




**WILLOWS  
HIGH SCHOOL**



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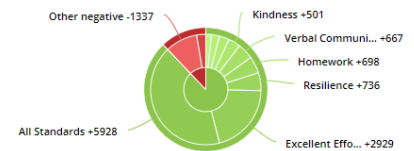
**Weekly Newsletter – 20.05.22**

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

**Achieve:**

Our Y10 and Y11 pupils have made a positive start to their GCSE exams. Please remember that pupils sitting morning exams need to enter school through the front entrance by **8.50 am**. Afternoon exams start at **1.40 pm** so there may be some occasions where pupils leave school later than usual. It is vital that Y10 and Y11 pupils attend school everyday as a comprehensive revision time-table has been put in place for them between exams. Please help your child at home by ensuring that they are revising in a quiet area. If you need further advice or help with this, please let us know – we're always happy to help.

Breakdown of the Week  
15/05/2022 - 20/05/2022



**Merits – 13.05.22 – 19.05.22:**

We respect the effort that our pupils are putting into their character and studies. A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners, especially our new to English class who have performed brilliantly:

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	2511	7Turing	Patrik Nagy
Year 8	3598	8McArthur	Narjes Alfadli
Year 9	3227	9Plato	Ahnad Rasool
Year 10	2218	10Mozart	Joseph Ashton and Laiba Ismael
Year 11	889	11Matisse	Precious Agunbiade

**School News:**

**English Department:**

**Debate Mate:**

This week, we were pleased to host the first meeting in the Debate Mate League. We welcomed pupils from St. Teilos and Fitzalan to our school theatre for some very sophisticated and professional debating.

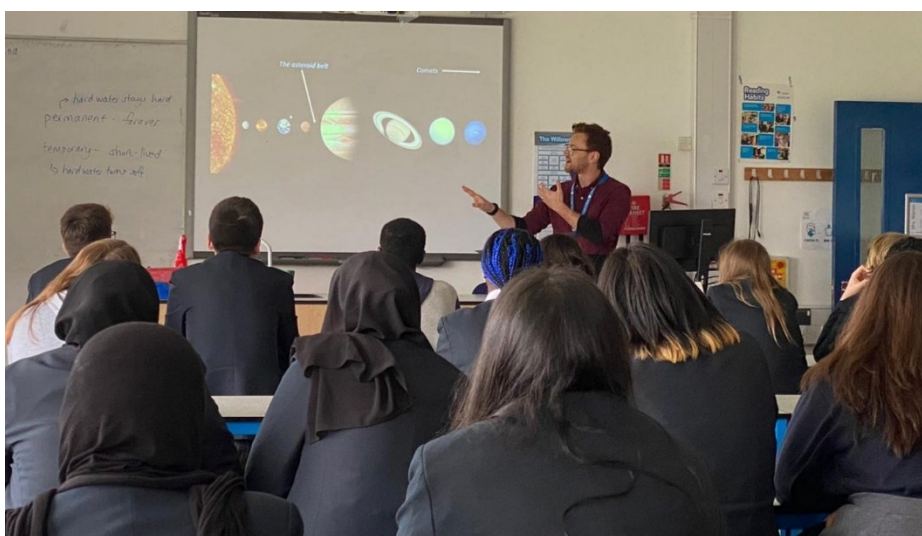
In total, Willows High entered three teams and we are thrilled to have achieved one clean sweep and one second place! A special mention to our Year 9 and Year 11 pupils who presented arguments on a range of topics including teenagers use of technology. If you are interested in joining Debate Club, please see Miss. Cook or Miss. Nelms in the English Department.



**Science Department:**

**Cardiff University / Open University Visit for Y9:**

On Tuesday, pupils from Year 9 were very fortunate to attend a science session with Dr Martin Suttle, a Planetary Scientist. He works with the Open University and is embarking on his Wales-wide tour with his lecture entitled "How to build a planet" tonight, starting with Techniquet in Cardiff Bay. Pupils were told about meteorites, asteroids and comets and they were able to touch samples of rock from the moon and a Martian Meteorite. They then worked with scientists from Cardiff University on comets and how they are using technology and science to work out the size, shape and composition of the ice giants. The whole team from both the OU and Cardiff were hugely complimentary of the Year 9 pupils and the questions they asked. They commented on their behaviour and politeness and are really looking forward to coming back to show us the new infra-red camera kits they are purchasing (that we can borrow) and to work with us on NASA's Planetary Defenders Project. Please congratulate the pupils on being excellent ambassadors for the school.



**Prom Shop:**

Our prom shop contains many pre-loved dresses, shoes, handbags and suits. If you are attending the prom but would like to save some money on these, please see Miss. Cherrett or your form tutor. We would also like to send a huge thank you to Sophie (Store Manager) from the Dunelm store Newport Road who has kindly donated furniture to our prom shop. Sophie was absolutely fantastic, so helpful and really supportive of the project. A massive thank you to her for all the support.



