

wildern news



Spring 2017



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Wildern just dance dance dance...

Lets talk for Zenon

Mrs Lea speaks about Zenon and the importance of talking.

Year 10 visit the Christmas Markets in Cologne!

Wildern Art department go all Surreal!

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d.@rtcentre
your local arts centre

Children's Holiday Activities at the d.@rt

Every school holiday the d.@rt holds a range of popular arts and crafts activities for children aged 4 - 12. From 10am to 3pm our activities are taught by our experienced and very artistic tutors, and each day is a fun way to explore new ideas, learn new skills and then get creative.

Those looking to extend the day can apply for wrap around care, which provides play style activities linked to the main theme between 9am and 10, then from 3pm till 5pm

The cost of the main activity (10am till 3pm) is £16 per day, except for cookery days when a £5 ingredients cost is added.

Each hour of wrap around care is an extra £2

The d.@rt is able to take childcare vouchers.

All our tutors and assistants carry DBS certificates

Easter holiday: Egg-cellent Fun

From tiny hummingbirds to humungous ostriches, a holiday full of arts and crafts inspired by eggs of different shapes and sizes

May half term: Feasts and Festivals

Explore a range of festivals from around the world, and learn about exciting celebrations through art and creativity.

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The d.@rt Centre WildernLane, Hedge End, SO30 4EJ

Booking now
Easter
10th to 13th April
and
18th to 21st April
2017
(excluding Bank
holidays)

Booking Now
May half term
30th May to June
2nd 2017



Important Dates

May 1st	Bank Holiday
May 10th	Year 9 Parent's Evening
May 29th - June 2nd	Half Term
June 14th	Year 7 Parents Evening
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Spring Newsletter designed by
Ms Helen East



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome, as always, to our Spring newsletter as we move towards the end of yet another term. The weather has improved and yet again we have escaped a winter without snow.

The spring term has been filled with key events with a specific focus for Year 8 on their pathway choices. They have had assemblies, taster sessions and, with your guidance I am sure, selected the pathway they will follow. This has changed again in line with educational reform and, while the process is the same the model has changed slightly. Year 11, with Easter being so late, have a very short half term after the break before their exams begin with the first formal exam starting in May. There is a full Easter School programme which we would encourage them all to attend. Those final snippets of knowledge and tips will be invaluable to them. All critical dates and information has and will continue to be shared with them throughout this time using various sources including social media.

We continue to move forward with the design and development of the new school, although the location is still yet to be finalised with the current proposal and location at Woodhouse Lane. We will keep all of our community updated as more information is confirmed. We were interviewed at the DfE in January for the new Primary school at Boorley Green and will hear early spring if we were successful. If we are, this will form part of the Wildern Multi Academy Trust and will indeed be linked to the new secondary school.

When you read this newsletter we will be preparing to say happy holidays to those off on our annual ski trip to Austria, the China trip and German Exchange with the Rome and Bay of Naples trip during May half term. We hope they all have a fun time and our next edition will, I am sure, share pictures and stories of their adventures.

To conclude, can I thank you all for your ongoing support. We will be issuing all parents and students with an online survey link at some point next term and would hope that you will feel able to share your views on how well the school is doing or indeed areas we need to improve.

Thank you all and have a good Easter.

Kind regards

Miss M L Litton



Talk For Zenon

I often think about what Zenon would be doing now. With dry wit and playful abandonment, Zenon was a model student who achieved ten A– C grade GCSEs whilst at Wildern School. Always with a close band of friends and never failing to amuse those around him, nobody could have foreseen the tragedy that would unfold on the 6th September last year.

At Wildern School, student welfare is of paramount importance. Students grow and thrive in a culture of support from teachers, tutors, counsellors and of course their peers. Whether it be an emotional or physical issue, we believe talking can help; a problem shared is a problem halved.

Mental health and well being in young people, including depression, stress and anxiety, must be recognised and supported without shame and prejudice; staff here strive to help those in need to ensure every student is healthy, happy and able to realise their potential.

