need feminine hygiene products and we'll do our best to help.

### Careers News:

We would like to thank 'Careers Wales' for continuing to provide opportunities for our pupils during the lockdown. Many thanks to the Senior Underwriters from Atradius in Cardiff bay for producing a short film about how their ability to speak French has benefitted their careers and to McAlpine for their intriguing film on the world of Engineering for our Y9 pupils. Perfect advice in the lead up to choosing their GCSE options.



Y11 have also been taking part in their online Careers interviews. A reminder to contact Mr. Roberts if you have any questions about your next steps and he can put you in touch with the relevant person, college or agency.



### Community:

In October 2020, Cardiff Council launched its draft 'One Planet Cardiff Strategy,' setting out its vision for a carbon neutral city by 2030; a strategic response to the climate emergency. For tickets to a talk on this aimed at children and young people and to have your say, please visit:

<https://www.cardiffsciencefestival.co.uk/en/events/oneplanetcardiff>

### LGBT+ History Month:

Our Y11 pupils have been writing about life as a teenager in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Here are some extracts that we are particularly proud of that promote equality during LGBT+ History Month:



### We are Gen Z:

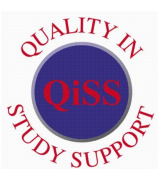
Our generation has many difficulties, but I think is quite a powerful generation. We have so many young activists out there fighting for equality, fighting for so many compelling causes such as BLM, LGBTQ+ rights, global warming, legalization of abortion and so many more.

Our generation will change how we view society and how people are treated unequally. Our generation is more supportive, more challenging, more diverse, and less politically divisive.

Us teenagers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century won't judge other teenagers because they identify as non-binary, we do not judge other teenagers for liking someone from the same gender, we do not judge other teenagers who identify as transgender, we do not judge other teenagers for identifying as omnisexual or demi-gender or demi-sexual or Abro-sexual or even bi-gender. That is something I love about my generation, we do not assume someone is something based on their sexuality, gender, race etc... We try to support everyone because all of us have the right to feel valid. We will accept you no matter how you identify yourself.

*Julmila de Oliveira*

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### We are a Powerful Generation:

One of the ups of being a teenager in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is that we are a powerful generation. We care and educate ourselves on politics and what's going on in the world. We fight for a better future, for a better tomorrow. We fight for equality. For the environment, the BLM movement, the LGBT+ community. We will keep fighting for as long as we can for a better future for us and for others.

*Francisca Ferreira Belo*

### Diolch:

Thank you, as always, for all of your support over this difficult half-term. By working with us, we are sure that you have made a positive difference to your child's education. We are delighted with the encouraging comments from both our recent pupil and parent surveys on online learning. We will analyse these results and feedback to you after half-term, implementing any changes that will benefit the children.

We remain very grateful to those have passed on their kind comments to our teachers and Welfare Officers who are working incredibly hard at this time. If you have any further pupil specific questions, your first point of contact should be [contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) or you can ring the school reception on 029 20414243 who can put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.

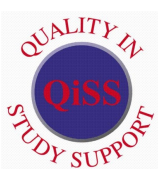
We will be back online on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30 am. We will keep you informed of any decisions regarding schools via our social media platforms and website.

Enjoy a restful half-term with your family.

**Team Willows**



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