



Windlesham Information Letter

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All Year Groups

AS Tracking Assessment

We will be completing the first of two AS Tracking Assessments with Years 3 - 8 in the week after the long weekend. Many of you will be aware that we have been using AS Tracking to inform our pastoral processes for several years now and it has been invaluable in how we manage individual needs. If you require further information about how it works please contact Jon Farrer or follow this helpful link: <https://steer.global/en>

All the children will be assessed in the year groups mentioned. Should you wish to opt your child out of the assessments please contact Jon Farrer directly at jfarrer@windlesham.com. The children will complete the assessment with their Form Tutors on a school iPad and **they will require headphones.**

Paid and Unpaid Activities

Thank you for your assistance in signing up your children for their daily activities. The timetable has now taken shape, however there are a few children who are not signed up for an activity each day. Misocs is still open for you to amend your choices, so **please do check with your children that they have something each day at 16.30.** If they are looking for unstructured play or a quieter activity to read or play games then have a look out for outdoor club and chill or quiet clubs as these will provide these opportunities in the week.

At this point I wanted to highlight a few Paid activities to plug: **Swerve Football** is an eternal company who offer football training on the Astro every Monday evening. There is a year 3 and 4 group as well as separate groups for year 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. Please do get in touch if you would like your child to join. <https://www.swervesoccer.com/about>.

Yoga and Street dance are also two activities which have spaces in and the coaches would really like to spread the word to you all, no prior experience is required and both activities offer a really fun and relaxed way to learn a new skill and have plenty of fun. <https://www.wannadostreetdance.com/>. As ever if you have any queries or suggestions regarding activities please contact your child's form teacher, Stuart Edwards or Alex Evans.

Book Fair, Wednesday 13th

The Steyning Bookshop will be coming to school on 13th October and we will be taking children class by class to choose **two books**. We will add the cost of the books to your bill. Please confirm whether or not you are happy for your child to buy two books by completing the following form ([Book form](#)). or emailing aevans@windlesham.com.

Water Bottles and Smart Watches

All pupils should have a named water bottle in school at all time. If you wish you can order one from the Windlesham Merch site and have it sent to school. Hoodies are also available that can be worn at weekends and in the evening in boarding. <https://windlesham.team-togs.com/shop/store.php>. For more details please contact aevans@windlesham.com.

No children should be wearing smart watches or bringing them into school.

New onsite parent tennis sessions

Run by Windlesham Head Tennis Coach, Rich Harrison. Starting Tuesday 28th September

Tuesdays, coaching and matchplay

A chance to work out new or different tactical styles of play, brush up on current skills and socialise in a fun and friendly points based coaching session.

- 8.30am-10.00am
- Coaching and matchplay
- Level: intermediate/advanced
- £10 per session, pay and play
- All equipment can be provided
- Tea & Coffee available after session

Thursdays, Cardio Tennis

A tennis themed fitness session for all levels of tennis and fitness. Lots of tennis balls, lots of music, lots of fun!

- 8.30am-10.00am
- Tennis fitness with some match play
- Level: all levels welcome
- £10 per session pay and play
- All equipment can be provided.
- Tea & Coffee available after session

For all players wishing to have a go and possibly join a group, or just for more information on the sessions please contact Rharrison@windlesham.com or Rich Harrison 07368486227. We will set up a whatsapp group for tennis onsite with up to date information on all tennis sessions available.

Bus Routes

Chichester Bus: The Chichester Route has been modified based on parent feedback and the impact of long term roadworks on the A259. The bus will now start at Chichester followed by Arundel and Angmering.

Chichester Route	Driver Chris Walls	
AM only Monday - Friday	Location	Departure Time
	Chichester: Sainsbury car park Westhampnett Rd	7.15am Mon to Friday
	Arundel: Arundel castle entrance top of High St	7.30am Mon to Friday
	Angmering: Co-op on The Square.	7.45am Mon to Friday
	Findon Village	7.55am Mon to Friday

Horsham Bus: An additional stop is being added to the Horsham route. The bus will be at the Shell Garage at the Hop Oast roundabout at 7.35am each morning. Please ensure you book via the front

office using the [online booking form](#)

Horsham Route	Driver Paul Barkess	
AM only Monday - Friday	Location	Departure Time
	Horsham train station	7.25am Mon to Friday
	Shell Garage, (Southbound A24), Hop Oast Roundabout, Horsham	7:35am Mon to Friday
	West Chiltington Village Hall	7.45am Mon to Friday

Weekend Bus Timetable

The Petworth mini bus will run each Saturday morning. Please note the pick up timetable:

- Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre 8:00am
- Pulborough Train Station 8:10am
- Storrington: Leisure Centre Car park 8:20am

Afghanistan Appeal - Small Change Big Change

Several parents have written expressing a wish to raise funds for children in Afghanistan. We are therefore launching our 'Small Change Big Change' Appeal. Please find a jam jar or other suitable container (Smartie tube, paper bag, plastic box) and collect as much small change as you can find around the house. Maybe ask friends and neighbours too. It's amazing how many 2ps we all have under our cushions! Every penny helps to make a big difference. Please bring donations to the school library. Thank you.