Zenon's bench (placed next to where he would sit with friends at break times) serves as a reminder that we must all continue to talk about any problems we have. His artwork in the school reception is a lasting celebration of the bright, vibrant young man he should have become.

So lets talk about Zenon and talk for Zenon.

Mrs Lea, Zenon's tutor



It's Time to Change.
A growing movement of people changing how we all think and act about mental health problems.

Get involved today
@timetochange
/timetochange
time-to-change.org.uk

time to change
let's end mental health discrimination

Show you're willing
Just being there means a lot.

Listen, don't judge
Talking is important. So is a friendly ear.

Be yourself
Talking about everyday things helps. You don't have to fix this.

Step up
Make a brew, text, take a walk. Small things go a long way.

Be patient
Good days and bad days happen.

Support
Remember, professional support options are out there.

Conversations change lives

Mental health problems affect 1 in 4 of us in any year.

Surprisingly common, isn't it?

Yet too many people are still made to feel isolated, ashamed and worthless.

Being open to mental health problems is good for all of us.

And it's easier than you might think.

Your conversation matters.

AT WORK
WITH A TEXT
OVER A CUPPA

Any time, any place. You don't need all the answers.

No one should feel ashamed to talk about mental health

#timetotalk

time to change
let's end mental health discrimination

Cologne



ICT MARK
ACCREDITED

NEXT
GENERATION
LEARNING

Local school gains prestigious ICT Mark Award

Children at Wildern School in Hedge End are at the forefront of using technology to enhance their work, and that's official!

Following an extensive external assessment Wildern has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark.

The award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of technology in both administration and across the curriculum. Parents will have proof that their children are attending a school at the forefront of modern technology.

Miss Litton, Headteacher commented "On behalf of Wildern School, I am delighted to be awarded the ICT Mark. It recognises our positive approach to the use of technology and the benefits it is bringing to our children. We believe that technology can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world".

The lead member of staff Mrs Broadribb involved in ensuring the school was ready for ICT Mark assessment, commented:

"I am really pleased that the presentation of this award shows recognition of the excellent work that is taking place at Wildern School. Applying for the award really brought into focus the ICT work that we are doing each and every day. All the students and staff deserve credit for this achievement."

Mark Chambers, Naace CEO, said "Wildern thoroughly deserve the accolade of an ICT Mark accreditation. They clearly demonstrate how important it is to take a whole school approach to using technology in schools. We look forward to working with Wildern School to demonstrate how technology can have a substantial impact on learner outcomes in the future".



Getting to school for 3am and enduring a 10 hour coach journey was definitely worth it when we reached Cologne to visit the world renowned Christmas Markets. As we walked around the German Markets, such as the Angel Market and the Cologne Cathedral Market, thousands of fairy lights led the way to several stalls selling a variety of Christmas goodies. We were so fortunate enough to have a taste of German culture at this time and experience the different ways in which they celebrate Christmas. To our surprise, many of us found that German food was tastier than we expected, as we tucked into our bowls of 'Curry Wurst'. After our Christmas experience the night before, we couldn't leave without visiting the Lindt chocolate factory. Not only did we get to have an insight into how Lindt chocolate is made through experiencing simulated tropical plantations and walking through the factory, but we also got to spend time raiding the chocolate shop. Everyone had a fab weekend, a massive thank you to Mrs Broadribb for organising such a lovely trip!

Amy Miller



In January a group of Year 10 students visited Sir Ben Ainslie Racing HQ in Portsmouth. They got to see the work that has gone into the British bid to win the Americas Cup. The visit provided students with some great learning opportunities and hopefully helped to inspire a possible career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths.



ROCK CHALLENGE



On Monday 27th February just under 100 students participated in the Rock Challenge competition at The Portsmouth Guildhall.

This year our piece was called 'To live would be an awfully big adventure' and focused on the effects of social media and mobile phones through the theme of Peter Pan.

