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Weekly Newsletter – 09.09.22

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

Belong, Believe, Achieve:

It has been a pleasure to welcome our pupils through our doors this week. We have been incredibly impressed by our new year 7's who have embraced their new environment and studies with enthusiasm. We would like to thank you for helping us ensure our pupils are 'smart on the inside, smart on the outside.' We remain aware of the financial difficulties facing many of our families at this time and would strongly encourage you to contact your child's Head of Year if you need any help ensuring that they are ready to learn. We would like to thank parents for their generous donations to our uniform appeal so far.

We were delighted with our GCSE results over the summer holidays – with our Y11's achieving the highest grades in Willows' history. One in five pupils received an A-A* grade with many pupils leaving school with more than 10 qualifications at a pass or above. This demonstrates the dedication and excellent work ethic of our pupils as well as the support of teachers and support staff at school. Year 10 pupils who received some GCSE and GCSE modular have made a good start and will now need to continue to work hard in Y11 for Summer 2023 success! Congratulations to all pupils on these results! We wish them well for the future and thank them for their positive contribution to Willows High School.

Breakdown of the Week
04/09/2022 - 08/09/2022



Merits – 07.09.22 – 09.09.22:

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:

Year Group	Total	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	1504	7Dali	Charlie Charles and Mason Gethin
Year 8	1044	8Curie	Olivia Farrugia
Year 9	800	9Farah	Marwa Elmi
Year 10	1161	10Attfield	Lily-Sue Davies
Year 11	975	11Schumann	Briony Emmerson

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

-Wednesday 14th September: Y7 Photographs

-Tuesday 27th September: Y7 Parents' Welcome Evening 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

-Monday 31st October: Half Term Starts

Health and Wellbeing:

Online Safety in Secondary Schools:

We would like to draw attention to the following document on our website regarding online safety in Secondary Schools. You can access it here:

<https://www.willowshigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Moving-Up-To-Secondary-School-Booklet.pdf>

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.

New Staff:

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of staff:

- Ms. Williams – Head of Year 8
- Mr. Jahaveri – Head of Year 11 (maternity cover)
- Miss. Begum – English teacher (maternity cover)
- Ms. Smith – English teacher

Also a Willows welcome to Mr. Elgogary, Mr. Olaleru and Mr. George – our current guest teachers and to Ms. Brown, Mr. Eubank, Ms. Hale, Ms. Flambard, Mr. Chan, Ms. Raju, Mr. Ellaway, Ms. Krajcovicova, Ms. Roberts and Mr. Griffiths – our current teaching assistants.

Congratulations to Ms. Sansom on the birth of her baby boy over the summer holidays!

Contact us / Website:

A reminder that all school information is on our website: [Willows High School - Belong Believe Achieve](https://www.willowshigh.co.uk). Please ensure that you are aware of our expectations at Willows High School by reading through our Parent Handbook for 2022-2023 which is available on our website. The direct link is www.willowshigh.co.uk/parenthandbook

Your first point of contact is your child's Head of Year:

- Y7 – Ms. Cherett
- Y8 – Ms. David
- Y9 – Ms. Williams
- Y10 – Ms. Tomlinson
- Y11 – Mr. Jahaveri

We hope to maintain communication with you throughout the year through our weekly newsletters and please also follow our Twitter account for updates: [@WillowsHigh](https://twitter.com/WillowsHigh). As we start a new year together may we thank you for your continued support for Willows High School.

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.

TEAM WILLOWS

**TRIBUTE TO HER MAJESTY,
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

"Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant in the life of the British nation and Commonwealth over the last seven decades. As the longest-serving monarch in British history, she served our country with dedication, wisdom and an unflinching sense of public service."

"The Queen dedicated her entire adult life in the service of this country. She has been an anchor at times of war, social and political unrest and throughout the recent pandemic. She has been a trusted advisor to dozens of Prime Ministers for more than seventy years."

"The Queen had the respect of the vast majority of people in Cardiff, across the UK and abroad, and will be sadly missed. It is with great sadness that our city will now join with the rest of the nation in mourning the end of her remarkable life and reign."

**THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF,
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY**

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CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-25 IN CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN! WE NEED YOU!

An exciting opportunity has arisen for young people to help the Power Up partnership shape the direction of a new wellbeing project coming to Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan!

We are looking for young people aged 10-25 from all backgrounds who would like to join our Power Up Advisory Group. If you are passionate about young people's wellbeing, like helping other young people by representing them and sharing your opinions and ideas then this opportunity is perfect for you!

What's involved:

- Attending between 6 - 10 meetings a year
- Sharing your thoughts and ideas to help lead the project development
- Holding professionals to account to make sure we are listening to young people
- Attending some induction training for the role
- Having fun!

What you will get in return:

- A chance to make a positive difference to children and young people's wellbeing
- Access to training and gaining new skills
- Incentives for being involved e.g. vouchers of your choice for your contribution
- Access to other paid work opportunities at Platform
- Meet and listen to other young people
- Coaching and Mentoring from the Power Up team to help your personal development

What experience you will need:

- You will get full training and support so all we need is for you to be willing to share your ideas and to represent the views of children and young people

If you are interested in joining the Power Up project please get in touch with us by emailing siobhanparry@platform.org or call or text Siobhan on 07976080563.

YN GALW HOLL BOBL IFANC 10-25 MLWYDD OED YNG NGAERDYDD A BRO MORGANNWG! MAE EICH ANGEN CHI ARNOM NI!

Mae cyfle cyffrous wedi codi i bobl ifanc helpu'r bartneriaeth Power Up i lywio cyfeiriad prosiect lles newydd sy'n dod i Gaerdydd a Bro Morgannwg!

Rydym yn chwilio am bobl ifanc 10-25 mlwydd oed o bob cefndir a fyddai'n hoffi ymuno â'n Grŵp Cynghori Power Up. Os wyt ti'n angerddol dros les pobl ifanc, yn hoffi helpu pobl ifanc eraill drwy eu cynrychioli a rhannu dy farn a dy syniadau, yna mae'r cyfle hwn yn ddelfrydol i ti!

Yr hyn mae'n ei olygu:

- Mynychu rhwng 6 – 10 cyfarfod y flwyddyn
- Rhannu dy feddyliau a'th syniadau i helpu i arwain datblygiad y prosiect
- Dal gweithwyr proffesiynol i gyfrif i wneud yn siŵr ein bod yn gwranddo ar bobl ifanc
- Mynychu rhywfaint o hyfforddiant sefydlu ar gyfer y rôl
- Cael hwy!

Yr hyn a gei di'n gyfnewid:

- Cyfle i wneud gwahaniaeth cadarnhaol i les plant a phobl ifanc
- Mynediad at hyfforddiant ac ennill sgiliau newydd
- Cymelliadau am gymryd rhan e.e. talebau o'ch dewis am eich cyfraniad
- Mynediad at gyfleoedd gwaith cyflogedig eraill yn Platfform
- Cwrdd â phobl ifanc eraill a gwranddo arnynt
- Hyfforddiant a Mentora gan dîm Power Up i helpu dy ddatblygiad personol

Y profiad sydd ei angen arnat ti:

- Byddi'n cael hyfforddiant a chefnogaeth lawn felly'r unig beth sydd ei angen gen ti yw dy fod yn fodlon rhannu dy syniadau a chynrychioli barn a safbwyntiau plant a phobl ifanc.

Os oes gen ti ddiddordeb ymuno â'r prosiect Power Up, cysyllta â ni drwy anfon ebost at siobhanparry@platfform.org neu galli ffonio neu anfon neges testun at Siobhan ar **07976080563.**