**Glyn Vivian Art Gallery:**

We have been asked to share the good work of the Glyn Vivian Art Gallery in Swansea. To see what's on, follow this link:

[Glynn Vivian Art Gallery - What's On in May 2022 \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp/glynvivianartgallery/whats-on-in-may-2022)

### **Safeguarding:**

A reminder that our school safeguarding 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)

### **Health and Wellbeing:**

#### **HPV Vaccinations:**

A reminder that the first dose of HPV vaccinations will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> for Y8 pupils AND for those pupils in Y9 – Y11 who might have missed their vaccination in Y8

#### **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

#### **Willows Uniform Exchange:**

A reminder to donate any spare Willows uniform to our uniform exchange run by Ms. Watt in our Learning Lounge. We particularly need spare Willows PE tops. If you have any at home that have gone too small, please bring them in to benefit others. Likewise, if your child needs any pre-owned uniform, ask them to speak to their Welfare Officer and we will arrange this for them.

#### **Citizen's Advice Bureau at Willows:**

A reminder that the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) is in Willows every other Monday. CAB can help with all sorts of issues such as benefit claims/checks, PIP claims, housing, employment issues, debt advice, divorce and other problems.

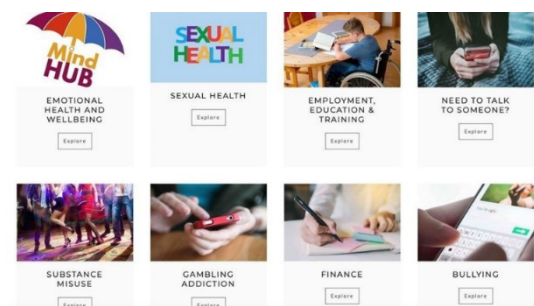
To make an appointment, please contact [Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:Samantha.watt@willows.cardiff.sch.uk) or 07592 037937.

#### **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.

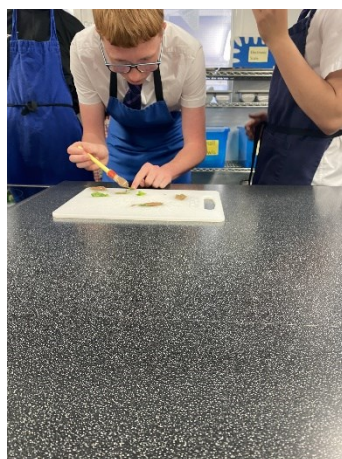
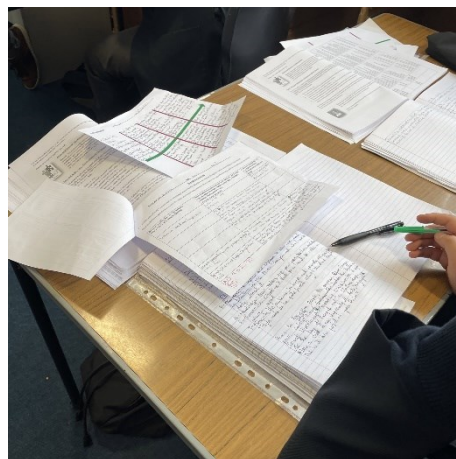
**Diolch:**

As always, thank you for your support. 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.

A polite reminder that our teachers and Welfare Officers are very busy working with children throughout the day. To avoid disappointment, please ring or e-mail school to book an appointment with the relevant person rather than turning up at school reception.

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

## Team Willows



This week's quiz has been written by regular super-star quizzer **Noah Roberts** and is based on populations. Thank you! Remember to e-mail your answers to Mrs. Bubbins for a praise card and treat:

## Noah's Population Quiz:

1. What is the approximate population of India?  
1.1billion, 1.2billion, 1.3billion, 1.4billion
2. What is the approximate population of Wales?  
1million, 2million, 3million, 4million
3. What is the approximate population of China?  
1.1billion, 1.2billion, 1.3billion, 1.4billion
4. What is the approximate population of America?  
310million, 320million, 330million, 340million
5. What is the approximate population of Egypt?  
100million, 200million, 300million, 400million
6. What is the approximate population of Germany?  
80million, 81million, 82million, 83million
7. What is the approximate population of England?  
51million, 53million, 55million, 57million
8. What is the approximate population of Australia?  
21million, 23million, 25million, 27million
9. What is the approximate population of Scotland?  
1million, 3million, 5million, 7million
10. What is the approximate population of the USA?  
100million, 200million, 300million, 400million

### Bonus Question!

What is the approximate population of the whole world?