Wildern's performance was outstanding and we won awards of excellence in:

- Set design and function
- Performance skills
- Drama skills
- Use of stage
- Costuming Character
- Video performance
- Visual enhancement
- Entertainment

Congratulations to all involved!



BBC TEN PIECES



The BBC Proms Education Team contacted Mrs Simmons after submitting a dance to their website for the BBC 10 Pieces project. The BBC invited the dancers to perform as part of the BBC Ten Pieces Prom at the Royal Albert Hall in July. 14 dancers worked alongside choreographer Denni Sayers to create a performance to Shostakovich's Symphony No.10 (2nd movement).

The dancers stayed in London accompanied by Mrs Simmons and Miss Wyatt from 21st - 24th July rehearsing the performance as well as seeing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and going backstage! They performed at The Royal Albert Hall on 23rd and 24th July with presenters Naomi Wilkinson, Lemn Sissay and Dion Dublin.

It was the most amazing experience for these talented students and something they and we will never forget.

The Telegraph commented on their performance 'An expressive, disciplined bunch of dancers from Wildern School in Southampton were great...'



Welcome to the LRC



SLS Hampshire Literature Quiz 2017

On March 2nd we attended the SLS Hampshire Literature Quiz at Bridgemary School in Gosport. This was our first time attending so we were all very excited especially when we came 4th overall. The quiz was based around books of all genres, with 8 rounds we had to play. Some of the rounds, such as Around the World, were very hard. However, other rounds such as Numbers and Books to Screen, we aced! The whole time we all really enjoyed ourselves; there was scrumptious food available and at the end we all received a free book. It was an amazing experience and we hope next year's team enjoy it as much as we did!

By Sophie Atkins, Ethan Sealey, Isis Segovia and Izzy Tafa-Wallace

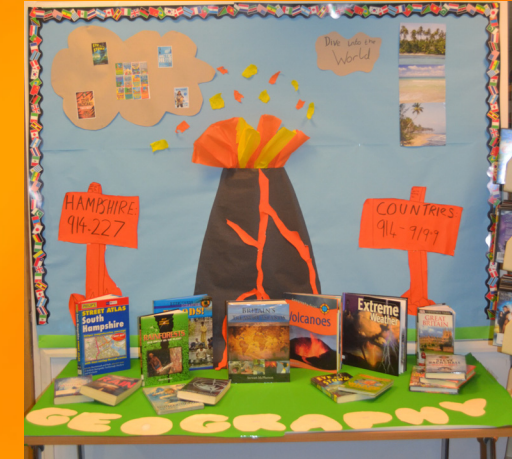


Student Librarians Non-Fiction Displays

Come to the LRC now to learn about the sciences! Our new science themed display has lots of useful information including:

- .Where to find science books
- .What jobs science can get you
- .How to get into a scientific job.
- .Recommended science themed fiction books.

Come today and get out a science book!



Book Review - Cakes and Cupcakes

Can you boil an egg? Can you bake a cake? Can you make dinner for you and your family? If you love cooking and baking, or would like to learn, then pop into the LRC and borrow a book from our large selection of cookery books. Check out these delicious cupcakes made by Grace Patient using a recipe from Everyday Easy Cakes & Cupcakes.



Book Review - Weight of Water

What an amazing book! Each chapter is a poem and reads like prose. It's mainly about relationships and what it's like to be an outsider. Especially at school. And from the point of view of a girl....who is Polish but could be anyone far away from home. I'm in awe that this was Sarah Crossan's debut novel. Read it - you won't forget it.

