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Weekly Newsletter – 19.03.21

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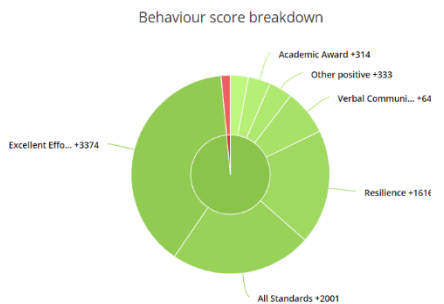
Welcome Back!

We have been delighted to welcome back Year 11 this week. Pupils have enjoyed reuniting with their friends and staff as well as live lessons. The vast majority of the year group have been co-operative and determined to try their best to prepare for their nearing assessments. They are a credit to our school and we look forward to continuing to work with them to help them to achieve the grades and college places that they deserve.

Whether you are in school or at home, congratulations to this week's top merit champions! We are really proud of your hard work and perseverance.

Merits – 15.03.21 – 18.03.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champion
Year 7	2262	7MacArthur	Oliver Jensen
Year 8	1397	8Plato	Lily Fortt
Year 9	1667	9Schumann	Kareena Kaur Taak
Year 10	1657	10Hepworth	Sadija Benmbarek Chomchanok Donsamanak
Year 11	1553	11Darwin	Kaylem Allen



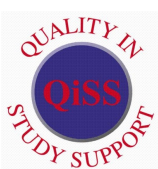
In addition to this, Mr. Norman will be posting a whopping 224 certificates to those who have attended every online lesson over the last two weeks! Da iawn pawb!

Return to School:

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 back for the whole of next week and catching up with our other learners on the dates below. If you have any questions about this, please e-mail your child's Welfare Officer in the first instance who will be able to answer all queries:

- Year 10 will return to school on Monday 22nd March for the last week of term.
- Year 7 will attend school on Tuesday 23rd March for a Check in-day.
- Year 8 will attend school on Wednesday 24th March for a Check in-day.
- Year 9 will attend school on Thursday 25th March for a Check-in day.

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A reminder that from the 22nd March we will need to return to timings that include split lunches and breaks throughout the day so that the instances where Year Groups in school come into contact with each other are minimised. We will ensure that teachers communicate this with pupils and set their online lessons accordingly for pupils to access at the correct times.

When pupils return they will be **expected to wear school uniform**. This recommendation is contained in the Welsh Government operational guidance. Please contact your child's Welfare Officer if you foresee any problems with this. **On days where pupils have PE, they will continue to wear their PE kit to school** (as before Christmas) until further notice. Pupils will need to wear face coverings in the classroom where physical distancing cannot be maintained. The school will provide two face coverings to every pupil on their return. However, pupils may wish to carry their previous school face-coverings (black) in their bags in case they want to swap them during the day.

Staff and pupils in Y11 have been provided with Lateral Flow Tests which detect Covid-19. Y10 will also receive these on their return to school. The tests should be performed on a Sunday and Wednesday evening by following the instructions provided. It is vitally important for parents to inform school of any positive results and to keep their household at home for ten days to protect our community. If you require assistance with the instructions, please contact your child's Welfare Officer who will be happy to help.

School News:

Transition Events:

We are delighted that so many parents and pupils have made Willows their first choice for September 2021. An e-mail will be sent to parents inviting them to meet the Senior Leadership Team on **March 24th at 5pm**. In the meantime, you can book an appointment to discuss any individual issues with Mr. Whittaker here: <https://calendly.com/willowshigh/meeting-regarding-transition?month=2021-03>. If you are still undecided, please make an appointment – we would love to talk to you!

Reading Recommendation:

This week's reading recommendation is 'The Blackthorn Key Adventure' series by Kevin Sands. Ms. Aniel (our school librarian) recommends these as they are full of mystery and intrigue. In the books, you help Christopher solve riddle, uncover plots and stay alive – thanks to wit and friendship. Ms. Aniel says they are suitable and enjoyable for our whole community – even the grown-ups!



Marvellous Maths:

Results for KS3 Numeracy Challenge:

A huge Willows well done to all of our KS3 Numeracy Challenge winners. Ms. Ait-Brahim and Mr. Batchelor were very impressed with your efforts and you should have received your certificates by post. We are very proud of you.

