



Willow Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Transition Days

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday
3rd July

Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July

Strandfest

Friday 12th July

General Class News:

Willow class students have worked hard on completing their exams and coursework to complete their time in year 11 ready to transition to sixth form .

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme has been very important lately with pupils taking part in lots of different activities, including volunteering around school.



Willow pupils all really enjoyed taking part in their D of E expedition and worked well in

Maths

The year 11 students have completed their entry level and some have taken the level 1 number and measure exam. Therefore Students will now begin working towards functional skills maths. This is the style of maths taught in the sixth form and at other colleges they may be moving on to further their studies. The emphasis is on how we use maths to solve problems in everyday life. For instance students might plan how to decorate and furnish their bedroom for a given budget or plan a holiday.

English

Now their exams are finished (see the school newsletter), we will concentrate on practising and consolidating the skills ready for their next steps in English language and literacy. Some of the students will work with me on an intensive spelling and grammar programme. Myself and Mrs Waters will support others in completing short units of work based around excerpts from some amazing texts and stories.

RSHE

The first theme this half term is 'The World I live in' where we will look at Diversity, rights & responsibilities. Before moving onto 'Self Awareness', where we will learn how we are a part of a culture. The final topic is 'Prejudice & Discrimination' we will be discussing how this impacts all of our lives.

Science

The pupils will have completed their coursework so we can spend the remaining science lessons to explore different topics that they find interesting. The students will take part in various practical experiments and design challenges during the half term.

PE

The students will be learning striking and fielding games such as Cricket and Rounders. They will learn the basic skills on how to bowl, bat and field. Students will develop their knowledge of the game and how to apply the rules at certain times to play a fair game. They will also get to play Tennis and Football again outside building on previous learning from earlier on in the year when they done these sports indoors.

Options cooking

The final half term will be spent making more healthy and economical dishes suitable for summer events. There will be some repetition of previous dishes but students will be expected to complete their work with greater independence.

Students will also do practical work cleaning the ovens, which is an essential skill for every home cook.

Options - Construction

Pupils have been upcycling an old chest of draws, building bug hotels and bird boxes. Some of the pupils have been repainting the wooden Thomas train and varnishing to make it water tight. It has now been placed in clement lodge garden for pupils to enjoy.

Topic

In n Topic we will be learning more on ecosystems looking specifically at habitats, organisms, countryside management, predator/prey relationships, food chains and food webs. A really interesting Topic where the world of the wild comes to life.

Other useful information

Y11 possible leavers date - Friday 28th June

Final day of term for everyone July 19th

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