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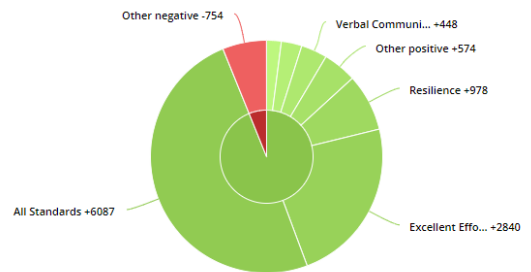
Weekly Newsletter – 15.12.23

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

Belong, Believe, Achieve:

In the penultimate week of term, our pupils have been having outdoor adventures at Storey Arms, taking part in Academic Vocabulary Bees and attending their last Enrichment session of this term.

Breakdown of the Week
11/12/2023 - 15/12/2023



Merits – 11.12.23 – 15.12.23:

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	1997	7Mozart	Haniya Hussain
Year 8	2240	8Hepworth	Amnah Husayn
Year 9	2355	9Curie	Sultan Sanusi
Year 10	3151	10Farah	Princess Boleigha
Year 11	1788	11DeBeauvoir	Ellis-Anne Thomas

Dates for your Diary:

- 19.12.23 – Christmas Lunch for Pupils
- 20.12.23 – A Christmas Carol – Year 9
- 20.12.23 – Last day (Pupils leave at 11.45am)
- 21.12.23 – INSET Day
- 22.12.23 – INSET Day
- 8.1.24 – Spring Term Begins (all pupils to return to school)



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School News:

Careers – Engineering with Atkins Realis

We had a visit from Rob Griffiths who works for Engineering firm, Atkins Realis. He spoke to the Year 11 pupils about his job and career in engineering. In particular, he spoke about his role in building one of the stadiums that was used in the last FIFA World Cup and how he was in charge of designing every aspect of the stadium and the very fine detail needed. A picture of the impressive stadium is shown on the right.



He also spoke about how to become an engineer and the different career paths that could be taken to get into the industry. This was a really interesting talk which engaged the pupils completely. The number of questions that the pupils asked showed how engaged they were with the talk.

Cardiff Schools Basketball Tournament

This week Willows High entered teams in the Cardiff Schools Basketball Tournament for the first time ever. Pupils in year 10 and 11 took part in the event which was held at Cardiff University. Basketball is not a traditional sport for the school, so it is really nice that we now have sufficient interest in the sport to be able to compete against other schools.



On Monday, it was the turn of Year 11. Despite our lack of experience, the boys did really well and gave a good account of themselves narrowly losing the first two games by 3 points. With very little playing experience of a full-size court, the boys can be proud of their efforts.

On Thursday, it was the turn of Year 10. The format was slightly different for this year group as they were all put into groups of 3 teams, with each of the 4 group winners going into a semi-final.

Our first game was against Radyr. The boys played really well and ended up winning the game 16 points to 4. In game 2, we played a strong Cardiff West team who themselves had won their first game. Willows were again victorious, winning 16-4, the same score as game one. That meant we finished as group winners, winning 2 games out of 2, qualifying for the semi-final in our first ever tournament.



In the semi-final, despite playing well and giving 100%, we lost to a strong Cathays team, who went into the final.

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Overall, the boys can be really proud of themselves – 3 games played, 2 wins, 40 points scored, group winners – all in their first ever tournament. Special mention to all the players, but especially Joseph Adimike and Hamze Egeh, who were tremendous throughout the event.



Hopefully, this will be the first of many future tournaments.

Careers – Law with Stowe Family Law



A group of pupils in Year 11 had a really productive, online meeting with Abi, from Stowe Family Law. She was available to answer a series of questions about how to become a solicitor and the various roles within the law industry.

We are really grateful to Abi for giving up her time and to Adrian Cole from Careers Wales for setting this up. This is another example of pupil voice as the pupils had specifically requested this meeting. They have a real interest in working in the law industry and as a solicitor in particular and we were able to make this meeting happen to give them the information they requested.

Year 10 GCSE Media Studies – Casualty Workshop:



We were delighted to welcome two of the stars of BBC’s ‘Casualty’ to Willows on Wednesday. Kirstie Mitchell who plays nurse, Faith Cadogan and Neet Mohan who plays Dr. Rash Masum discussed their acting careers and role in the industry. We heard all about the scripting, acting and medical revision needed to work on the set that we toured earlier this term.

We were joined by series producer, Matt McHale who provided insights into the writing, construction and production of television shows. His knowledge and experience of a wide variety of television programmes excited the Year 10’s who are thinking of careers in this area.



Later Leanne and Deborah from BBC Studios gave us feedback on our own scripts from the ‘Casualty’ storyliners. We looked at further roles behind the camera and we were allowed to play with props that had been specially made for specific episodes.

We would like to thank Adrian Cole from ‘Careers Wales’ and Hannah Williams at BBC Studios for organising this event and for their continued partnership with our school.

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Sudanese Celebration Breakfast

The Sudanese breakfast was enjoyed by all the pupils this Friday. Pupils and parents cooked traditional food and desserts which were absolutely delicious. Our pupils were keen to share food with teachers and the canteen staff. Thank you to Muzalfa for organising and being so enthusiastic.



Community Police Visits

Following on from last week's Year 10 workshops on the harmful nature of 'Drugs,' our community Police Officer, PC Chris Selby returned this week. Firstly, he led an assembly on the importance of 'Sexual Consent' with Year 11 and then a series of workshops on 'County Lines' with Year 9. We are really pleased with our pupils' mature approach and thoughtful questions in these events. We hope that they will help contribute to our pupils leading safe, happy and healthy lives in the future.



Words giving us power!

Our first Academic Vocabulary Bees of the year got off to a great start this week with fantastic performances from Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7. The results really were tight but ultimately the winners were clear: 9Cu, 8Ma and 7Mo. Bendigedig to all who took part and to the friends in the audience who came through when the teams 'phoned a friend'!



