



Dear Parents and Carers,

END OF YEAR NOTES – JULY 2018

As always the 2017 – 2018 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 Term letters to parents / carers**

The following letters were distributed to parents / carers on Friday 20th July with information about summer work activities and arrangements for the start of year in September 2018:

[Year 8 in September 2018 – start of year arrangements letter](#)

[Year 9 in September 2018 – start of year arrangements letter](#)

[Year 10 in September 2018 – start of year arrangements letter](#)

[Year 11 in September 2018 – start of year arrangements letter](#)

[Year 13 in September 2018 – start of year arrangements letter](#)

They can be downloaded from the following page on the school website:

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/noticeboard/start-school-year-arrangements-september-2018/>

➤ **End of Year Reports**

Printed copies of the End of Year Reports for students in Years 7 – 10 were distributed by form tutors by Friday 20th July. If you have not yet received these please ask your child whether they have it. If they have been misplaced please email jbazley@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk and we can send you a replacement copy.

➤ **Summer work for students**

In order to consolidate their skills over the summer holidays and prepare effectively for learning next year, students are being set summer work. This can be found in fire fly at the following links. **Please note that students currently in Year 7-9 should access the key stage 3 link, and students currently in Year 10 should access the key stage 4 link:**

Key Stage 3: <https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/key-stage-3-summer-work-2018>

Key Stage 4: <https://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/key-stage-4-summer-work-2018>

➤ **Examination Results – August 2018**

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

Thursday 16th August 2018

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

Thursday 23rd August 2018

- 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' external examination results will be emailed from midday on the relevant results day
- Students should still come to collect their results envelope as soon as possible either on the day or at the start of the next term because it contains more detailed information than the results email.

Collection of results by a friend or relative

For those students, in Years 11 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 - 2018**

Wednesday	5 th September	School opens to students
Friday	26 th October	School closes to students
Monday	5 th November	INSET DAY for staff
Tuesday	6 th November	School opens to students
Friday	21 st December	School closes to students: 12.30pm
Monday	7 th January 2019	School opens to students

➤ **Term dates for both 2018-2019 and 2019-2020**

If you want to see a fuller version of the 2018-2019 term dates please click on the following link:

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/calendar/term-dates-2018-19/>

Also, the 2019-2020 term dates have now been published and these can be found on the following page of the school website:

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/calendar/term-dates-2019-2020/>

➤ **Start of Year – September 2018**

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, 5th 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	9.30 am	1.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Best activity with Form Tutor • Fresh Year's Fair • Aspirations Questionnaire
Year 9	9.30 am	1.00 pm	
Year 10	9.30 am	1.00 pm	
Year 11	9.30 am	1.00 pm	
Year 12	8.40 am	3.10 pm	Induction to Sixth Form
Year 13	8.40 am	3.10 pm	Preparation for Year 13

Further details of the programme for each year group are included in the relevant Start of Year Arrangements Letter (see page 1 of these Notes).

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, 6th 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 you will be able to download a copy of the 2018-2019 version in September 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 kits, all of which are available from Express Uniform (<http://www.expressuniform.co.uk/product-category/wilmslow-high-school>)

- Wilmslow High School's PE kit is also available at Printworks.
- Should you have any questions concerning the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Student Manager or Head of House.

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

Boys and Girls
*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.
Black regulation blazer with school crest Years 7-11 compulsory Blazers should be worn at all times unless permission is given to remove them.
Maroon V-neck sweater with school crest with sleeves or sleeveless Years 7-11 compulsory 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.
Maroon with House colour clip-on tie Years 7-11, compulsory
Plain white shirt with collar, long or short sleeved 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.

Recent editions of High Notes have also included an article explaining the changes from September 2018 to our policy regarding student use of mobile phones. As a community we feel that school being a sanctuary from mobile phone usage will promote a happier and healthier lifestyles in the longer term.

- 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, mobile phones should be switched off and kept out of sight once the student enters the perimeter gates at the start of the day (all paraphernalia should be put away so that it is out of sight in the building).
- Students who infringe the rules will have their phone confiscated and sent to student services immediately. Phones will be kept in named envelopes in the student services safe.
- On the first infringement, the mobile phone will be confiscated. The student will be able to collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day. Behaviour points will be issued.
- Persistent Offenders: parents will be contacted and asked to collect the phone at their earliest convenience.
- Students arguing with any member of staff over a mobile phone infringement will be dealt with very seriously. Members of staff have been asked to implement the policy consistently and therefore there should be no cause for argument.

For further details please see <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/mobile-phones-final-policy-2018/>

➤ **Sport 2018 – 2019 – 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 10th September but rugby, football, netball and hockey sessions will start on Wednesday 5th September.

It is vital that all players attend 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:

Tuesday 31st July. 10:00-11:30	Training session
Tuesday 7th August. 10:00-11:30	Training session
Tuesday 14th August. 10:00-11:30	Training session

Tuesday 21st August. 10:00-11:30	Training session
Wednesday 29th August. 10:00-14:00	Training session at Athlete Factory, Chester RUFC
Thursday 30th August. 10:00-14:00	Training day led by Sale Sharks Academy coaches
Tuesday 4th September. 15:00-16:15	Training session
Wednesday 5th September.	Friendly Fixture

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 kiosk will be open for refreshments all morning.

On Saturday 8th September, there will be a Sports Open Morning for all Year 7 students who are interested in playing football, rugby, hockey and netball. These sessions are not trials and are open to students of all abilities.