Mrs Rose



Blind Date with a Book



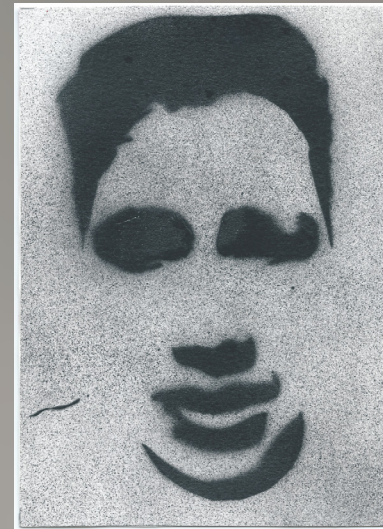
Come and visit the LRC during the opening times of 8am - 5pm
Computers are also available for Homework

ART

department



Small Faces Exhibition Peoples Portrait Project Solent Showcase Gallery My Entry Title: Pepper



For my Small Face portrait I decided for it to be a self-portrait and to use the media of spray paint with a single stencil. The project didn't take long and it didn't need to as the exhibition is primarily about creativity and individualism. It could have been abstract or photographic, the only thing that mattered was the face.

I created the spray paint by firstly taking a range of pictures then deciding on which one I was to use based on the lighting and what kind of facial expression I wanted. Then I printed it of and began to cut out the significantly dark or defined parts of the portrait remembering to use an A6 sized photo on the paper. For this I'd recommend using Microsoft Publisher as you can scale your pictures. After this I began to bring in my spray paint.

I stuck my paper down onto a wooden board using masking tape and gave it a first spray of white for a clear effect. The "Pepper" effect, as I call it, was achieved by then using black in dashes across the page and then going over it in white again. This is how I came up with the name as well as the funny fact that my pet cat,

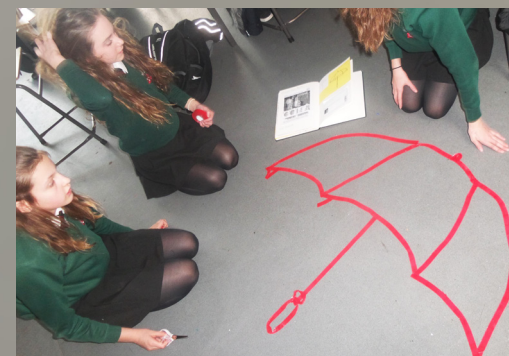
called Pepper, constantly tried to stand on the wooden board for attention.

The Exhibition Post Details Are as Follows:

Small Faces Exhibition, Solent Showcase Gallery, East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN