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Genius Hour – 8 Inness

For our Genius Hour project, the pupils in 8IN have been researching and trying to raise awareness of local charity CCAWS .

CCAWS was established in 2018, built on the work of its predecessor project Minds at Ease which provided culturally sensitive mental health support in South Wales from 2009-2015.



CCAWS is a community-led service, run for and by people from diverse communities. All of their trustees are from diverse community backgrounds, and over half of their staff and volunteers also come from diverse communities. Their workforce truly represents the communities they serve, with an array of languages enabling them to deliver multilingual and multicultural support in a culturally and faith-sensitive setting. As a community-led service, they have lived experience, awareness, and understanding of cultural sensitivities and complexities.

Their approach is unique and successful in bridging the gap and in dealing with the mental health taboos and stigmas that often exist in culturally diverse communities.

All of their services are confidential, non-judgemental and culturally sensitive. They offer the following services: Counselling, Advocacy, Befriending and Psychoeducation. They are always on the lookout for people within the community who would like to support the charity and become volunteers.

Here is the link to the website if you require the services of this charity or if they would like to become a volunteer: <https://ccaws.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support with this.
Kind regards,
Lilly-Ana and Olivia 8IN

Pupils Christmas Meal

The Christmas Meal for our pupils will be served on the 19th December and, if the standard of the food served daily in the canteen is anything to go by, it will be absolutely delicious. The menu is below:



CHRISTMAS MENU PUPILS (19th December 2023)

Halal Turkey
Gluten Free, Vegan Gravy
Gluten Free Pigs in blankets
(Contains Sulphites, Sulphur Dioxide)
Roasties, Honey Roasted Parsnips and Carrots,
Sprouts & Peas
Yorkshire Puddings
(Contains Gluten, Dairy, Eggs)
Sage & Onion Stuffing
(Contains Gluten)
Vegan Stuffed Butternut Squash with Basil, Peppers
(No Allergens)

DESSERTS

Vegan Santa Shortbread
(Contains Gluten – May contain tree nuts)
Raspberry Millionaire's Slice
(Contains Gluten, Dairy, Soy – May contain nuts/tree nuts)
Gluten Free Baked Crème Brulee Cheesecake Tart
(Contains Egg, Dairy – May contain nuts/tree nuts)
May Contain – Produced in a factory that handles nuts

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Textiles

The textiles department have had a very busy term.

The Year 7s have been Tie-dying material for their 'bunting', hand-sewn on their own designed applique shapes, machine-sewn the bunting together and finished them off to a high standard.

The pictures show their hard work has paid off.



The Year 8s have designed cushion covers and they had to think carefully about who it would be designed and made for. They had to measure the material carefully, hand and machine sew to create an end-product suitable for a given brief.



The variety and quality of work produced showed resilience and patience.

Special mentions in Year 7 must go to Jesse, Jewel, Alexia, Sion A, Matvii, Jessica G, Kairhys, Nasriyya, Yara, Rayan, Asmahan, Veergun and Keiron.

Year 8 shoutouts for their consistent hard work include Jessica O'C, Areef, Rut, Menan, Tarteel, Amnah, Kye, Millie, Rosie, Rhys, Rateel, Lily-Rose, Sajel, Ife and Brian.



Enrichment

Pupils engaged in their last Enrichment session of the term this week, where there were (among a myriad of other things) party make-up sessions and weightlifting iced snowmen! Pupils have already made their choices for next term's Enrichment sessions, there are some new exciting courses available.

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Storey Arms

At Willows we want as many pupils as possible to experience a residential trip and engage in leadership and team-building exercises. We believe it's great for confidence and character building. This week Mr. Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. Gill and Miss Tomlinson took almost all of our Year 7 pupils for two chilly days at Storey Arms. The pupils were absolutely amazing, well-behaved, respectful and brave. We are so proud of them all!



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Coats for Kids at Christmas!

If you are struggling to provide your child with a warm winter coat this year, please let us know as we have a wide selection of nearly new coats in our Learning Lounge just waiting to be worn and to keep your children warm at no cost to you.

We understand this may be a sensitive topic for you; please know that any coats given to your children will be done so very discreetly. For more information or if you would like a coat for your child, please contact your child's Head of Year or Lucy Williams, Senior Link for Year 7 at lucy.williams@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

New School Build Closes 18th December

The Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) commenced from Monday 20 November ahead of the planning application for the new Willows High School.

The school designs are fantastic and will form an aspirational new home for our school.

Works have already started on site for the enabling works which are progressing well, please see how to engage with the consultation on the right, ahead of the main planning application in Spring 2024.

WILLOWS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Plans to relocate and rebuild
Willows High School are
**open for public consultation
from 20th November
until 18th December 2023**

Visit for drop-in sessions

Friday 24th November	10am - 12pm	Capel I Bawb, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, Glossop Road, CF24 0JT
Monday 27th November	2pm - 4pm	Butetown Pavilion Youth Centre, Dumballs Road, Butetown, CF10 5FE
Wednesday 29th November	4pm - 6pm	STAR Hub, Muriton Road, Tremorfa, CF24 2SJ

Further information is available on Asbri Planning website link, below:
www.asbriplanning.co.uk/statutory-pre-application-consultation/New-Willows-High-School-Cardiff
You can also scan the following QR code:



Cymunedau Dysgu Cynaliadwy
Sustainable Communities for Learning



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Exam Certificates



Certificates from the Summer 2023 examination season are now available to collect from school.

Please contact Leah at leah.maidment@willows.cardiff.sch.uk in the first instance, so they can be prepared for you to collect from Reception.

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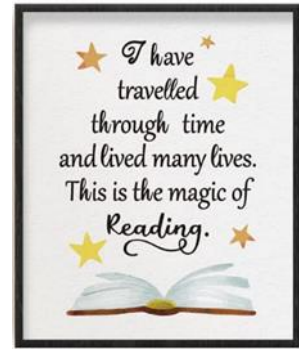
English Department

Reading is everything!