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.

Sports Transport Contribution

In November last year, to replace the system of asking students to pay a voluntary contribution each time they travelled by coach or minibus to a sports fixture, we introduced a single sports transport contribution which could be paid by ParentPay.

This single contribution was paid by the majority of parents / carers which helped us to offset the ongoing sports transport costs – thank you.

If your son / daughter attends a sports practice in September, he / she will be given a letter explaining how to pay the contribution for the 2018/19 academic year. If household income prevents you from making this contribution, your son's / daughter's participation will not be affected.

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 know that students often look back on residential educational visits as being one of the most memorable moments of their time in school. We are also conscious that the cost of such visits can present challenges to family budgets particularly when you have more than one child 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 2018-2019. This summary does not include day visits that come up as additional opportunities during the year.

Proposed Overnight Educational Visits 2018-2019

Date	Trip	Subject	Year Group	Approximate Cost	Date for Deposit	Final Payment Date
29/09/2018	Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition	DofE	10	Included in training costs		
11/10/2018	German Exchange Return Leg	MFL	10			
15/10/2018	Bollin and Harefield Year 7 Residential	Whole Year	7	£190	09/07/2018	05/10/2018
22/10/2018	Norcliffe and Thorngrove Year 7 Residential	Whole Year	7	£190	09/07/2018	05/10/2018
25/10/2018	Battlefields	History	10	£330	11/05/2018	07/09/2018
14/02/2019	Spanish Exchange	MFL	11 & 13	£400	14/09/2018	24/11/2018
15/02/2019	Visit to New York and Washington	Politics and Sociology	12 & 13	£1,400	14/09/2018	04/01/2019
19/02/2019	Austria Ski Visit		9	£1,300	Nov-17	12/10/2018
05/04/2019	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition	DofE	10 & 11	Included in training costs		
25/04/2019	Maths Camp	Maths	12 & 13	£150	01/03/2019	
04/05/2019	CERN Visit	Science	12 & 13	£450	21/10/2018	
11/05/2019	Bronze Practice Expedition	DofE	9	Included in training costs		
18/05/2019	France Visit	MFL	10	£550	08/01/2019	30/04/2019
01/07/2019	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition	DofE	9	Included in training costs		
02/07/2019	German Exchange	MFL	10	£550	08/01/2019	30/04/2019
14/07/2019	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition	DofE	10 & 11	Included in training costs		

➤ **Improving the school's facilities for students – externally funded capital projects**

Every year the school bids for capital funding from the Department of Education and Cheshire East Council to improve our facilities and this year we have been awarded almost £500,000 to carry out four projects over the summer:

- Replace the 1960s windows in the science and MFL classrooms overlooking the clock courtyard
- Convert Room 2 into a new computer suite
- Reconfigure Room 25 and some adjacent offices to create two new classrooms
- Enlarge and upgrade the student toilet facilities in the Geography and Maths areas

➤ **Improving the school experience for students – community fund-raising**

In addition to these externally funded capital projects, we have been working hard to develop other fund-raising programmes that can help improve the school experience for students.

The Business Partners Programme has been extensively publicised in High Notes, via Twitter and has its own bespoke website: <http://www.businesspartner.org.uk/>

Now we have launched the **Wilmslow High School lottery** and are hoping that this will prove a fantastic and simple way to bring the whole school community together to contribute to a number of the school's fundraising projects, which will enhance the educational experience for our young people. Our school lottery is managed through the national provider **Your School Lottery**.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, friend teacher or a business, anyone can participate and help to make a difference to our school and its young people.

It's really simple to sign up and tickets cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed weekly prize of £25,000 in the national draw, and a further cash prize winner every week for a Wilmslow High School supporter.

The more supporters we get, the more the prize funds increase and the cash prizes available to members of our community get bigger!

This year we hope to raise funds to contribute towards the cost of a new school minibus as well as a number of other whole school projects. We'll also be asking you to nominate your favourite school project to direct future funds to.

Supporters can sign up at www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Wilmslow High.

➤ **Wilmslow High School at the Heart of the Community**

Since 2011 neighbourhood planning has aimed to empower local communities to use the planning system to promote suitable and sustainable development in their area.

In July, the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan secured the support of local residents in a local parish referendum: <http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/17809/handforth-voters-back-neighbourhood-plan>

Preparatory work has also begun in Alderley Edge:
<http://www.alderleyedge.com/news/article/17767/plan-to-shape-the-future-of-our-village-progressing-wellon> the preparation

Within Wilmslow the neighbourhood plan has recently gone out to consultation and local residents are encouraged to provide feedback to assist the next stage of development: <https://wilmslownp.org.uk/home/have-your-say/>

The document provides a fascinating insight into many facets of our local community and recommends a number of important policy priorities.

One of these concerns Access to Schools (Policy TA4, pages 56-57) and 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 at one level we are limited to writing letters like this and bringing the matter to the attention of both Cheshire East Council and the Police.

However, the development of the Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan and the new Cheshire East Strategy for Sustainable Modes of Travel to Schools (SMOTS) provides an opportunity for us all to review existing plans and practices in relation to travel to school (<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/home-to-school-travel.aspx>) and we will be looking at this during the 2018-2019 academic year.

➤ **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

I hope you will find the End of Year Notes to be helpful both in reflecting on the year that has gone and in preparing for the academic year to come.

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



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