

Wilmslow High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

END OF YEAR NOTES – JULY 2017

As always the 2016 – 2017 school year has been full of interesting and challenging opportunities with many achievements to celebrate. Much of the summer term celebrations are reflected in the weekly 'High Notes' e-newsletters: I hope that these 'end of year' notes will complement the 'High Notes' newsletters and provide you with basic information relating to the end of this year and the start of the next.

➤ **End of Summer Term 2017**

The term will end for students on Wednesday 26th July. Students will be dismissed from school from 12.30 p.m.

➤ **Examination Results – August 2017**

The following information can be found on:
<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/examinations/results/>

Results days in school

As in previous years all external examination results will be available for collection from school. This year the results days are scheduled for the following dates/times:

Thursday 17th August 2017

- A2 examination results for Year 13 students from 10.00am
- AS examination results for Year 12 students from 10.30am

Thursday 24th August 2017

- GCSE examination results for Year 11 students from 10.00am

Results by e-mail

Results will also be e-mailed to students' school email addresses.

- Year 13 students' results will be emailed from 8am on results day in order to help them with the UCAS process.
- Years 8 to 12 students' results will be emailed from midday on the relevant results day

Collection of results by a friend or relative

For those students, in Years 11, 12 and 13, who don't have access to a computer, and are unable to come into school themselves, arrangements can be made for their examination results to be collected by a nominated person, on their behalf. In this instance, students must see the Examinations Officer with a letter of authorisation before the end of the summer term, to authorise collection. The nominee will need to bring in a form of photo identification when they come in to collect the results. We anticipate that for most students the results by email service will be a more efficient means of obtaining results.

Results by post for all year groups

Students in any year group may leave a stamped addressed envelope with the Examinations Officer and their results will be posted out on results day.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10

Unfortunately, examination results for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will not be available for collection in person on results day, but will be given to form tutors for distribution on the first day of term. This is because we need to prioritise the needs of Year 11 students on this day. These students will receive their results through email on results day.

➤ Autumn Term - 2017

Wednesday	6 th September	School opens to students
Friday	20 th October	School closes to students
Monday	30 th October	INSET DAY for staff
Tuesday	31 st October	School opens to students
Friday	22 nd December	School closes to students: 12.30pm
Monday	8 th January 2018	School opens to students

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/calendar/term-dates-2017-2018/>

➤ Start of Year – September 2017

In order to ensure an effective start to the new school year, the return of students to school is to be phased as indicated below. Students should report to school on the day and at the times stated below:

Wednesday, 6th September

Year Group	Arrival time	Departure time	Purpose of activities
Year 7	8.40 am	3.10 pm	Induction to Wilmslow High School
	6.00 pm		Introduction Evening for Year 7 Parents
Year 8	9.55 am	2.10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Best activity with Form Tutor• Fresh Year's Fair• Aspirations Questionnaire
Year 9	9.05 am	12.45 pm	
Year 10	9.55 am	12.45 pm	
Year 11	9.05 am	11.55 am	
Year 12	8.40 am	3.10 pm	Induction to Sixth Form
Year 13	9.15 am	3.10 pm	Preparation for Year 13

For full details of the programme for each year group see the relevant Start of Year Arrangements Letter which is distributed with these Notes and will be published on the school website.

Year 7 Introductory Evening for Parents – start time 6.00 pm - the purpose of this evening is to share, with parents of students new to the school, the school's expectations and to outline the opportunities available to students. The evening will also provide parents with the opportunity to:

- have an informal discussion with the form tutor based in a classroom
- clarify any points of uncertainty
- receive information on opportunities in sport and the arts
- discuss students' individual needs. 'Learning Support' staff will be available for questions

We highly recommend that all parents of Year 7 students attend this evening.

Thursday, 7th September

8.40 am Years 7 - 13 full school day

➤ **Student Planner**

The Student Planner is a key document that

- helps students to be organised
- provides students with a range of valuable pages to support their learning
- offers a means of direct home-school communication

Parents often find it useful to refer to this document so we you can download a copy of it from the following page on the school website:

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/parents/student-planner/>

➤ **Uniform**

Printed below are full details of the school's uniform and sports kit, all of which is available from Monkhouses of Cheadle Hulme. Should you have any questions concerning the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Student Manager or Head of House.