Alex Ritzema

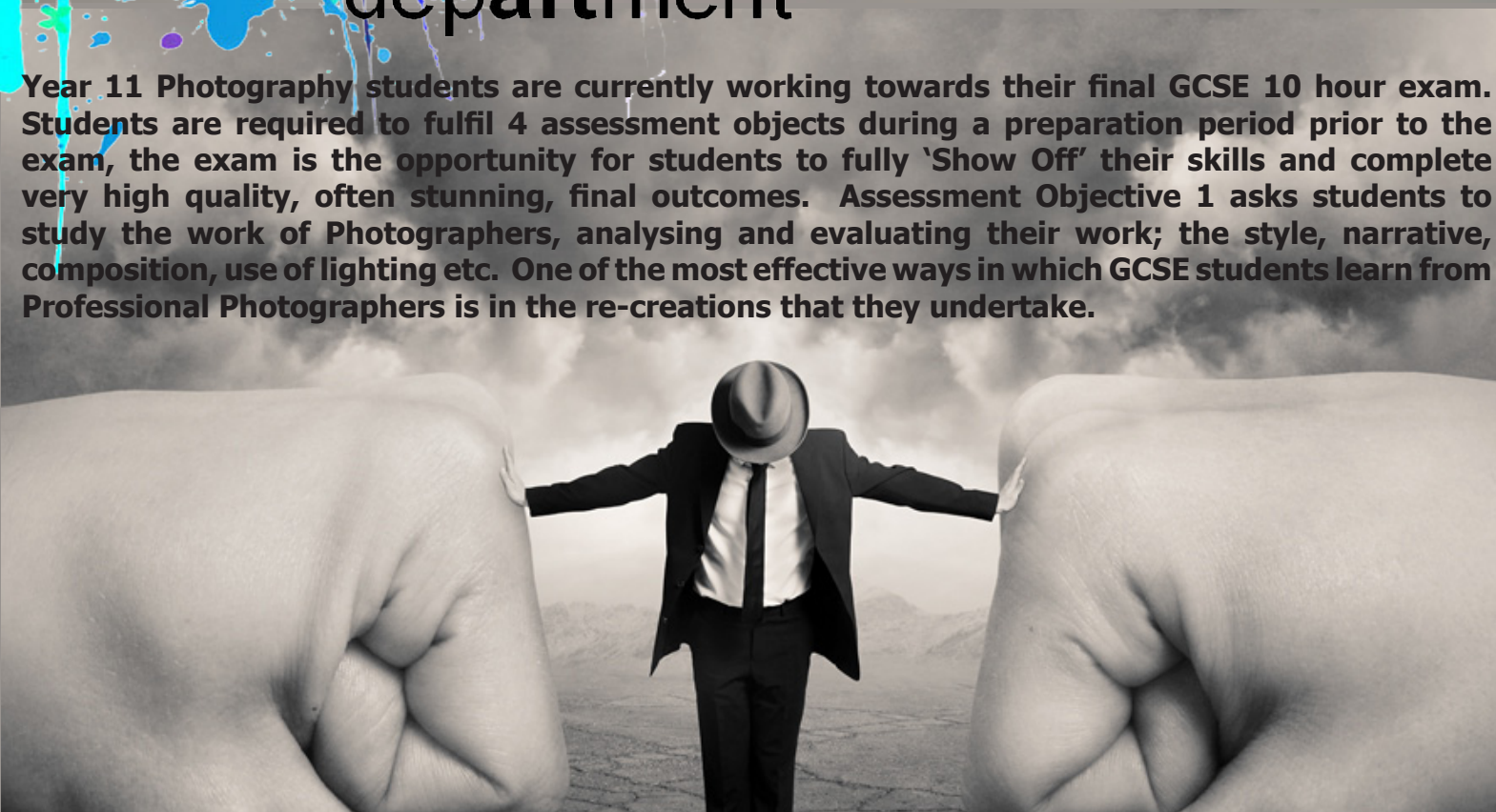
Recently, Year 8 art students have been studying Sir Michael Craig-Martin CBE RA, an Irish-British contemporary conceptual artist and painter. Michael Craig-Martin is known for his impressive and colourful eye-catching art, the things he draws are everyday: bunches of keys, glasses of water, trainers, and umbrellas. Michael Craig-Martin's is not a household name, yet it is entirely likely that most of us will have owned at least one image made by him. You might have licked the back of one of his pictures made into stamps, or carried your groceries home in a bag adorned with one of his drawings. Students spent a lesson studying his drawings and larger works and then went on to create their own large scale drawings, in the case with coloured tape on the floors and windows of the Art Department! The students had great fun creating this exciting and fun artwork!



Mrs Lynch

During my art lessons, before I choose my options, I have been given the privilege of experiencing what GCSE lessons are like. In one of these lessons we had the chance to make a piece of work like a set artist, and record it on our phones. This was a good way of using our phones educationally because we were able to reflect on our work. The piece my group did was a drawing on the art room floor made out of electrical tape. Our work was inspired by line drawings, and we copied an original picture to create our own. I really enjoyed making our umbrella line drawing because we were able to use team work, reflection and have a taste of what GCSE art could be. I usually enjoy all of my art lessons but I think this one was my favourite.

Olivia Perry



A* target Klaudia Osmaelk selected the starting point 'Out of Place' from the AQA GCSE Photography exam paper, she had a choice of 7 possible starting points.

The Surrealist movement has inspired photographers such as Tommy Ingberg and Anya Steigler to create seemingly impossible combinations of scenes or objects using digital processes. In his series 'Out of Place' Robert Rickhoff digitally manipulates photographs to create scenes using illogical, unlikely combinations and positions of objects.