Did you know that there is a link between your child reading for pleasure and their GCSE success? At Willows, we take every pupil in KS3 to the school library once a fortnight to choose a new book. We STAR test the pupils every term to check on their reading levels – this should help them to choose books at the right level.

Your job as families?

- Check that your child has their book and is reading it every night!
- Ask questions about the book: about the plot or characters
- Listen to them read – check the book isn't too easy or too hard for them
- Make sure they are in the good habit of reading regularly



Remember, there is international evidence to suggest that this will help your child not just in English, but in *all* of their exams.

Most importantly...

Don't let your child take his/her phone to bed – take a book instead!

Reading Stars of the Week

★ Matvii Kovalov 7NO - For taking his library book everywhere and reading it everywhere he goes

★ Kadiee Edey 8IN - Doing some great paragraphs on her reading assessment!

★ Hope Allen 9JO - Enthusiasm in Reading club!!

Congratulations all! Please see Miss Nelms for your Golden Tickets!

School Year Changes Consultation

The Welsh Government had opened a consultation to get views on a number of specific modifications (or changes) to the school calendar. They are proposing working with relevant bodies to reframe the traditional parameters of the school calendar to create more consistent term-lengths and increase some half-term breaks so that each half-term is broadly the same length. Specific consultation questions are set out by following the link below.



The total number of days provided for learning, breaks, and staff training will not change. The Welsh Government will maintain the existing provision of 190 days/380 sessions (38 weeks) of learning, 13 weeks of school breaks, and the existing number of staff training (INSET) days per school year. Similarly, all public holidays will remain.

To find out more, please click on the following link: <https://www.gov.wales/welsh-government-wants-your-views-school-calendar>

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What is Tassomai?

Tassomai is an **online multiple-choice quizzing tool** that is powered by an adaptive algorithm.

All year 11 students have been provided a login and should be using it as part of their regular revision afterschool.

Tassomai January Challenge



Tassomai users can win big prizes in our prize draw this new year. Just complete 20 or more Daily Goals in January to be in with a chance of winning.

How do you win?

Very simply, students will need to complete their Daily Goals 20 times between 1st and 31st January in order to be in the running for the prize draws

What are the prizes?

Tassomai are starting the prize fund with £500 worth of Amazon vouchers:

- £100 - first prize
- £50 x 3 - second prizes
- £25 x 10 - runners up prizes

Click the following link below to read more about it: [Tassomai's January Challenge! — Tassomai](#)

Top 10 Tassomai Users (4th - 10th December)

Science	Maths	English
Inaaya Chowdhury	Faiz Mohayyudin	Faiz Mohayyudin
Tinuke Eluyera	Fatima Khatun	Inaaya Chowdhury
Faiz Mohayyudin	Inaaya Chowdhury	Riana Nabadda
Riana Nabadda	Joyce Wangechi Sagna	Caitlin Tovey
Fatima Khatun	Caitlin Tovey	Mousa Adem
Joyce Wangechi Sagna	Habeeb Mutairu	Fatima Khatun
Joseph Murrell	Joseph Murrell	Joyce Wangechi Sagna
Courtney Mann	Mousa Adem	Joseph Murrell
Habeeb Mutairu	Franklyn Ajilore	Aleksander Dobrzynski-Wheeler
Caitlin Tovey	Isatou Njie	Habeeb Mutairu

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Welsh Department

Why not practise your Welsh at home? We will provide a variety of terms and phrases weekly. Use the phonetic column to see how it should be pronounced. Send any queries or questions to:

willowswelsh@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

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Welsh Terms of the Week

Week Fourteen

Welsh	Phonetic	English
Pwy wyt ti?	Poi oi-t tee?	Who are you?
Sam ydw i	Sam ud-oo-wee	I am Sam
Sut wyt ti?	Sit oi-t tee?	How are you?
Rydw i'n	Rud-oo een	I am
Hapus	Happ -is	Happy

Mathematics Department

TimesTable Rockstars

Single numeracy boost sessions are provided to all our KS3 students on a fortnightly basis to enrich their Mathematical Skills, specifically with a focus on times tables. Students will be accessing their TTRS accounts and improving their knowledge of the times tables


At home, students must log on to TTRS via their technological devices at home. There is also a phone app that they can download via Apple or Android, free of charge.

All the students have 5-10minutes daily tasks on there to help consolidate their times tables. It will also earn them coins to use for customising their own individual avatars. Likewise, as with MathsWatch, there will be a leaderboard and certificates to reward their efforts.

For any login issues, please email Miss Santos at

dana.santos@willows.cardiff.sch.uk.

Please congratulate the "Top 3 TTRS", who dedicated plenty of their time to master their times table facts this week!



Rank	Name	Maths Group
1	Animesh Joshi	7BE/Ma
2	Kevin Prasanth	7SC/Ma
3	Zack Fender	7MO/Ma

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Numeracy Enrichment

Numeracy Boost session (NBS):

Using a variety of digital (e.g. TT-Rock Stars) and non-digital resources, all pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 will benefit from using laptops in Numeracy Boost Sessions to enrich their Mathematics skills; they are delivered fortnightly by Mathematics teachers. It is a great opportunity to support pupils with skills gaps further and stretch high attaining pupils.

Internal Numeracy Competitions – Pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9:

Various Numeracy competitions are taking place throughout the year. Pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 been provided with relevant resources that can be used to prepare for the quizzes. Relevant emails with details will be sent to pupils and to parents through Classcharts.

Junior UKMT Challenge - Y7 and Y8 MAT pupils:

UKMT Challenge is an external Mathematics competition giving Y7 and Y8 More Able and Talented pupils the opportunity to tackle a variety of mathematical activities which inspire their love of problem solving. It will take place in April. Below is the link to the UKMT website where pupils can familiarise themselves with the challenge and can practise as much as they need to increase their confidence. Relevant emails will be sent to pupils.

