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HIGH SCHOOL



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Weekly Newsletter – 10.09.21

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

A Warm Willows Welcome:

A warm Willows welcome to all of our pupils and their families this week. We have been delighted to meet our lovely new Year 7 pupils who have made an excellent start as well as the new pupils and families who have chosen to move to our school this academic year. We look forward to working with you to ensure your children achieve exceptionally well and acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence to lead successful lives, in line with our school vision.

We have also welcomed a number of new members of staff and expanded our provision for pupils this year. In particular, parents should be aware of our new PAWB (Pupil Achievement and Well-being) Centre headed by Miss. Coles Riley (Georgia.Coles-Riley@Willows.cardiff.sch.uk) and our provision for pupils with ALN Additional Learning Needs) headed by Mr. Thomas (Simon.Thomas@willows.cardiff.sch.uk).

A reminder that if you need to speak to us, your first contact should be your child’s Welfare Officer:

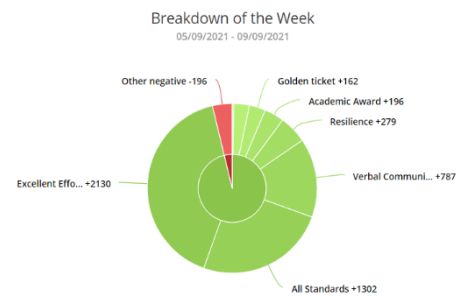
- Year 7 – Ms. T. David (Tara.David@Willows.cardiff.sch.uk)
- Year 8 – Miss. K. Williams (Kimberley.Williams@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)
- Year 9 – Mr. Parselle (Daniel.Parselle@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)
- Year 10 – Miss. M. Sansom (Marcella.Sansom@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)
- Year 11 – Ms. R. Cherrett (Roisin.Cherrett@willows.cardiff.sch.uk)

Willowstastic!

This week we have been teaching our pupils the importance of good manners and character. Every lesson a pupil is chosen to receive a ‘Golden Ticket’ for exceptional performance as well as our usual merits. Please remember to check your child’s merits and demerits through the Classcharts App every day. This will give you an insight into their achievements and progress in school. If you haven’t yet signed up, please contact school reception for your unique code on 029 20414243.

A huge Willows well done to all of this week’s merit winners:

Merits – 05.09.21 – 09.09.21:



Year Group	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	7Curie	Kiana Nikoonamrad and Halsho Mohammed
Year 8	8Farah	Summer Allen
Year 9	9DeBeauvoir	Musa Elgbaily
Year 10	10Schumann	Charli Lewis
Year 11	11Matisse	Harley Amblin

School Uniform:

At Willows, we believe in smart on the outside / smart on the inside. We want to prepare our young learners for college, university, apprenticeships and future jobs by instilling a sense of pride in themselves and our school.

Our school uniform is on our website here:

<https://www.willowshigh.co.uk/uniform/>

The website also contains our Parental Handbook:

<https://www.willowshigh.co.uk/parent-handbook/>

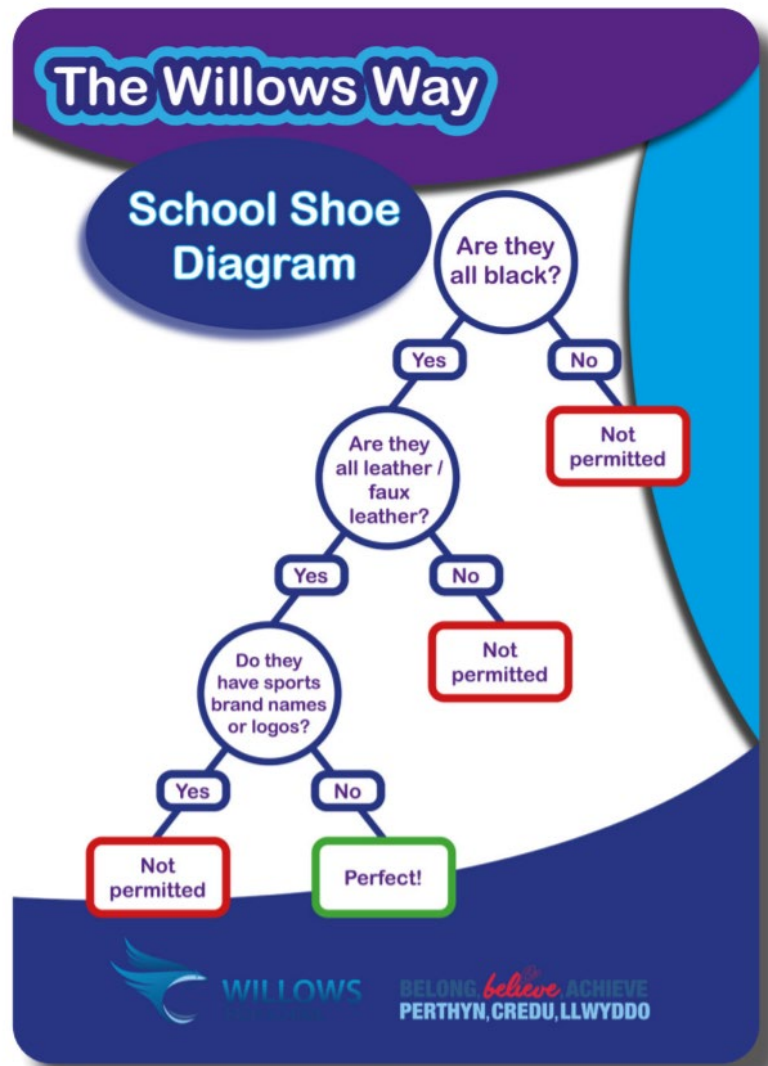
We ask parents to co-operate fully with us on maintaining high standards. We care about your children's future and want them to have the confidence and pride to lead successful lives.

