

WELCOME TO
WILMSLOW HIGH SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES EVENING
2022



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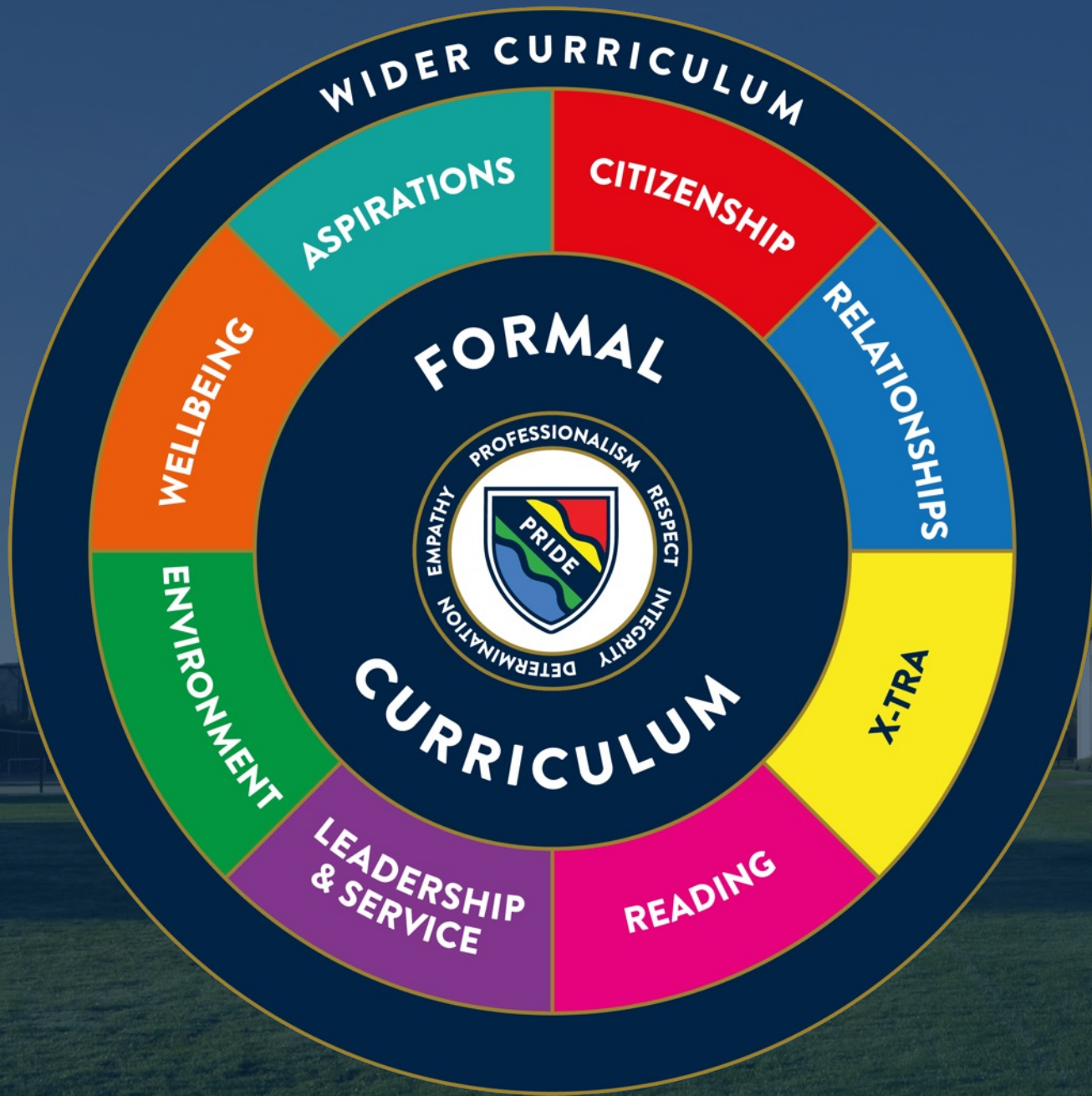


Mr Williams
Director of Sixth Form

“THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
FOR EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY.”



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WHOLE EDUCATION



At Wilmslow High School we believe that our Sixth Form students are entitled to a powerful curriculum that enables them to develop the knowledge, skills and qualities needed to flourish in life, learning and work.