A reminder that Ms. Ait-Brahim has set a Numeracy Challenge for Year 10 too. Please encourage your child to complete this and submit their entry by **3.30 pm** on **26.03.21**.



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KS3 Numeracy Challenge Winners:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Minahil Mahmood Ronnie Ashton Mohamed Ali Jaspreet Kaur Yazan Alghamdi Samuel Nicolau Rhys Atkins Mia Louise Evans Marnell Al Hinai Sjood Al Hinai Shalaw Tufiq Lisa Iganda Ellie-May Burke	Zukhruf Subhani Yuvraj Taak Sama Al-Battat Ruwayda Karrar Cameron Edwards Smar Ali Mahdi Hussaini Aidan Barrat Iestyn Britten Having Goktas Crystal Doran Mariam Manji	Nathan Williams Laiba Ismail Christelle Talla Rhianna Jones Koreena Kaur Danielle Nakazzi Ignas Vaicius Shaida Tufiq Oskars Vikis Sophie Russ

Health and Well-being:

Well-being Dog:

We were delighted to welcome Bellatrix (our well-being dog) back to school this week. Many Year 11's enjoyed taking her for a walk and a chat with staff from the Baxter Project.

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.
- **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 if you need feminine hygiene products and we'll do our best to help.



Community:

Railway Gardens:

A reminder that the Railway Gardens project is always keen for new volunteers and ideas. You can find more information here green-squirrel.co.uk or find them on social media [@bemoresquirrel](https://twitter.com/bemoresquirrel).

KS3 Family Maths Course:

Please see the poster attached from CAVC who will be running another popular KS3 Maths course for families soon. This is for families with pupils in Y7, Y8 and Y9 who want to have fun whilst learning Maths together.

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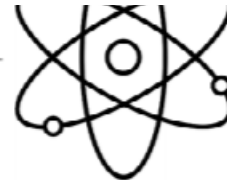
Thank you, as always, for your support with our online learning and our return to school plan. By working together, we are sure that we can make this run as smoothly as possible for our children.

If you have any further pupil specific questions, your first point of contact should be 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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Team Willows

Famous Scientists Word Search



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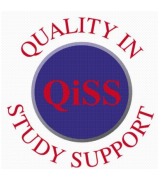
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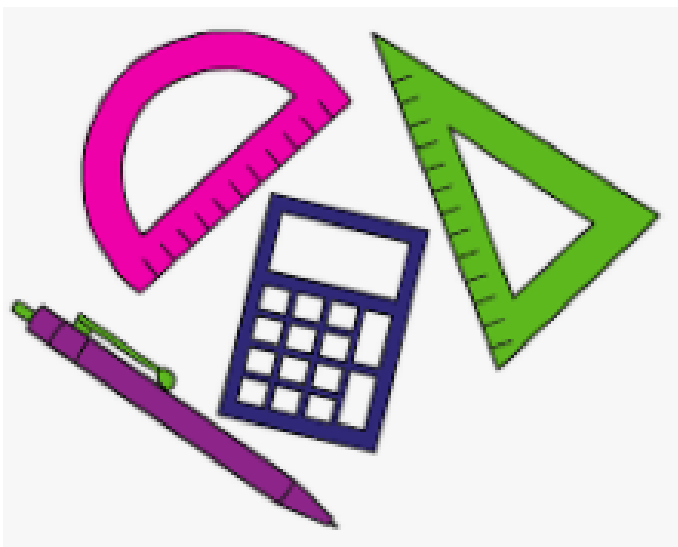
New course for families with children who are KS3 age (11-14 years old).

Re-learn and boost your maths skills

Help support your children with their KS3 maths homework.

For further information or to book a place on one of our courses please contact

families@cavc.ac.uk



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WHEN?

- Online 10 week course.
- Start week beginning 19th April 2021.
- Weekly day and evening classes—you choose what suits you.
- Catch up recordings

BENEFITS

- Personal help from CAVC tutor
- Fun STEM activities for all the family to enjoy at home
- Participants will become a student of CAVC.