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by Georgina Atkinson

Welcome to The Vox! We are here to promote and facilitate the student voice amongst ourselves. It's time for Wildern students to finally communicate and support each other. Opinion pieces, how to's, tips and tricks and reviews will keep you informed and best of all, it all comes from us.

That's right, the students of Wildern are taking control of our news and giving us our own platform to be heard from. If you have a burning opinion, write it down and send it in or speak to someone on our team and set up an interview. If you want to help younger years achieve something you never could or want to leave your mark and wisdom, give us some tips on something we can all relate to, anything from relationships to studying.

If you are just feeling creative and want to share your talent send us your work and let us tell the rest of the school, 'Hey look here! You've got to see this!'

Or if you just want to read and feel reflected by the school for once don't forget to check in at the end of the month and find out all about your school from the most important people in it: us.



TIPS FOR A GREAT YEAR

by Hannah Johnson

Congrats! You've made it through primary school and have chosen Wildern to help you through your GCSEs; it's a great choice, but your start on this amazing journey has perhaps been a little rusty, and you want to have the best start to the best year. Read this article to find out some useful tips and advice (given from older years!) on how to make this year your year.

Appearance can be a big worry for many new students, especially younger years - Am I wearing the right stuff? What will others think? Will everyone judge me? What if I get weird looks? Questions like that can flash through your mind fast and leave you stressed - not helpful. Everyone is just as new as you are - your appearance is the least of their worries.

One big wish from Yr 9s and 8s was 'I wish I didn't worry about being told off so much.' There is no doubt that the rules list from Primary to Secondary school at least doubles, and it can seem like the floor is eggshells. But we're on your side - teachers know how hard it is to transition from school to school. Just try your hardest to follow the guidelines, and a little slip-up will go unnoticed.

Organisation will be your best tool at Wildern. But we get so much encouragement to 'Stay organised.', but no help on how to stay organised. Well, here's some tips that we found really useful: Do your self-study on the day it's set; Work in the LRC if you need to be undistracted; Write everything to remember in your planner and check it regularly. Last of all, relax! You got this, so don't worry and try your best!

WELCOME YEAR 7!

by Georgina Atkinson

Welcome Year 7! This is a message to say that we can't wait to see how amazingly you follow in all of our footsteps. You're just starting out and we were once like you but we found our feet and for those still unsure, you will too. Many of you will think of Wildern as a daunting new experience but we promise, it will help you grow, learn and understand in more ways than just academic. The faces you meet here will never leave you even if the events and knowledge do. We hope that you feel as much a part of Wildern as it will become of you.



OPINION POLL

What is your favourite core subject?

1. English
2. Maths
3. Science
4. PE

Make your vote count!
Send your choice to
vox@wildern

Sports Day!

by Jessica Lacey, Melissa Nichols,
Martha Allison, Jekyll Dragmire and
Charlotte Murphy

The Wildern sports day took place on the 15th and 16th of September 2021. The team games were played across the 4 older year groups: with all showing outstanding sportsmanship and excitement. All of the Wildern community were ecstatic at this wonderful event as the Corona virus meant that unfortunately, Wildern could not hold a sports day for the past 2 years.



Like previous years, you can see the determination from each house as they try to get their hands on the 2021 Sports day title and become the winning house. This year was no different as young athletes show their ability with a wide variety of sports as they try to set new Wildern records and be remembered in Wildern's history. The whole of year 11 are in the record book this year, as they were the first year 11's to ever compete in sports day as it was postponed till after September.

As always there are a number of amazing opportunities at Wildern's sports day including activities like high jump, javelin and track and field events including events like the 100m sprint, the 4 person relay, 500m run and many more.

We talked to one of the record holder of javelin for the past 5 years and she stated, "I feel really honoured to uphold the title and have the opportunity to participate in such an amazing and well organised event." Every year she has beaten her record so we asked her if she thought she could beat her year 11 score. "Only time will tell. Everyone gets better with more practice," she told us.

Records were also broken in other events this year such as: Girls Discus which was thrown an outstanding 12.75 metres by Charlotte Gibbs, and in Boys Javelin, 15.7 metres was the distance of Oakley Collins javelin.

The winners of sports day for last year were Alba so they were hoping to keep that title for the second year running and so the 2019 winner Driscoll didn't take their title as Alba have been the record holder for the last 5 years.

The winners of sports day 2021 are Alba with Jubilee coming in at a close 2nd and Paxton in the 3rd. Bedford is also the overall eref winners of 2021.

Well done to everyone that participated and we would also like to give a massive hand to Miss Blackwell, our house captains and to all of the P.E department and staff that organised sports day, making sure the students had an amazing day and supporting their team.



JOB DONE: JEANS FOR GENES

by Edward Addis

Friday 17th September played host to The annual Jeans For Genes day!

The occasion witnessed an incredible amount of both student and staff swap their usual legwear for a range of jean types and colours. Approximately £1200 was raised for Children and families who have to live with the shocking setback that comes with a genetic disorder. These disorders can range from something as well known as Down Syndrome all the way down to Sickle Cell anaemia, which is a disease that can result in blindness and nerve damage through a lack of oxygen in the blood.