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The Formal Curriculum

- Hours that count towards formal qualifications: 15 periods per week (as a minimum)
- A level/BTEC courses
- All courses are now 2 year linear courses
- A level external examinations are taken at the end of the 2 years
- We are no longer offering AS qualifications over 1 year
- BTEC examinations take place at different points during the 2 year course



BTEC Options

BTEC Extended Certificate – Single Option

- Enterprise & Entrepreneurship
- Information Technology
- Law
- Sport

BTEC Diploma – Double Option

- Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

BTEC Extended Diploma – Triple Option

- Sport



BTEC and A Level UCAS Points

A Level Grade	BTEC National Grade	UCAS Points
A*	D* - Distinction*	56
A	D - Distinction	48
B	-	40
C	M - Merit	32
D	-	24
E	P - Pass	16

Timetable

- 15 Lessons, 2 lessons of enrichment
- 1 Wider Curriculum lesson each fortnight

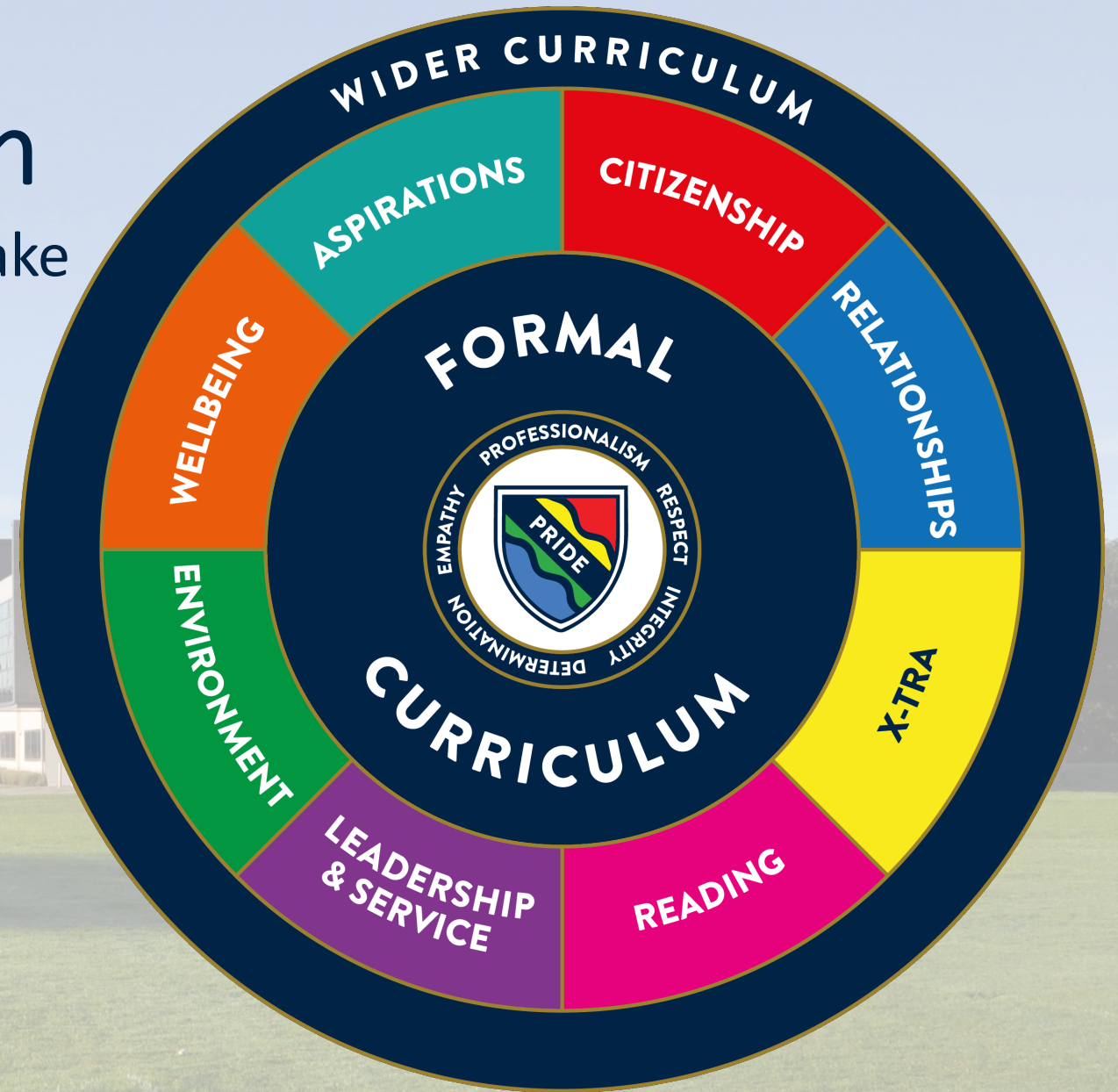
Non-Contact Periods

- There are no such things as “free lessons”
- Exam boards recommend 5 hours of individual study for each subject every week. (15 hours in total)
- The step up from GCSE to A level/Level 3 BTEC courses is huge.
- The students who recognise this straight away and make use of their non-contact periods to complete homework, coursework or revise key topics are the students that are generally successful on these courses.
- All Year 12 students will have at least one compulsory supervised study session each week.
- In some cases we will timetable additional supervised study sessions during students’ non-contact periods to ensure that they keep on top of their work and use their time wisely.
- Supervised and group study areas.