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competition/solo/junior-mathematical-challenge/archive>

(Go to - View past papers)

For any related question, please contact Mrs Ait-Brahim at: halima.ait-brahim@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Numeracy Terms and Question of Week 13, starting 11/12/23:

To help our pupils boost their mathematical vocabulary and Numeracy skills, The "Terms of the day" will be emailed to them in a daily basis, and the "Question of the week" will be emailed in a weekly basis.

Any questions, please email: halima.aitbrahim@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Question of the week Week 13 – Starting 11.12.23

The Wandering Cow

Mme Kennedy lives on a farm with her favourite cow, Mimi. One day, there is a lot of wind and the fence around Mimi's paddock blows down, so Mimi decides to go exploring.



She leaves at 3:20 p.m. and walks toward the neighbouring farm. It takes her 35 minutes to get there. She visits with her friend Maisie the pig for 18 minutes. Instead of going straight home, she wanders over to a pasture, which is a 26 minutes walk. Here she enjoys the delicious green grass and eats for 8 minutes.

At the time Mimi starts eating the grass, Mme Kennedy goes to milk Mimi and notices the broken fence and the missing cow. She hops on her horse, finds Mimi in the pasture, and leads Mimi back to her own paddock. From the time she notices that Mimi was missing, it takes Mme Kennedy 17 minutes to find Mimi and return home.

- A) How long was Mimi gone from her paddock for?
B) What time did Mimi arrive back at her paddock?

The solution to the actual weekly question will be emailed to pupils on **Monday** with the new question.

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Mathematics Terms of the Week

Terms of the day

Week 13 - beginning 11.12.23

Day 1 - Monday 11.12.23

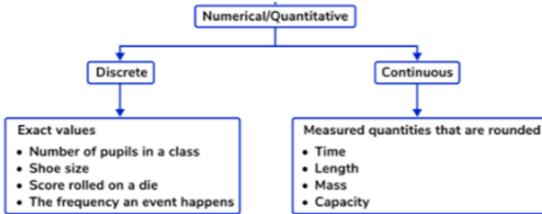
Data types:

Primary Data: Data that is collected first hand and analysed by the collector.

Secondary Data: Data collected by someone other than the person analysing it.

Qualitative Data: Non-numerical / worded data. Example: Colours, days of the week, brands, animal.

Quantitative Data: Quantitative data is numerical, can be discrete or continuous.



Day 2 - Tuesday 12.12.23

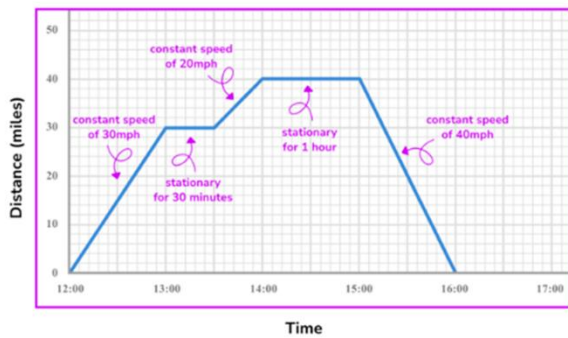
Distance - Time Graphs:

Distance-time graphs are graphs that show the distance travelled against time.

A distance-time graph will show the distance (in metres, kilometres, miles etc.) on the vertical axis (y-axis) and the time (in seconds, minutes, hours etc.) on the horizontal axis (x-axis).

Straight lines on a distance-time graph represent **constant speeds**. To find the speed from a distance-time graph you will need to be able to find the **gradient** of the straight lines.

The **steeper** the gradient, the **faster** the object is travelling.



Day 3 - Wednesday 13.12.23

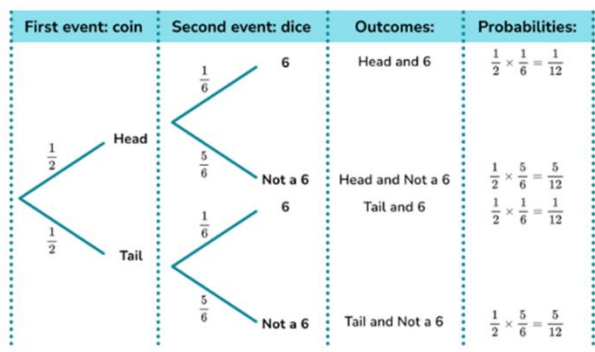
Tree Diagrams:

Probability tree diagrams are a way of organising the information of two or more probability events. Probability tree diagrams show all the possible outcomes of the events and can be used to solve probability questions.

For example:

A coin is flipped and a dice is rolled. What is the probability of getting a 'tail' and a '6'?

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

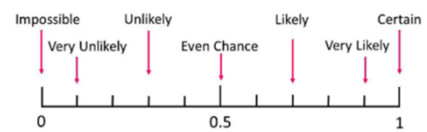


Day 4 - Thursday 14.12.23

Probability Terms – Part 1:

Probability The likelihood of an event happening. Probability is expressed on a scale from 0 to 1. Where an event cannot happen, its probability is 0 and where it is certain its probability is 1. The probability of scoring 1 with a fair dice is 1/6. The denominator of the fraction expresses the total number of equally likely outcomes. The numerator expresses the number of outcomes that represent a 'successful' occurrence.

Probability scale This is a scale between zero and 1, with zero representing the impossibility of an event and 1 representing the fact that the event must happen. The sum of all the probabilities for all the events in a sample space is 1, where the sample space is the set of all possible outcomes of a trial.



Day 5 - Friday 15.12.23

Probability Terms – Part 2:

Outcome The result of a statistical trial.

For example, when a coin is tossed there are two possible outcomes 'head' or 'tail'; when a cubic die is cast there are six possible outcomes if there is a different score on each face.

What is meant as the outcome is dependent on what the trial sets out to do, so for example when two normal six-faced dice are rolled if the desired outcomes are the total scores on the two dice then the only possible outcomes are the scores 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Event A possible outcome of a statistical trial. **For example,** 'heads' when a coin is tossed.