Wilmslow High School Uniform (2017 – 2018)

Summary

All students are expected to wear the school uniform as listed:

Boys and Girls
<p>*Uniform Card – Students are expected to carry a uniform card with them at all times. Failure to follow the school dress code will result in an appropriate sanction.</p> <p>Black regulation blazer with school crest Years 7-11 compulsory Blazers should be worn at all times unless permission is given to remove them.</p>
<p>Maroon V-neck sweater with school crest with sleeves or sleeveless Years 7-11 compulsory</p> <p>Jumpers are to be worn at all times in the autumn and spring terms with the blazer, unless permission is given to remove them in extreme hot weather.</p>
<p>Maroon with House colour clip-on tie Years 7-11, compulsory</p>
<p>Plain white shirt with collar, long or short sleeved</p>

Years 7-11, compulsory
Black regulation outdoor coat with school crest and safety reflectors Years 7-11, optional. Any other outdoor coats worn must be plain black, no large logos. Hoodies, gilets and leather/leather-look jackets and coats are not permitted.
Sensible plain black shoes No trainers or canvas shoes –for guidance see poster publicised in ‘High Notes’ and on the following page of the school website: http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/student-services-7-11/uniform/

Boys	Girls
Black regulation style tailored trousers	Black/maroon regulation <u>reasonable length</u> kilt-style skirt Year 7-11 compulsory Girls in Years 7-11 may wear black regulation trousers with school crest, if they prefer
Socks – plain black, not trainer socks	Socks or tights (not both) – plain black, not trainer socks

Clothing required for PE lessons

Year 7 – 11 PE kit

Boys	Girls
Reversible rugby shirt with school crest (black/maroon with white trim)	Black and maroon hockey socks with white trim
Black rugby shorts with school crest	Black polo shirt with maroon/white trim and school crest
Black and maroon rugby/football socks with white trim	Black indoor shorts with maroon/white trim and school crest
Black polo shirt with maroon/white trim and school crest	White socks
Black indoor shorts with maroon/white trim and school crest	Non marking trainers
White socks	
Rugby/football boots and non marking trainers	
Optional Items	Optional Items
Black tracksuit bottoms with white trim	Black tracksuit bottoms with white trim
Black performance top with maroon/white trim	Black performance top with maroon/white trim
Black rain jacket	Black PE shorts
	Black PE leggings
	Black rain jacket

General notes on appearance

Jewellery:

Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of watches and girls may wear two small gold or silver studs, one in each ear lobe.

Accessories:

Make-up and nail polish should not be worn.

Hair:

Extreme hairstyles should not be worn.

Decisions on appropriateness of uniform:

The final decision concerning the appropriateness or otherwise of any aspect of school dress or appearance will rest with the Heads of House and Student Managers.

Uniform outside of school:

Every student must wear full school uniform for journeys to and from school, in school and for all official school functions. This will include home and away matches and all educational visits *unless* a member of staff gives specific instructions to the contrary. Trainers may be worn for casual games during lunch time. However, all students must wear correct shoes for lessons and journeys to and from school.

We shall, as always, be paying careful attention to appearance in September and in particular I would ask you to note the following points:

- Girls' trousers must be regulation school trousers
- Girls' skirts must be of a reasonable length preferably knee length: and these must be the kilt style skirt. We will inform you if your daughter persistently wears her skirt too short and advise you that she will have to wear trousers
- A maroon clip on tie with the House colour should be worn
- SHOES – make sure that you get off on the right foot in September by buying the correct footwear, ie smart black shoes; NO CANVAS or trainer style footwear.
- Sports socks should not be worn other than with sports kit
- All school uniform including PE kit should be named so that it can, if lost or misplaced, be returned directly to the owner
- We expect all of our students to look smart and have pride in their appearance. If they fall short of the standards expected members of staff will indicate this on the uniform card

➤ **Sixth Form Dress Code**

Sixth Form students are expected to set the example in terms of dress and smartness. They must adhere to the published sixth form dress code

➤ **Absence for holidays during term time**

As from September 2013 Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents/Carers have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time and it is for the Headteacher and Governing Board to determine what the 'exceptional circumstances' are.

Parents/Carers are requested to submit any request for leave during term time by writing in advance to the Headteacher whose decision will be final.

If Parents/Carers, contrary to the school decision, still decide to take their child out of school then the absence will be coded as an **unauthorised leave of absence**. This may lead to the school referring the matter to the Local Authority requesting a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued.

See the following page on the school website for full details:
<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/student-services-7-11/attendance/>

➤ **Free School Meals**

In view of the range of benefits available to young people eligible for free school meals, we highly recommend that you check the following page on the Cheshire East Council website to see if you meet the criteria: <http://bit.ly/1HSDStW>.

