



14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children next week and we extend a warm welcome to the new pupils joining Windlesham this term. I write with some important reminders for the coming weeks.

### **End of Term Reports - Targets**

It was a great pleasure to read the many positive comments within the Year 7 and year 8 end of term reports. I hope you have had an opportunity to read through the comments together with your child and review the targets in preparation for the term ahead. Being a reflective learner is one of our core learning habits. Should you have any questions regarding your child's report please do not hesitate to contact me or the subject teachers directly.

### **Whole School Events**

We are looking forward to a full calendar of events this term. Please do refer to the live school calendar on our website which can be accessed [here](#). This will be updated regularly according to any changes that occur. In the meantime, I would like to draw your attention to a number of key whole school events:

<b>Wednesday 19th April</b>	Paid activities and music lessons begin.
<b>Saturday 22nd April</b>	ARISE - Anti-racism parent workshops.
<b>Friday 28th April</b>	Start of long weekend, from 12.00 noon.
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Kings' Coronation BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Kings' Coronation BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b>Kings' Coronation BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	Whole School Photograph (formal dress code required)
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	Parents' Poetry Workshop
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Open Morning for prospective parents
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	Progress Reports published
	Whole school half term concert
	Start of half term, from 12 noon
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	Windlesham Rocks, 5.00pm
<b>Saturday 10th June</b>	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	Whole School Familiarisation Day
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Family Camping
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	Start of the long weekend, from 12.00 noon.
<b>Saturday 1st July</b>	Windlesham Summer Ball, 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 4th July</b>	End of term reports published.
<b>Saturday 8th July</b>	Speech Day and Family picnics

## **Senior Prep Phase Events**

<b>Thursday 4th May</b>	Year 7 Scholarship Information Evening for Parents (Online)
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	Year 8 French and Spanish Speaking Exams Year 8 Spanish Listening Exam
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	Year 8 LAMDA Exams
<b>Friday 19th May</b>	Year 8 LAMDA Exams
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 8 Common Entrance Examinations</b>
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – Dose 2 HM Post-CE Challenge
<b>w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 Examinations
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 8 trip to Thorpe Park
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 LAMDA Exams Year 8 trip to Flip Out
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Common Entrance Exam Results
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 8 trip to Laser Tag
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 8 dress rehearsal
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 8 performance
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 8 residential trip to Dorset
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 27 June</b>	Year 7 leadership overnight Camp on South Downs <a href="#">click here for details</a>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 trip to National Gallery
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 trip to Pulborough Brooks
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Testimonials published to parents.
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Pupils' Leavers Dinner
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Parents' Dinner at The Ardington

There is a great deal to look forward to this term, especially for our Year 8 pupils who are almost ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

## **Year 8 Common Entrance Exams**

Parents will be aware of the forthcoming Common Entrance examinations, scheduled for June. Parents and pupils have received a great deal of input regarding revision and exam techniques as outlined in my previous communication. Pupils will spend a large proportion of lessons this term preparing for the exams and undertaking revision and further practice papers. Please support and encourage your children but if you have any concerns, do reach out.

Parents have received a copy of the CE timetable already, but further copies will be provided to your children in due course.

## **Behavioural Expectations**

Inevitably, as the Year 8 pupils reach the end of their time at Windlesham, there will be much excitement and relief following the formal exams. There is a fabulous activities program to look forward to, including their final performance as well as the residential trip to Dorset and it will be a wonderful concluding experience for the pupils. However, this can also be a time when the pupils become a little boisterous and overexcited; I am confident that together we can ensure the pupils have a fantastic time whilst continuing to show respect and fulfill the schools' expectations of them and I will be reminding them of these on our return and following the exams.

### **Dress Code and School Kit**

Please make sure that your child returns to school with the correct dress code and kit, having checked that it all fits and is fully named. Outdoor play will go ahead whenever possible, so all children require a Windlesham coat, outdoor trainers, indoor trainers and wellington boots.

Please also ensure that your child returns to school with the correct stationery: this is the ideal time to hit the shops and ensure their pencil case is bursting with the required equipment. Pencil cases will be checked by form teachers on Wednesday during form time and missing items will be sourced from the school shop.

### **Activities and Pupil Planners**

The full activity programme, paid and unpaid, will begin on Wednesday 19th April. Pupils can be collected at 4.30pm after lessons, 5.30pm after activities or after prep at 6.30pm. Your child's form tutor will check the activity and early departure registers during Wednesday's form period to ensure that your child is happy with their selection, but no changes will be made without your consent.

Ahead of term starting again, please go through your child's pupil planner with them, noting down their updated activities schedule and recording their reading over the festive break. We are continuing to encourage the children to take full responsibility for their schedules and planners in an age-appropriate manner, especially as they near the end of the academic year and approach the next step of their education; your support with this is greatly appreciated.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and continue to reach out to form teachers for all day-to-day matters regarding your child's school life.

I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the term and undoubtedly, at the many events this term.

Warmest regards,

Alexia Bolton  
Senior Phase Leader