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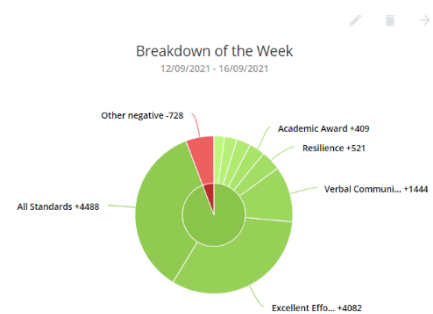
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**Weekly Newsletter – 17.09.21**

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

**Willowstastic!**

This week we have continued to model and teach the importance of good manners and character. By using SLANT, SHAPES and STEPS our pupils have been gaining merits for politeness as well as their academic achievements. Every lesson a pupil is chosen to receive a 'golden ticket' for exceptional performance, please look out for these and reinforce the praise at home. 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 – 12.09.21 – 16.09.21:**

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	2874	7Curie	Megan-Grace Williams
Year 8	2805	8Farah	Chloe Edwards
Year 9	1995	9Plato	Lily Fortt
Year 10	2163	10Schumann	Kayal Rowe
Year 11	2072	11Matisse	George Squibb, Aleesha Scott, Mihai Patrascu and Hanan Nur

**School News:**

**Visit Us:**

We are delighted to announce that we are likely to be able to hold an Open Day / Evening soon. We understand that the parents of our new Y7's may not have had the chance to visit us before so we would like to welcome them through our doors. We would also be grateful if you could help spread the word by informing parents of Y5 and Y6 children that this event is coming up or by passing on the message below. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for dates and times.

'We are your small, local school making a big difference. We have seen the uptake of places increase over the years and are likely to be oversubscribed in September 2022. We want you to be able to send your child to the school at the heart of their community. Come to our Open Evening and find out about opportunities to visit the school during a normal day to see what makes us extraordinary. If you'd like more information, please contact us by email using [teamwillows@willow.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:teamwillows@willow.cardiff.sch.uk). We look forward to meeting you!

## **English Department:**

### **Ethical and Informed Y11:**

Our Year 11s have been working hard to prepare speeches for their GCSE English Oracy examinations next week. They have thoroughly impressed us with the scope and maturity of their topics, ranging from male mental health, to Islamophobia, Black Lives Matter and the impact of gaming on young minds. Not only are they all Willowstastic, but they have also demonstrated what ethical, informed citizens they are. Ask your child when they are scheduled for their exam and help them to prepare by listening to their presentations!

### **A Reading Community:**

At Willows, we take the link between reading for pleasure and reading attainment very seriously and will be launching our tutor time reading programme next week to support our pupils in their enjoyment of reading. In addition, all pupils Y8-11 already have access to our MyON online reading programme to support their nightly reading homework. Y7 will be receiving their password soon! Please support your child by checking that they are doing their reading homework – the programme will show you exactly which books they are reading, for how long (and even at what time). Please help your child to strengthen their reading skills and cultural literacy.

### **A Christmas Carol at Willows:**

We're excited to announce that our Y9 pupils will be offered the opportunity to experience a live theatre production this December. Quantum Theatre will perform a stage version of Dickens' beloved novel in our own theatre space. But the rest of the school shouldn't be disappointed – there will be similarly exciting opportunities coming up throughout the year for them.

### **Words Give Us Power:**

At Willows, we work hard to empower all of the young people in our care by providing them with an excellent vocabulary. Ask your child about their Academic Vocabulary list and quiz them regularly to help them to own more words!

### **Health and Well-being:**

A reminder that our school safeguarding officer can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child:

[-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk)

### **Cardiff Foodbank:**

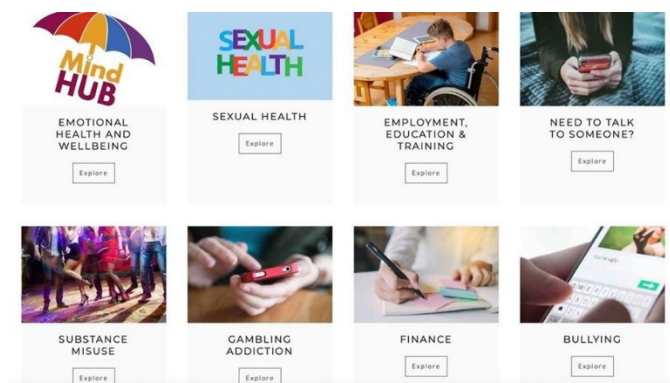
Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

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](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) if you need feminine hygiene products and we'll do our best to help.

### Community:

#### Cardiff City House of Sport at Willows:

You may have seen in the press that Willows now hosts one of Cardiff City's House of Sport 3G pitches. We hope that this will benefit the whole community. The pitch is available from 5pm and on weekends. Please contact @HouseofSportCDF on 029 2000 2555 for details on booking and fees.



#### Family Learning Courses:

CAVC and Willows are hoping to start Family Learning Courses in the next few weeks:

- Family Learning – Supporting your child with English
- Family Learning – Supporting your child with Maths
- Family Learning – English as an Additional Language
- Essential Skills – English
- Essential Skills – Maths

If you are interested, please click on the link below and complete the questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6obV1UpX0EKWycwbCJb0eFURxeBCzvFPzZAPwUQd6kFURjFUTzYwNDQ0SUJHskROWThGQkMwVDJZRY4u>

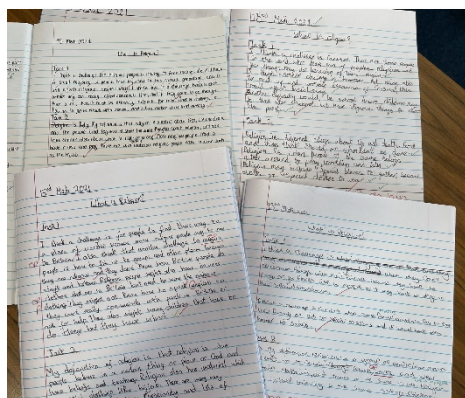
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Thank you for your support. We hope that you have noticed some of our character education in your homes and the community. If there are any problems, we would appreciate that you contact the relevant person in school straight away rather than using social media platforms. We will always try our best to reach a solution and this will ensure your concern is seen and avoid any misinformation and miscommunication.

By working together we can ensure your child's success.

Kind regards,

**Team Willows**



## Awesome Art Gallery

**Quiz:** Can you name the famous paintings and the artists who painted them?

Email your answers to Mrs. Bubbins at [Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) - all correct answers received will win a prize!