➤ **Valuable Items and mobile phones**

Students are advised not to bring valuable items into school: we would remind you that the school does not have insurance cover for such items. Students, as you know, are not meant to have iPods in school and are discouraged from bringing in expensive mobiles.

We do recognise that mobile phones can be useful learning tools: if they are required for a particular piece of work students will be told. Otherwise, during lesson times mobile phones should be kept safely out of sight and switched off.

At other times of day, if mobile phones are being used inappropriately they may be confiscated.

➤ **Sport 2017 – 2018 – A Reminder**

The autumn term Sports 'X-tra' programme can be accessed on the school website during the summer holiday: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/xtra-curricular-programmes/> Please refer to this for all details in relation to practice nights.

The programme will start in full on Monday 11th September but rugby, football, netball and hockey sessions will start on Wednesday 6th September.

It is vital that all players attend all pre-season sessions and early practice nights to prepare for a winning start to the season.

Please be aware of the following selected dates in relation to pre-season preparations:

Rugby

Pre Season Senior Training dates and times:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Details</u>
Thursday 27 th July, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Core skills, fitness, set piece, ruck.
Thursday 3 rd August, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Fitness session, looking at base line fitness and rugby specific.
Thursday 10 th August, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Strategies in attack and defence.

Thursday 17 th August, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Game play, tackling technique, set piece.
Thursday 24 th August, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Game play, tackling technique, set piece.
Thursday 31 st August, 10:00am – 12.00pm	Game play, tackling technique, set piece.
Tuesday 5 th September, 3.00pm	Team run through
Wednesday 06 th September	Fixture at home against The Grange 3.30pm kick off
Saturday 10 th September	Fixture vs St Ambrose

Sports Xtra

Our Sports 'X-tra' programme will again be extensive and will be open to students of all ability levels. The details, which change termly, can be accessed via the following page on the school website:

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/xtra-curricular-programmes/>

Saturday sport

If you would like to watch high quality sport on a Saturday morning at Wilmslow High, then please come and support the hundreds of students who represent the school every weekend. The High Options café will be open for refreshments all morning. Results and fixtures for all sports including team sheets and other information can be found by accessing <http://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?id=446> directly or via the school website.

Sport on Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for the latest information on school sport, fixtures, results and any last minute cancellations. **@whigh_sport**

Educational Visits

We are conscious that in these challenging economic times you may have to make tough decisions on educational visits, particularly residential visits, when considering the cost and the number of children you might have at the school.

As always, where families are currently in difficult financial circumstances and a visit is crucial to the course a student is studying or to their well being, the school will be supportive.

The table below contains the proposed overnight educational visits in 2017-2018. This summary does not include day visits that come up as additional opportunities during the year.

Proposed Overnight Educational Visits 2017-2018

Dates	Trip	Subject	Year Group	Approximate Cost	Date for deposit	Final payment date
23/9 – 24/9	Bronze DofE Training	DofE	10	£170	7/7/17 (£100)	20/10/17
11/10 – 13/10	Year 7 Residential	Whole Year	7	£190	10/7/17	4/10/17
16/10 – 18/10	Year 7 Residential	Whole Year	7	£190	10/7/17	4/10/17
19/10 – 22/10	Battlefields	History	10	£325	26/4/17 £130	8/9/17
15/2 – 20/2	Spanish Exchange	MFL	11 & 13	£400	14/9/17 £150	24/11/17
16/2 – 21/2	Russia Visit	History	12 & 13	£1300	11/9/17 £300	20/12/17
16/2 – 19/2	Paris Visit	History and French	12 & 13	£495	15/9/17 £150	15/11/17
31/3 – 6/4	Skiing Trip to Hochfugen		9	£1100 Skiing £1150 Snowboarding	£280 paid	Oct £250 Nov £250 Dec £318 or £368
31/3 – 3/4	Hockey Trip to Holland	Hockey	10 – 12	£650	7/7/17 £250	
8/4 – 12/4	Rugby Trip to Disneyland Paris	Rugby	7 – 9	£620	16/6/17 £150	29/11/17
12/4 – 14/4	Silver DofE Training	DofE	11	£230	Approx 30/9/17 (£100)	Approx 20/2/18
12/5 – 13/5	Bronze DofE Assessment	DofE	10	Included in training cost		
19/5 – 21/5	GCSE Cowling	PE	10	£280	29/9/17	9/2/18
8/7 – 11/7	Silver DofE Assessment	DofE	11	Included in training cost		
13/7 – 16/7	Gold Dof E Training	DofE	12	£450	Approx 30/9/17 (£100)	Approx 30/4/18
19/7 – 22/7	German Exchange	MFL	10 & 12	£400	10/11/17 £150	9/2/2018
22/7 – 26/7	Iceland	Science and Geography	11- 13	£1100	14/7/17 £300	April 2018
28/8 – 1/9	Gold Assessment	DofE	12	Included in training cost		

➤ **Parking in the roads near school**

As anyone who comes to our site by car around 8.30 am in the morning or 3.00 pm in the afternoon will know, the roads near to Wilmslow High School do get heavily congested by cars either dropping off or picking up students.