A reminder of our school uniform exchange. Please contact Sam Watt to donate or request items on **07592037937**.

We would be particularly grateful for donations at this time.

Applications for the Pupil development Grant (previously school uniform grant) for 2021/22 can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>



A reminder that Sam Watt, our Family and Community Engagement Officer is more than willing to help with any forms or applications so please get in touch if you need any help in this area.

The Willows Way:

Our assemblies this week have reinforced our key messages regarding good character and manners. Pupils understand that it is expected of all members of our school community to be respectful and polite to one another to ensure that learning time is maximized and that this will set them in good stead in the future. Politeness and good manners is part of who we are at Willows and what we do. Below are our key messages so you are familiar with the language that teachers are using and the polite behaviours that we encourage.



S sit up straight arms crossed

L listen carefully to the words of your teachers as they are gold dust

A ask or answer your questions with your arm fully raised

N never interrupt when anyone else is talking

T Track the teacher, the board etc to ensure instructions are clear

S Speak in full sentences

H Hands away from mouth/mumbling (10% louder fill the room using your university voice)

A Articulate – use correct grammar, sophisticated vocabulary and clear explanations or answers

P Project your voice (Fill the room with your university voice)

E Confident Eye Contact

S Smile!



S Sir/miss

T Thank you. At Willows, we always thank our teachers for anything they do for us and especially at the end of each lesson

E Excuse me

P Please, pardon

S Sorry Apologising when you have done something wrong is important

Health and Well-being:

A reminder that Danielle, our school Safeguarding Officer, can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child:

Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Cardiff Foodbank:

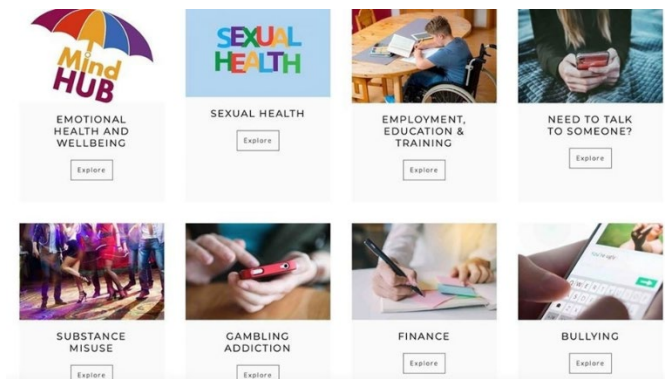
Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service can support young people on a variety of topics such as emotional health, housing, finance and help lines. More information can be found on their website:

<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.
- **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:

CAVC:

Our friends at Cardiff and the Vale College have asked us to remind anyone 17 - 19 who does not have a learning plan for September to get in contact with them. They have a wide range of exciting and accessible courses available. For further information about enrolment, please see their website: <https://cavc.ac.uk/en>

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Thank you for your support in making the start of the school year a success. If there are any problems, we would appreciate that you contact the relevant person in school in the first instance. This will avoid any misinformation and miscommunication.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has the successful future they deserve.

Kind regards,

Team Willows

Your child has heard this poem in assembly and lessons this week. We have placed it here in case you also want to read it or in case your child wants to practice performing it:

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

**By William Ernest Henley
(1849 – 1903)**