Our Wider Curriculum

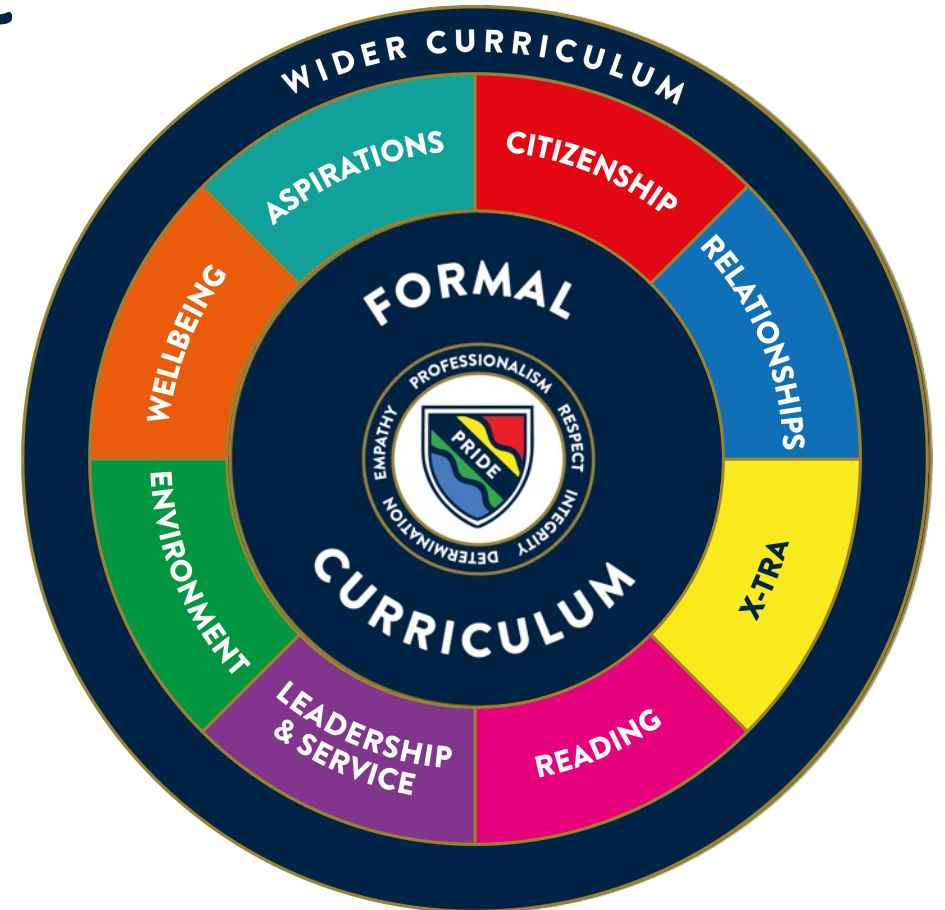
The experiences and learning that take students beyond the classroom



Wider Curriculum Intent

Our **Wider Curriculum** seeks to develop well-informed, healthy and caring Young People of Character who will flourish in life, learning and work.

We aim to empower every student to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to lead safe, happy and fulfilling lives and to make a positive contribution to their community.



Sixth Form Leadership Opportunities

Top 5 skills that employers/Universities look for:

- Critical thinking and problem solving.
- Teamwork and collaboration.
- Professionalism and strong work ethic.
- Oral and written communications skills.
- Leadership.