From time to time this congestion can lead to frustration for other road users, blockages to the drives of the neighbouring houses and concerns about road safety. On these occasions the school often gets complaints from those affected and requests that we take action.

Since the roads around school are public highways we are really limited to writing letters like this and bringing the matter to the attention of both Cheshire East Council and the Police.

Readers of the local online media will know that this issue is leading to the introduction of new highway regulations around schools and programmes of enhanced parking enforcement:

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/15646/council-officers-to-start-issuing-fines-for-parking-illegally-outside-schools>

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/15245/action-proposed-to-help-stop-dangerous-parking-outside-schools>

Recently we have been contacted by some of the residents of Leaside Way concerned about the rise of both dangerous and inconsiderate street parking. The issue appears to be caused by a combination of school-related traffic and commuter parking by workers in Wilmslow town centre. Doubtless these conditions are going to generate calls for new parking restrictions similar to those in other streets near school to be introduced in this area.

I am sure that you will appreciate me informing you of this situation so you can consider its implications for you.

➤ **Student safety on bikes**

We are keen to see more students cycle to school because of:

1. The health and fitness benefits to cycling
2. The potential to reduce the congestion on neighbouring roads from cars “on the school run”.

However, it is also important that students who cycle are properly prepared so that they are safe. Consequently, for your information and support we have included the following details from The Highway Code:

You and your bicycle

Make sure that you feel confident of your ability to ride safely on the road. Be sure that:

- you choose the right size and type of cycle for comfort and safety
- lights and reflectors are kept clean and in good working order
- tyres are in good condition and inflated to the pressure shown on the tyre
- gears are working correctly
- the chain is properly adjusted and oiled

- the saddle and handlebars are adjusted to the correct height

It is recommended that you fit a bell to your cycle.

You **MUST**

- ensure your brakes are efficient
- at night, use lit front and rear lights and have a red rear reflector

[Laws PCUR regs 6 & 10 & RVLR reg 18]

I would be most grateful if you could ensure your child's bicycle is roadworthy as detailed above. I would also encourage you to ask your child to wear a helmet; we will similarly encourage students to do so.

Scooters and skateboards

Since scooters and skateboards do not offer the same benefits as bicycles and can cause problems for pedestrians on footpaths they should not be used for travel to school.

➤ **Community use of the school's facilities**

The school values use of its facilities by individuals and groups because it both strengthens our relationship with the wider local community and provides an additional income stream to support the education we provide to our students.

Given the increasingly challenging state of school budgets this is likely to become ever more important over the next few years.

The following details will be useful if you are interested in hiring our facilities:

'HIGH LEISURE'

Many of the school's facilities are available for community use.

To enquire about hiring facilities by the hour or on a block booking basis, contact

Paul McManus
01625 441053
pmcmanus@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

Parent Partners

'Parent Partners' is a programme of opportunities offered to parents and carers to support and enhance the quality of education experienced by their child/children.

Why does the school need the help of parents/carers?

We believe your time and talents, along with those of the local community, can both help us sustain the high quality "Whole Education" experience we currently offer all children and enable it to improve further.

This new programme builds on the good work of the PTA, with parents/carers being encouraged to help coordinate and develop the programme in collaboration with school staff.

How can I help?

Parents/carers can contribute in a number of ways:

- Help at school events
- Offer time or skills
- Signing up for the re-launched monthly school 'Lotto' (more details in September)

- Contribute to the School Trust Fund
- Contribute to school appeals

Where would any financial contribution go?