We hope we can raise even more next year!

LOCAL FOCUS

by Lillie Girdler

Trojans Hockey Club

Rated- 4.2 stars

- "Very welcoming club"
- "Excellent friendly staff"
- "Welcoming club and good facilities"

Trojans hockey club is in Eastleigh and is one of the biggest clubs in the south of England, they have 8 men's teams and 6 ladies teams and their junior teams are expanding.

TWO SENTENCE TERRORS

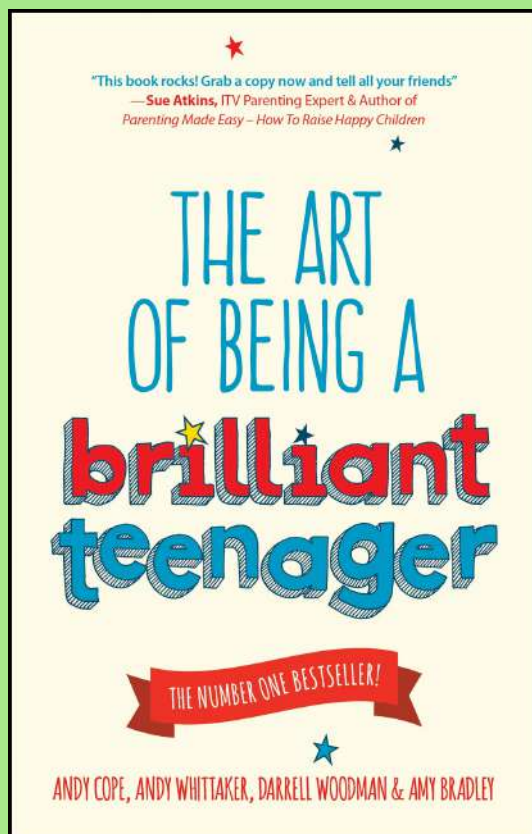
by Abigail Tregear

I went into an abandoned house. There was a feast.

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I was singing in the shower. Then it turned into a duet.

Spooked? Send your own two-sentence terror to vox@wildern.org



LRC BOOK CORNER



by Adam Ribi

The Art of Being an Amazing Teenager

By Andy Cope, Andy Whittaker, Darrell Woodman and Amy Bradley

This non-fiction instructive book allows for anyone (especially teenagers) to gain a better understanding of how actions in young life can impact people later, in adulthood. It also includes colourful drawings and inspirational quotes throughout the pages.

From the start and to the end this short book gives insightful ideas into how you can change your life for the better. As well as embedding key messages of hope and self-worth in every concept or question and chapter.

For people who enjoy an easy read that allows you to understand a little bit more about being a teenager and how to be motivated to succeed. This book is a must read.

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

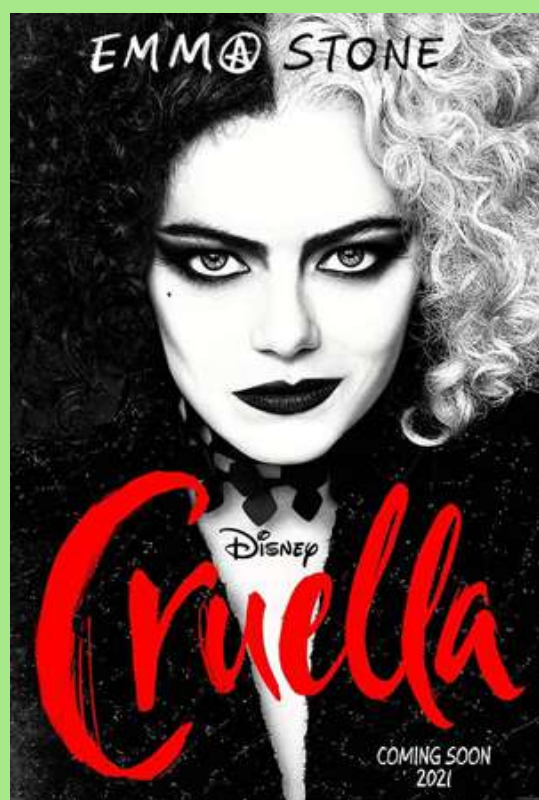
by Denisha Skilton and Caitlin Bryant

Cruella- Age Rating 12A

Starring Emma Stone, Emma Thompson, Joel Fry and Paul Walter Hauser, one of Disney's most recent films shows the life of a fashionista/ villain and two thieves (two brothers who have been thieving whatever they can get their hands on) as they venture their way through 1970s London and through thick and thin featuring the craziest twists and turns including fancy galas, rock concerts and cleaning bathrooms? As well as crazy outfits, lovable pups and of course a lot of revenge. Can't forget to mention the dalmatians and the sweet end credits scene that leaves you wanting more! It is such an awesome and fantastic film and I would really recommend to anyone to watch it!

Our Ratings-> 5/5 Stars :)

(IMDb- 7.4/10 Rating) - Where can I watch it? -> Disney Plus :)



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