



Wildern School

An Introduction to Year 11

**Making the most of the last
year at Wildern**

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Introducing Mr Nash

DOPA Year 11



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts.



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This quote emphasizes the importance of living each day purposefully and making the most of the time we have. Instead of simply letting time pass by, it encourages focusing on meaningful actions, personal growth, and making a positive impact. It suggests that the value of time is determined by the quality of our actions and experiences, not just the duration. This philosophy resonates with your time left at Wildern. Do not be 'that student' who gets left behind whilst others are taking every opportunity afforded to them!



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How does this relate to my child

Child in school

- Attendance
- Being present in lessons
- Engaging in ESP's
- Creating revision materials
- Striving for better

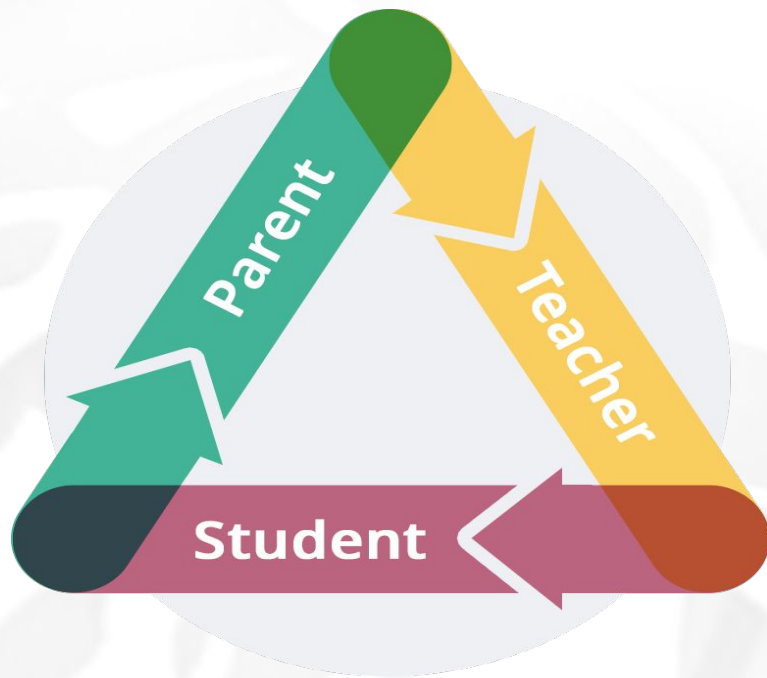
Parents/Guardian's at home

- Supporting the schools systems
- Regularly checking Google applications
- Providing a work space
- Efficient communication





The Triangle of Team!



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Understand the reality that this is year 11

Attendance Matters - be present!

- Physically/Mentally
- 96% attendance = 2 grades better vs
- 80% attendance = 2 grades worse
- If your child isn't in school, their chances of progress reduces
 - If they are off ill, support the recovery
 - Holidays will not be authorised
 - Very exceptional leave only



Behaviours for Learning - Positive behaviours allow all to learn

- Feeling worried about exams is normal, nerves are natural



Lessons Learnt From Previous Years

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PERMANENT.**

- Practice makes permanent - it's how you get better at something
- Attitude is everything – focus, be prepared, ask for help/guidance
- Students may feel tired, under pressure, confused, worried about not achieving
- Hard work does pay off : self-study, regular revision, holiday revision school, ESPs
- Practice exams are important : chance to try out revision strategies
- Revision is about reinforcement, driving new ideas into long term memory
- Students need support to start revising - Year 11 Newsletter will have tips

REVISION

PRACTICE. PRACTICE. PRACTICE

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?



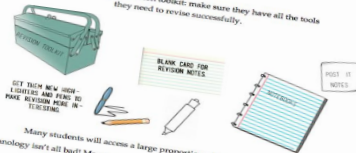
TIPS FOR REVISION PLANNING

When your child is approaching their exams, resisting the temptation to "direct" their revision - or literally arm wrestle them into doing it - can be difficult. Constantly asking the questions like "Have you done any revision today?" can cause arguments and come across as nagging, especially if they are already anxious about their exams.

The secret to doing well is in the planning. Help your child to create a clear revision plan and a way of studying that will make them feel in control of their work.

Here are some simple things that you can do:

- Provide them with a revision toolkit: make sure they have all the tools they need to revise successfully.