Klaudia has studied Tommy Ingberg and you can see here how she undertook a number of Photographic 'Shoots' to put together in postproduction a re-creation of one of Ingberg's images. Using Adobe Photoshop Klaudia has then started to skilfully edit and build, via layers her imagery, starting with the background of the sky then added the figure and fists. I think you will agree that the outcome is amazing and a stunning pastiche of the Photographers. Well done Klaudia!

Mrs Lynch

P.E DEPARTMENT

WILDERN WINS ANNUAL UNIFORMED SERVICES COMPETITION AT ITCHEN COLLEGE



The competition, against 9 other schools, involved a series of physical and mental challenges. The challenges involved events such as an assault course, a tyres challenge, a blind-fold water carrying challenge and a stretcher carrying event, as well as having to use clues to break a secret code.

The girls, who were the only all girls team, took on each challenge with determination and enthusiasm and emerged as winners – eventually beating last year's winners – King Edward VI School – in a closely contested competition.

The Team: Megan Brook, Holly Dawson, Katie Osborne, Grace Jenman, Macy Hine, Laura Towler, Megan Maffey.

Well done girls.... a fantastic day and a well deserved victory!

Thanks also to the men and women of the Uniformed Services who make the day so challenging and rewarding.

WILDERN STUDENTS EXPERIENCE PARALYMPIC SPORT WITH GREAT BRITAIN COACH.

Students from Wildern had a taste of what it is like to play a Paralympic sport – thanks to GB Sitting Volleyball Coach Richard Osborne. Richard, who coaches the GB Sitting Volleyball Team, spent the whole day at Wildern coaching students and helping them develop their sitting volleyball skills.

All the students clearly had a great time, but many also realised the hard work and training that goes into competing at the highest levels. Many thanks to Richard, who we hope to see again in the future.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to Grace Jenman who is currently playing in goal for Hampshire Girls Football Team.

After a recent game against Berkshire – she was asked to attend a trial for a potential place in the England Squad. Fantastic news. Good luck at the trial.



All of the girls have shown so much commitment to training, and effort in all their games and are all playing really well as a team. Well done to everyone who has represented Wildern Netball this year and good luck for the rest of the season!

LET'S PLAY NETBALL

All teams have played Thornden with the U12's and U13s playing really well both individually and as a team. Unfortunately they lost by 1 goal. The progress all the teams have made since the start of the year is fantastic. The U14s were victorious with Mia Wood being named player of the match and the U16s (who unfortunately lost), still had Alice Wood named player of the match.

Miss Wakefield and Miss Applegate



GERMAN DAY



On Thursday 16th February, Barton Peveril College held its first ever German Day. It was attended by over one hundred enthusiastic Students and their teachers from a number of local secondary schools. The Wildern School team comprised Year 10 students: Emma Sanders, Alice Robbins, Alex Shepherd, Izzie Grogan and Nathan Shorrocks.

This event was designed to promote the profile of German as an important school subject, and to encourage greater student uptake at Advanced Level and university. Funding and support for the event were given by the Goethe Institut, the educational wing of the German embassy.

The day started in the lecture theatre with a greeting from the college Assistant Principal. This was followed by a number of quick-fire workshops, each highlighting the relevance of German and linguistic competence in respect to work, culture and internationalism.

During the mid-morning break, Students were treated to German-style doughnuts, known as Berliner. This was the time to tell the historical anecdote of President John F Kennedy's speech in 1963 at The Berlin Wall when he famously assumed the identity of a sweet bun with the line 'Ich bin ein Berliner'!

In the second half of the morning, Students worked in small groups on the main task of the day: to create a short advert marketing a soft drink for a German-speaking audience. The relevance of this challenge could be found in the words of the former German chancellor, Willy Brandt, who once said: "If I am selling to you, I speak your language. If I am buying, dann müssen sie Deutsch sprechen."

Each group of five Students worked keenly on using its German language skills to best effect, ensuring that their product's unique selling point was effectively communicated. Various props and costumes assisted their efforts. The final performance was captured on a short video-clip.