Combined event A Combined or compound event is an event that includes several outcomes; for example, in selecting people at random for a survey a compound event could be 'girl with brown eyes'.


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Numeracy Question Answer (Week 12)

Answer of the week
Week 12 – Starting 04.12.23

Shape Statements


A) **All** rectangles are parallelograms.
A parallelogram is defined as a quadrilateral with opposite sides that are parallel. This is true for a rectangle as well.




B) **Some** triangles have three lines of symmetry.
An equilateral triangle is an example of a triangle with 3 lines of symmetry. However, a scalene triangle is an example of a triangle that has no lines of symmetry.

C) **All** trapeziums are quadrilaterals.
All trapeziums have four sides. This is the definition of a quadrilateral.

D) **Some** hexagons have three pairs of parallel sides
A regular hexagon is an example of a hexagon with three pairs of parallel sides.




There are other examples as well such as:



However, it is also possible to draw a hexagon that does not have three pairs of parallel sides such as:

E) **Some** rectangles are squares.
A rectangle is a quadrilateral where all its internal angles are right angles. Only if all four sides of a rectangle have the same lengths we will have a square.

F) **No** triangles have two right angles.
A triangle has three sides. If you draw two of those sides to form a right angle, it is impossible to add a third side that would complete the triangle and also form a right angle with one of the other two sides. Try it!

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Mathematics After School

Day	Activity	Location
Tuesday	Y7, Y8 & Y9	G14 Miss Santos
Tuesday Week 2 Only	Y10 Higher	G20 Miss Wrennall
Tuesday Week 2 Only	Y11 Higher	G17 Miss Ait-Brahim
Wednesday Week 1 Only	Y10 & Y11 Intermediate	G19 Miss Koncar
All days	All Years Drop in	Any teacher who is available

MathsWatch

All of our pupils' weekly Mathematics homework is accessible on MathsWatch (<https://www.mathswatchvle.com/>). They must be completed by their given deadlines. Each set homework is open for a month, so that students can keep improving their scores. This will also help your child to revise and to practice the mathematics and numeracy skills, knowledge and understanding that they have been learning in class. There are videos available to each topic and interactive questions that they can try. Please ensure your child completes and submits their homework on time. Any outstanding homework must still be completed, and they should all aim to achieve 100% on them.

On that note, we would like to say a huge congratulations to all those who have been working so hard on their MathsWatch

Here is this week's "Whole School Leaderboard".

School Leaderboard

	Week	Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Ayomide	Ogedengbe	10	10BB/Ma
2	Safa	Elmi	8	8MA/Ma
3	Derek	Johnson	8	8IN/Ma

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And the “**Top 3 Leaderboard**” for each year group.

Year 7 Leaderboard

Week		Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Anoush	Vidyansh	7	7HT/Ma
2	Olashile	Akerele	7	7HT/Ma
3	Prince Uriel	Boleigha	7	7HT/Ma

Year 8 Leaderboard

Week		Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Safa	Elmi	8	8MA/Ma
2	Derek	Johnson	8	8IN/Ma
3	Isaiah	Adesina	8	8CO/Ma

Year 9 Leaderboard

Week		Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Amira	Mustafa	9	9DA/Ma
2	Megan	Worthey	9	9DA/Ma
3	Sanjeeda	Begum	9	9DA/Ma

Year 10 Leaderboard

Week		Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Ayomide	Ogedengbe	10	10BB/Ma
2	Gayanthi	Rathnakela	10	10MK/Ma
3	Samuel	Ayodeji	10	10ED/Ma

Year 11 Leaderboard

Week		Month	Year	
#	First Name	Surname	Year	Class
1	Tinuke	Eluyera	11	11PL/Ma
2	Iteoluwakiishi	Olorunjuwon	11	11PL/Ma
3	Sanuja	Liyanage	11	11AT/Ma

Period Dignity

A reminder that pupils can collect free period products from school at any time. Pupils can ask any trusted adult for these or can access them in the school office, from Mrs. Bubbins or from the Welfare Office.

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Attendance

Contact Details - Willows High School

To Report an Absence:

Year 7, Year 8 and the first half of Year 11 – (Surname - A to Jon)

Contact Donna Whitney using Classcharts (see how to below)

Year 9, Year 10 and second half of Year 11 – (Surname - Jones to Z)

Contact Clare Davies using Classcharts (see how to below).

Please do not use the old mobile numbers or email.



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www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance

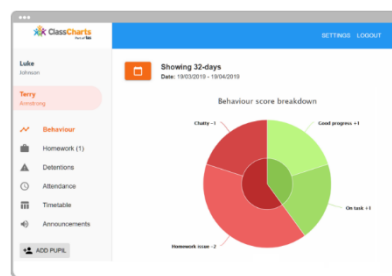


Class Charts Reminder

What is Class Charts?

Class Charts is an app that can be downloaded to your phone. You can use it to:

- keep track of your child's behaviour
- view attendance records
- access your child's weekly timetable
- be informed of and track detentions
- award your child merits for completing their home reading tasks
- view announcements from school.



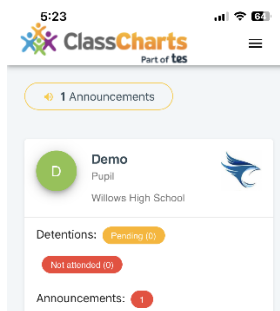
We would like all parents to sign up to Class Charts, as we are also going to be using this as the main way of sending all messages to you. Likewise, from after half term this will also be the main way that you can report your child's absence to us.

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to Class Charts this year and to those of you who continue to use it.

Please let your child's Head of Year know if you need a login code.