Clothes Recycling

We would be very happy to receive any second hand uniform for the shop or any other second hand clothes for recycling.

Water Polo Taster Sessions

Join the UK's first and biggest dedicated Water Polo School, Drenched! We're recruiting for Water Polo players and have the following sessions, **all in the Windlesham pool**.

- SWIMMING LESSONS with a hint of Water Polo - Saturdays 4pm – 4.30pm & 4.30pm - 5pm. Children Aged 5 to 7
 - Beginners Mini Polo In The Shallow End – Mondays & Thursdays 6.30pm. Children Aged 7 to 9
 - Beginners Water Polo In The Deep End - Mondays & Thursdays 6.30pm & Saturdays 4pm. Children 9 to 11
 - Boys Water Polo, Deep End (Must be strong swimmers) – Tuesdays 8.30pm – 9.30pm. Children 11+
 - Girls Water Polo, Deep End (Must be strong swimmers) – Tuesdays 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Children 11+
 - If you would like a taster session [please sign up here](#)
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Pre-Prep

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Prep School

Boarders' Trip to Paultons Park, Year 3-8, 3rd October

On Sunday 3rd October will be taking boarders to Paultons Amusement Park. **The trip is now open to all boarders from Year 3-8.** The price of the trip would be £47 which includes the cost of the park, travel and pocket money. **Please email me by Monday 27th September** confirming your child's name and that you are happy for the sum to be added to the bill. If I do not receive an email I will assume that your child does not want to come.

There will be activities at school if your child is unable to attend. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me, Emma Spybey, espybey@windlesham.com

Covid Vaccination, Children 12 years-15 years

We have been contacted by the NHS immunisation team with regard to the Covid vaccination. This will consist of a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Whilst we haven't been given a date as yet we anticipate that we will know the date of our session next week. Any Covid vaccination will only be given with parental consent. The consent form will be sent out via email and will need to be completed electronically. Full instructions on how to complete the form will be emailed. Please be assured that your child will not receive the vaccination without parents' consent.

Costume Help

Can anyone help Mrs Jenkins with costumes for the end of term productions? She desperately needs help sorting and organising. No need for skills like sewing, just keenness and a degree of organisation.

Covid Testing for Year 7 & 8 Pupils (Sunday 26th September)

We are asking that all pupils complete their lateral flow test at home this Sunday and results of these tests are emailed to medicent@windlesham.com On Friday, all pupils in Years 7 and 8 will be sent home with lateral flow test kits.

Matches for Year 3 and 4

Please be aware that the set match day for pupils in Year 3 and 4 is Thursday. Please check the app to see whether or not your child is playing (details on how to do this were in the last two information letters. If your child is invited to play on any other day we will send you an email alert.

Shin Pads

All boys and girls need shin pads for football and hockey. Please ensure that your child has some next week. You can buy them from any sports shop but they are also available from the school shop for £11.50. Please email Annie Tatchell <windleshamclothing@gmail.com> if you would like a pair.

Signing In and Out

- If you are **dropping or collecting your child outside normal collection times** please come to the **front office**. All children must be signed in and out with the receptionist.
- If you are regularly collecting your child before the end of prep and have not already let us know, please do this via the activities booking process on misocs.
- If you need to change your collection time or to take your child out for any reason, please email absence@windlesham.com before 12.00pm of the day in question. If there is an urgent change after this time, please telephone the office on 01903 874700.

Boarders' Tuck Shop

We will be running a boarders tuck shop on some of the weekends. Your child will be allowed to spend up to £1 per weekend, which will be added to the bill. If you would rather your child did not buy any tuck please email aevans@windlesham.com.

Putney Bus

Please find below the link to the Putney bus booking form for normal Sunday returns – this form gives you the return dates for the whole of the autumn term. Please note that if you wish to book the Putney bus for any holiday period eg Long weekends and Half term these will be sent to you during the term on a separate google form for you to fill in and return.

[Autumn Bus Booking form](#)

Car Boot Sale - New Date, 10th October

Details to follow but please do let us know if you are interested. Feel free to email aevans@windlesham.com and let us know if you are coming to sell or browse.

Future Schools Information

This section provides updates received from senior schools that may be relevant to either the scholarship application process or school registration processes.

Scholarships

The application deadline for scholarships (excluding the academic scholarship) at **Hurst** (13+) for 2022 has been confirmed as Friday 26th November 2021. The scholarship application process has changed this year and applications must all be made online by parents. If you are submitting an application, please email Pippa Sutcliffe to confirm so that we can support you and inform Hurst:

pstucliffe@windlesham.com

Senior schools - Registration Information

Brighton College have now confirmed their registration deadlines for pupils wishing to apply for both 2023 and 2024 entry. If you have any questions about the registration process, we would suggest that

you contact the admissions team at Brighton College in the first instance:

admissions@brightoncollege.net

13+ 2024 Entry - Current Year 6 pupil's applying for a 2024 place, deadline for registrations is Friday 1st October 2021

Please remember to keep Windlesham informed of your senior school choices in order that we can prepare any supporting documents which may be requested.