Many students will access a large proportion of their revision online. Technology isn't all bad! Many students will use Twitter, facebook, the school WIN revision apps. YouTube and educational websites to help them.

BUT... Get students to switch off their notifications and pop ups whilst they are revising. This avoids temptation and keeps them focused on the task.



A FEW STRATEGIES...



Concept maps are simply tools for organising and representing knowledge. They include concepts, usually enclosed in circles or boxes of some type, with relationships between concepts indicated by a connecting line linking them. Words on the line specify the relationship between the two concepts.

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education anywhere



Use the revision websites, quizzes and the school WIN to access a wealth of resources.

The creation of the game is the initial revision - playing the game embeds and reinforces the learning. Here are just some examples and Ladders, Monopoly and jigsaw puzzles but you can use Top Trump cards, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Rapidough, the list goes on and on!



Keywords/concepts with explanation on...

Students already know, off by heart, a lot of things! For example, their route to school, the layout of their house/bedroom, or even their morning routine. Mind mapping is a revision strategy where you 'map' your concepts/ideas to existing knowledge in your head to visualise all the subject.

GET INVOLVED

Try to be supportive: you can help your child - whether that means making online cards or helping them to organise their revision. Here are some simple things you can do to support them in their revision:

- Offer to help your child to plan their revision, discuss and plan it with them, and then let them take the lead.
- Encourage them to use their revision time wisely and to use it to revise what they need to.
- Find out the revision materials and resources that your child needs to use and then go through the topics together.
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Planning for Revision



- Consider the space for study
 - Environment, room, equipment
 - Music/radio/tv, Social media distractions
- Ways to revise - covered in lessons
- Find what works for your child
- Plan a timetable/schedule
 - Include self-study tasks and activities/commitments outside of school
 - don't forget to build in breaks!
 - be flexible but firm
 - be realistic
- Include ESPs in revision plans

Example Revision Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8am	school	school	school	school	school	TV	French
9am	school	school	school	school	school	English	Break
10am	school	school	school	school	school	Break	French
11am	school	school	school	school	school	English	Maths
12pm	school	school	school	school	school	lunch	Lunch
1pm	school	school	school	school	school	Science	Geography
2pm	school	school	school	school	school	Break	Break
3pm	school	school	school	school	school	Science	History
4pm	Tea & TV	Trampoline	Tea & TV	Drama club	Tea & TV	Break	Tea
5pm	Tea & TV	Tea & TV	Football	Tea & TV	French	Tea	Homework
6pm	Maths	Geography	Technology	English	Out	Out	Break
7pm	English	Science	Maths	RE	Out	Out	Maths
8pm	RE	History	Science	History	TV	Out	Break



How to cope/ How to help

- Expectations matter
- Use deadlines, avoid nagging
- Tough love- discipline needed
 - Social activities
 - Social Media and screen time
 - Put phones away - have device boundaries
- If a student sleeps right, they think right
- Get them out the house
- Reward the effort not the outcome
- Wildern Wellbeing Hub
- Exams booklet
- Parent handbook curriculum pages
- Contact tutor/class teacher
- Attend both parents evenings
- Check Edulink and ask if unsure



What will happen in Summer 2026

Completion of all NEA & Practical Exams in Spring

Bespoke seminar timetable for May/June - expectation attend all

Exams from 7/5/25 - exams booklet to guide you

Shirt signing, leavers assembly and prom - 3/7/25

Students are rewarded with their place at prom following a successful year

- Students may not be invited if any of the following apply:
 - Persistent disruptive behaviour
 - Placed in inclusion
 - Suspensions
 - Unauthorised absence

Results day 20/8/25





Year 11 parent newsletter



*Prepare to Perform Update
What should you be doing now?*



Issue 1 September 2018

“The road to success has many steps”



Welcome to issue one of the Prepare to perform Newsletter. Every month we are going to share with you a snippet of what has been happening at Wildern with a focus on supporting Year 11 students prepare for their GCSE exams.

September Message from Mr Hastings

The summer seems like a distant memory now and already we are well into Year 11. You will no doubt have noticed that this year has a very different feel about it; there is an even stronger focus on learning and the need to engage with all of the support on offer to you. I have incredible faith in each and everyone should you trust us and allow us to guide you through what will be a very busy and challenging year. My clear and simple message to you has always been the same; work hard, accept the help and you will be absolutely fine. I'm excited for you all, bring it on! #leavenothingoutthere

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