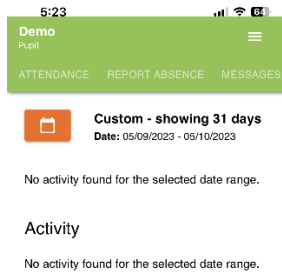
How to report an absence on Class Charts

1. Click on your Class Charts app and click on your child's name.



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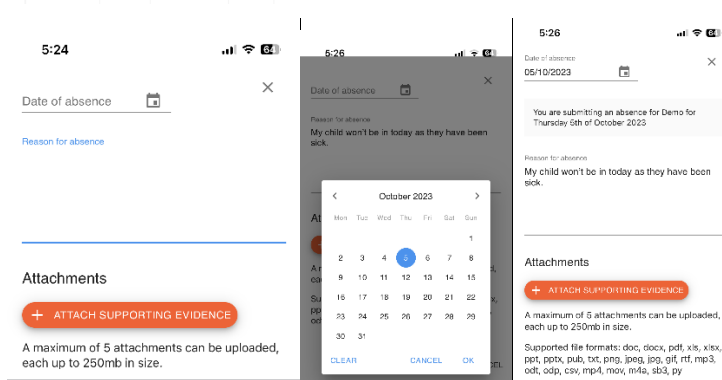
2. Scroll across the green band at the top and click 'report absence'.



3. Click on 'report new absence'



4. Tap the calendar for the date, type in the reason and attach any pictures of medical evidence, such as letters, emails or texts from the doctors, dentist or hospital.



5. Click submit...it's as easy as that!

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have any problems logging on and they will be happy to guide you through the process.

Important Information for All Parents and Guardians

Please be aware that **Fixed Penalty Notices** are now being issued by Cardiff Council again.

If your child has more than 5 days of unauthorised absence since September 2022 or takes an unauthorised holiday, then you are at risk of a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine being issued.

Fines are **£60** at first, then rising to **£120** and **£180** - if the fine is still not paid then you will be summoned to court and the fine and costs will rise again. **Please note these fines do not go away.** Please make sure to read any correspondence carefully.

To avoid being fined, please ensure that your child attends school every day - if there is a valid reason for absence, please contact the Attendance Team giving evidence where possible.



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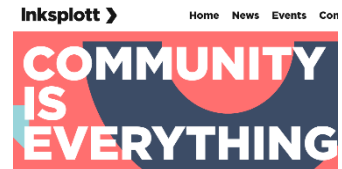
Community

You will find plenty of information on community and local goings-on at:

[The Community Noticeboard » Green Squirrel](#)



[Inksplott | Community Is Everything](#)



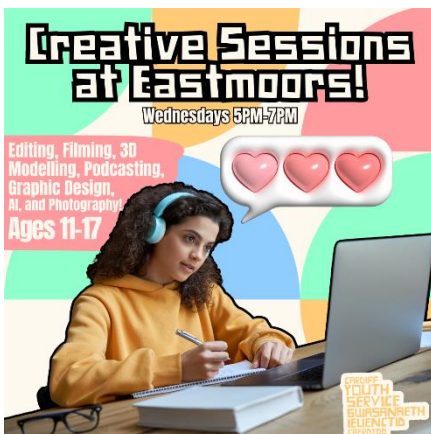
The Splott Community Volunteers run a community breakfast on Thursday Mornings 8am – 10am in The STAR Centre, Splott Road, Splott CF24 2BZ.



The Tremorfa Community Pantry

The amazing Tremorfa Community Pantry are always busy finding ways to support the community. You can find them at:

Tremorfa Community Hall, Tweedsmuir Road CF24 2QZ.



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Settled is organising an advice surgery with an accredited EU Settlement Scheme adviser at the Grangetown Hub in Cardiff!

We offer **FREE** advice on the EU Settlement Scheme applications.

WE CAN HELP IF:

- You have pre-settled status and want to apply for settled status.
- You haven't applied yet, but you were in the UK before 31.12.2020.
- You want to bring your close family members to the UK.
- Your application has been rejected.
- You have problems accessing your digital status.

MAKE SURE TO HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR:

Identity document, e-mail address, phone number and information and documents related to your status application.

When and where?
Tuesdays 10am to 12pm @ Grangetown hub,
Havelock Place
Grangetown
CF11 6PA

To find out more, email us:
applyeu@settled.org.uk



Save up to **£200**

Are you worried about the cost of Christmas?

We have lots of financial support options available that could help you save on your water bill.

We're here to help

Call us to talk through your options: **0800 052 0145**

Visit us online for more info: dwrwymru.com/costofliving



Learning Lounge & Families

Citizens Advice Bureau

A reminder that members of our community can make appointments with staff from the Citizens' Advice Bureau at our Learning Lounge. They can provide advice of a range of topics such as housing, benefits and legal matters. To make an appointment, please e-mail Rebecca Crnoja on Rebecca.Crnoja@willows.cardiff.sch.uk



Health and Wellbeing

Researchers at Cardiff University have developed a bilingual program/app with young people to support their mood and well-being, called **MoodHwb**.

It is an opportunity to offer mental health support to young people, and the feedback will help to develop resources in the future. All participants will receive a gift voucher and certificate. It's free to take part. Young people (13-19 years old) who are experiencing low mood (or other difficulties with their mood/wellbeing) are encouraged to go to the study website for more information and to fill in a participation form: <https://www.ncmh.info/help-with-research/digital-support-study/>

Wellbeing in school

Pupils

If you feel you need some support with your wellbeing we want to help and there are many places to go: Ms. Crnoja in the learning lounge is here to look after your wellbeing so please come down for a confidential chat.

If you are a young carer and feel you need more support or would like to know about more opportunities out there for you, Ms. Crnoja in the learning lounge can also help.

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Your Head of Year or any member of the Welfare Team are there to support you. You can find them at line-up time, in the welfare office or anywhere around the school.