- Upgrading technology resources in school
- Support the running of extra-curricular programmes
- Investing in new equipment and facilities for curriculum teams
- Enhancing social facilities for students

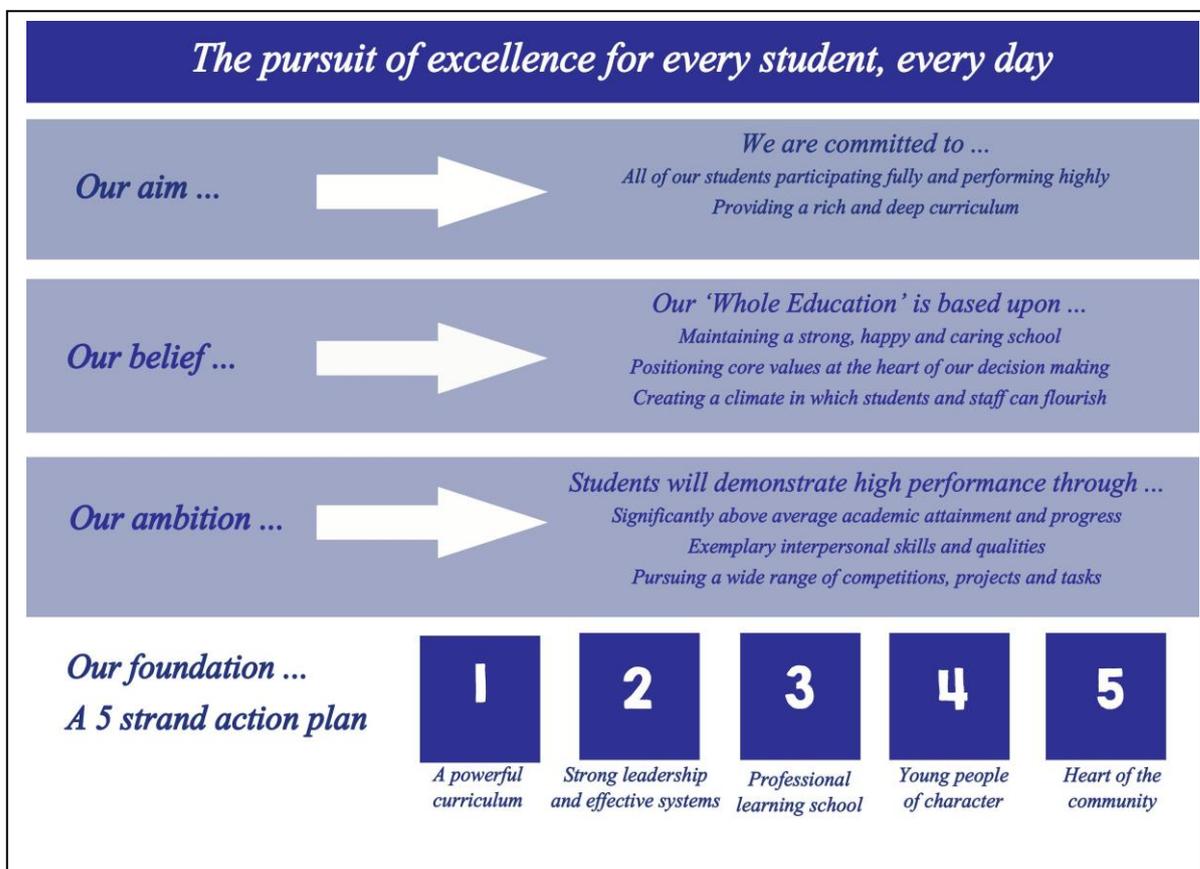
How do I get involved or sign up?

More details of the programme will be circulated in September. Before then if you are interested in getting involved please send an email to HighNotes@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

Preparing for September and a new year

We are one year into the School Improvement Plan for the three-year period 2016-2019.

The following diagrammatic summary has been designed to act as a reference point and you may well have seen it in school publications and presentations over the course of this year.



The summer holiday is a much needed moment when young people have the chance to rest, recharge their batteries after a busy school year and refresh themselves ready for the next challenges that await them.

During this time I would be grateful if you would find an opportunity to reflect with your son or daughter on the following themes:

- “A powerful curriculum”
 - What achievements in their learning are they most proud of this year?
 - What feedback have they been given in their end of year report and how are they going to respond to it?
 - What aspirations do they have for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond?
- “Young people of character”
 - What particular “magic moments” have they experienced this year when members of the school community have simply done the “right thing”?
- “Heart of the community”
 - In what ways do they think that they have made a positive contribution to community life, whether in school or beyond?

As I have said in the end of year assembly, I am very proud of the students of Wilmslow High School, the positive qualities they so regularly demonstrate and their achievements across so many areas of activity, so I look forward to seeing everyone again in September when we can embark on the next stage of our learning journey.

Thank you for your continuing support and my best wishes for a pleasant summer break.



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