After such hard work, Students were ready for to check out the promise of a German-style lunch. Parked just outside the canteen area, they found a food van attended by an authentic German vendor selling authentic German sausages. Five hungry Wildern students and their teacher tucked into Bratwurst, bread roles and German condiments.

After an hour of food and conversation, Students returned to the lecture theatre for the final part of the day. Each video-clip produced in the session before lunch was shown to an appreciative audience, enjoying some great acting and German selling lines. The three expert judges marked each performance on its linguistic and artistic merit.

And then the judges were ready to announce the results. And first prize goes to Wildern School! Our winning advert had included such memorable lines as 'Man hat gesagt, dass dieses Getränk atemberaubend ist.' ('It has been said that this drink is breathtaking.') and 'Ich werde wieder jung sein.' ('I will be young again'), which included a few comical outtake moments for our one male actor, Nathan Shorrocks!

Our five prize-winning students returned home with a sense of pride in their foreign language skills and an appreciation of the importance of having a second language.

Mr Horton

Easter Holidays at Wildern Leisure Centre

Coming up this Easter Holiday Wildern Leisure Centre has Children's Multi Sport Activities and Crash Course swimming lessons running over both weeks of the holidays. There will also be extra swimming sessions during the day for the public and all of our facilities will be available to hire during the day as well. You can find a full timetable of our holiday activities on our website;
www.wildernleisurecentre.co.uk.

CHILDRENS MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES

**Mon 10th - Thur 13th April
Tues 18th - Fri 21st April**
Including sports such as:-
**Badminton Basketball
Dodgeball Football
Swimming and more!**

SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

Mon 10th - Thur 13th April

Tues 18th - Fri 21st April

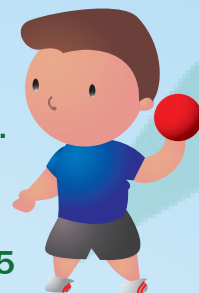
Half an hour every day

Lessons at 9am, 9:30am 10am

£25.00 for the 4 day course

Primary school age+ All abilities

For children 8 - 14yrs.
Book individual days
at £18 or whole
weeks (5 days) at £75



Turn up & play

Mon 10th - Thur 13th April

Tues 18th - Fri 21st April

£2
Muga

£1
Badminton

Reduced rates for hire of the Badminton courts as well as the Muga for under 16 year olds weekdays.

Turn up, check availability, pay and play.

Under 16's only. Adult and child groups will be charged at the full adult price. Price is per person. All bookings are 55 minutes. Subject to availability. Advanced bookings are charged at full price. Offer only applicable for the holiday period and between the hours of 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday.

Memberships at Wildern Leisure Centre

New Benefits

Wildern Leisure Centre's has some fantastic membership options that can include unlimited use of the gym, pool and fitness classes during opening hours. We have a new TeenPlus Membership, which is only £20 a month for 16-19 year olds, that includes unlimited gym and swim with one free fitness class a week. Premier Members can now bring the named children on their account (must be 11 and over) to use the fitness suite with themselves weekdays 4-5pm and 7-8pm and between 12 and 4pm Saturday, 12-4pm Sunday. For more details about memberships contact the Leisure Centre Team.

WILDERN TEENFIT

Tuesdays & Thursdays

3 - 4pm

For any Wildern student
years 7 - 11
£2 per session

Places limited, book at Leisure Centre Reception. Included in Premier Family Membership for named children.



National Pool Lifeguard Qualification training course

**Mon 10th - Thurs 13th
8:30am - 5:30pm**

**Sat 15th
8:30am - 12pm**

£230 per person
includes all registration & exam fees.

£280 per person
includes all registration, exam fees and
AED training.

Exam on Sat 15th
For more information contact the
Leisure Centre

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NEW MEMBERSHIP
FOR 16-19YRS OLDS

**ONLY £20
A MONTH**

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