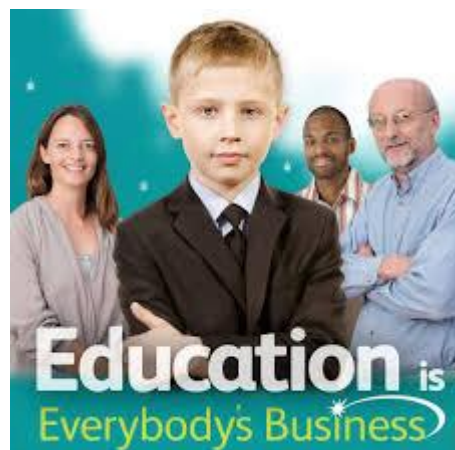
A member of staff you trust. All members of staff will be there for you. If you want to confide in someone please do and they will help get you the support you need.

Parents and Families

We want to help you as best we can and there is a lot of support out there for parents and families. Ms. Crnoja can be contacted on 07592 037937 or rebecca.crnoja@willows.cardiff.sch.uk. Your child's Head of Year and the Welfare Team can also help. Please do not suffer alone. Reach out to us.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body. If this is something that you'd be interested in, please contact the school using contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk



Safeguarding:

A reminder that the school safeguarding lead is Danielle MacKintosh. If you are worried or concerned about a child and any time (including over the holidays) then please e-mail her on Danielle.MacKintosh@willows.cardiff.sch.uk If you are a pupil that needs help, please also contact Danielle via this e-mail address.

Chat Health:

A reminder that all secondary school pupils can text the school nurse service for any medical support and advice. This may be useful if your child is too anxious or embarrassed to talk to a doctor in the first instance. Please chat about this with your child and make them aware of the service and number (below):

Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank. If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Beck Crnoja (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 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/>

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Key Services

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.

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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.

Please could parents refrain from turning up at the school reception without an appointment. Heads of Year, teachers and support staff are incredibly busy during the school day looking after our pupils. If there is a problem, please arrange an appointment with your child's Head of Year in the first instance. To organise this, please ring the school reception on 029 20414243.

Alternatively, you can e-mail the relevant member of staff, details below:

Headteacher	Mr. Christopher Norman	Christopher.Norman@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Welfare Manager	Miss. Kimberly Williams	Kimberly.Williams@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 7 – Head of Year	Miss. Marcella Sansom	Marcella.Sansom@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 7 – Leadership Link	Ms. Lucy Williams	Lucy.Williams@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 8 – Head of Year	Mrs. Savannah Reed	Savannah.Reed@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 8 – Leadership Link	Mrs. Kelly Bubbins	Kelly.Bubbins@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 9 – Head of Year	Mrs. Tara David	Tara.David@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 9 – Leadership Link	Mrs. Suzie Warren	Suzie.Warren@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 10 – Head of Year	Mrs. Catherine Watkins	Catherine.Watkins@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 10 – Leadership Link	Mr. Simon Thomas	Simon.Thomas@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 11 – Head of Year	Miss Elen Tomlinson	Elen.Tomlinson@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Year 11 - SLT	Mr. Jack Smith	Jack.Smith@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Edison	Ms. Helen Amos	Helen.Amos@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk
Tesla	Ms. Jane Crawshaw	Jane.Crawshaw@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

This will be the last Newsletter of 2023, so we'd like to wish you a merry Christmas break.

As a special treat, the first person to email contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk with the subject "Chocolates" will win a tub of them.

We'll see you on the other side (8th January)

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

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The Willows Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meal of the day £3.20	Butternut squash, courgette, feta and basil pasta Focaccia garlic bread Pomegranate salad pot	Halal chicken sausage with vegetable mash and gravy	Oven baked lemon chicken Herb roasted new potatoes and Mediterranean vegetables Alt: Rice	Jerk chicken with Mediterranean vegetable rice and peas	Fish, chips and beans Salmon fishcake Alt: ½ Jacket potato
Vegetarian option	Butternut squash, courgette, feta and basil pasta Garlic bread	Vegetarian sausage bake with vegetable mash and gravy	Vegan meat balls with lemon cream sauce	Asian influenced lentil and chickpea dhal with pitta bread	Pitta kebab with mint yogurt
Salad of the day	Pomegranate salad	Salad of the day	Salad of the day	Salad of the day	Salad of the day
Dessert	Toffee and banana sponge with custard	Vanilla cheesecake	Orange jelly fruit pot	Brownie	Apple and berry crumble
Hot snack	Cheeseburger (£1.65)	Southern fried chicken burger (£2.25)	Calzone (£2.35)	Hotdog (£2.25)	Pitta kebab with mint yogurt (£1.50)
Hot wrap	Cheese burrito (£2.50)	Reggae Reggae chicken (£2.50)	Garlic mayo chicken (£2.50)	Nandos chicken (£2.50)	Sweet chilli Chicken (£2.50)
Everyday snack	Jacket potato (£2.20) Tuna mayonnaise Cheese Beans (£2.50)	Jacket potato (£2.20) Tuna mayonnaise Cheese Beans (£2.50)	Jacket potato (£2.20) Tuna mayonnaise Cheese Beans (£2.50)	Jacket potato (£2.20) Tuna mayonnaise Cheese Beans (£2.50)	Jacket potato (£2.20) Tuna mayonnaise Cheese Beans (£2.50)

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Extra-Curricular Activities – Autumn Term 2023 - 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	8.45 – 9.00 am Free breakfast for all years	8.45 – 9.00 am Free breakfast for all years	8.45 – 9.00 am Free breakfast for all years	8.45 – 9.00 am Free breakfast for all years	8.45 – 9.00 am Free breakfast for all years
Lesson time	Individual Instrumental lessons TBC	Individual Instrumental lessons TBC	Individual Instrumental lessons TBC	Individual Instrumental lessons TBC	Individual Instrumental lessons TBC
After school	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework
	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Wellbeing Art and Craft PAWB – DP / SP	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Music Club (Band) FG / DP	Week 1 - 3.10 – 4.00 pm: EAL Sports Club PAWB – DP / JG	Week 1 - 3.10 – 4.00 pm: LGBTQIA+ Club EJ – F5	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Book Club NLC – F3
	3.10 – 4.00 pm Bass Club FG - PAC	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Club DS – G14	Week 1 - 3.10 – 4.00 pm: Debate Club JEN – F11	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Creative Writing Club FS – F9	
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: J7 Reading Games Club for Y7	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Choir / singing Club FG - PAC	3.10 – 4.00 pm: K-Pop Club DS – G14 / theatre	
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: Musical Theatre Club PAC - SR			
		Week 1 - 3.10 – 4.00 pm: Welsh Club – Y7, Y8 and Y9 AGR – G7			
		Week 2 – 3.10 – 4.00 pm: Criw Cymraeg AGR - G7			

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PE Department Extra-Curricular Programme Autumn Term 2023

Activity	Who	Where	When	Teacher	Other Details
Cross Country	Boys & Girls Years 7-11	Training – Willows Field Fixtures - Pontcanna Fields	Tuesday/Wednesday Training 3.30- 4.30pm Fixtures 3.30-6pm	Miss Moore	Bring your kit and trainers/spikes/football boots Training/Trials – Tuesday 12 th and Tuesday 19 th September – Meet Miss Moore on the yard by the changing rooms. Fixtures Tuesday, September 26 th Girls’ League 1 Tuesday, October 3 rd Boys’ League 1 Tuesday, October 10 th Girls’ League 2 Wednesday, October 18 th Boys’ League 2
Girls Football	Girls year 7-11	3G Pitch or Barn if the weather is wet	Thursday 3.10-4.10pm	Miss Moore	Bring appropriate footwear for 3G and/or barn. Fixtures will be organised if and when possible (subject to numbers).
KS3 Basketball	Boys & Girls Year 7-9	Barn	Wednesday Week 1 ONLY 3.10-4.10pm	Mr Roberts	All abilities welcome.
Year 11 Basketball	Boys & Girls Year 11	Gym	Tuesday 3.10-4.10pm	Mr Roberts	All abilities welcome.
Year 10 Basketball	Boys & Girls Year 10	Gym	Thursday 3.10-4.10	Mr Roberts	All abilities welcome.
Year 7&8 Boys Football	Boys Year 7&8	3G Pitch or Barn if the weather is wet	Tuesday 3.10-4.10pm	Mr Smith Mr Gill	Bring appropriate footwear for 3G and/or barn. Fixtures will be organised if and when possible (subject to numbers). Year 7v8 match Thursday 14 th September

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KS4 Revision Timetable - 2023 - 2024

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
After school	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00 pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR hub library open until 7.00 pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm	
	STAFF MEETING	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Drop in with pupil's Maths teacher	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Intermediate Tier Maths (G19)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Maths (G19)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Drop in with pupil's Maths teacher	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Drop in with pupil's Maths teacher
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y10 RE revision Ms. Guilfoyle (S10)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Media Studies revision Mrs. Bubbins (G25)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Media Studies revision Mrs. Bubbins (G25)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: College, Coursework and Catch-up Business Revision (after Christmas) Ms. Williams (F4)	
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: French Revision with your French teacher.	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y9, Y10, Y11 Art catch-up With pupil's Art teacher	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y9, Y10, Y11 Art catch-up With pupil's Art teacher	3.10 – 4.00 pm: French Revision with your French teacher.	
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 History Revision (after Christmas) Y10 History Revision (after Feb half-term) Mr. Henwood (S9)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Hospitality and Catering Revision Ms. Davies (G4)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Hospitality and Catering Revision Ms. Davies (G4)	3.10 – 4.00 pm: English Revision Mrs. Lo Celso (F3)	
					3.10 – 4.00 pm: PAWB revision help KS4 DP - PAWB	

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WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00 pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR hub library open until 7.00 pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Library open for homework. STAR Hub library open until 6.00pm
	STAFF MEETING	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Higher Tier Maths Ms. Ait-Brahim (G17)	STAFF TRAINING	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Drop in with pupil's Maths teacher	3.10 – 4.00 pm: Maths Drop in with pupil's Maths teacher
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 Higher Tier Maths Ms. Wrennall (G20)		3.10 – 4.00 pm: College, Coursework and Catch-up Business Revision (after Christmas) Ms. Williams (F4)	
		3.10 – 4.00 pm: Y11 RE revision Miss.Guilfoyle (S10)		3.10 – 4.00 pm: French Revision with your French teacher.	
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Science Revision 2023 - 2024:

Date	Year 10	Year 11
05/09/2023	Biology	Chemistry
12/09/2023	Chemistry	Physics
19/09/2023	Physics	Biology
26/09/2023	Biology	Chemistry
03/10/2023	Chemistry	Physics
10/10/2023	Physics	Biology
17/10/2023	Biology	Chemistry
24/10/2023	Chemistry	Physics
Half term		
07/11/2023	Physics	Biology
14/11/2023	Biology	Chemistry
21/11/2023	Chemistry	Physics
28/11/2023	Physics	Biology
05/12/2023	Biology	Chemistry
12/12/2023	Chemistry	Physics
19/12/2023	Physics	Biology
Christmas		
09/01/2023	Biology	Chemistry
16/01/2023	Chemistry	Physics
23/01/2023	Physics	Biology
30/01/2023	Biology	Chemistry
06/02/2023	Chemistry	Physics
Half term		
20/02/2023	Physics	Biology
27/02/2023	Biology	Chemistry
05/03/2023	Chemistry	Physics

Date	Year 10	Year 11
12/03/2023	Physics	Biology
19/03/2023	Biology	Chemistry
Easter		
09/04/2023	Chemistry	Physics
16/04/2023	Physics	Biology
23/04/2023	Biology	Chemistry
30/04/2023	Chemistry	Physics
07/05/2023	Physics	Biology
14/05/2023	Biology	Chemistry
21/05/2023	Chemistry	Physics
Half term		
04/06/2023	Physics	Biology
11/06/2023	Biology	Chemistry
18/06/2023	Chemistry	Physics
25/06/2023	Physics	Biology

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