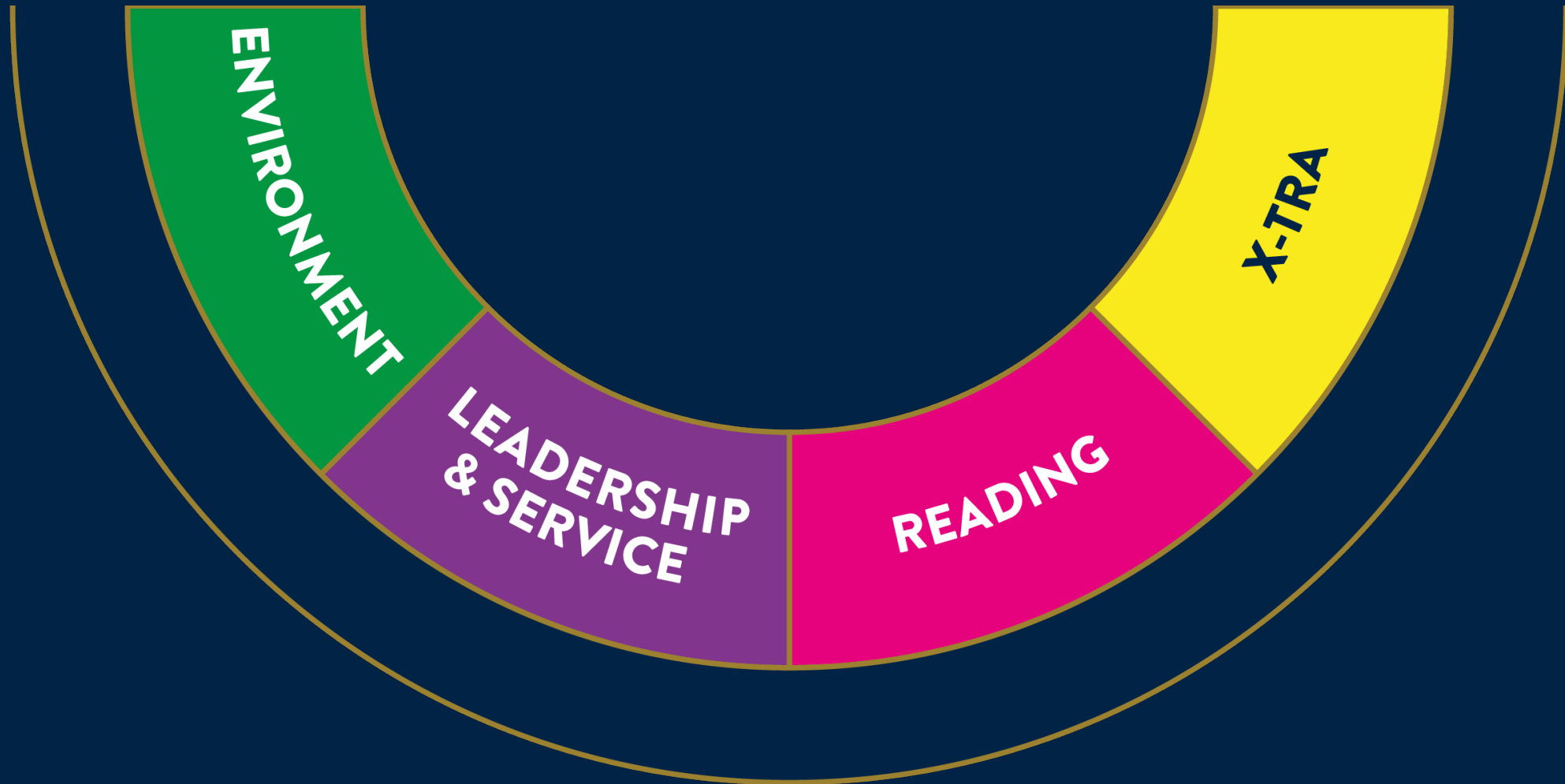
How can students ensure that they make the most of their time at WHS and stand out from the crowd?



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THE WIDER CURRICULUM



Make a difference in the following Wider Curriculum areas



What types of thing can you get involved with?

Working with the SEN team/the Hub/Inclusion/Engage

Mentoring KS3 students (paired reading etc)

Helping with a Wider Xtra club/LGBTQ+/Anti-racism/gender equality

Involvement with Eco-club and school sustainability

Acting as a KS3 form's sixth-form link

Assisting the PE team

Assisting Formal Curriculum teams/Printworks/LRC

Helping run Student Councils/Student Parliament



A woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a black blazer and a lanyard with a badge, stands in the foreground on the right. The background shows a large, modern school building with a glass facade, a green lawn, and several tall light poles under a clear blue sky.

**Mrs Cook
Careers Lead and
Head of Post-16 Guidance**

What do our sixth form students do next?

Year 13 2022 leavers (202 students):

- 150 students gained places in higher education – 74% of the cohort
- 26% of the cohort who started in 2022 went to Russell Group universities
- 2 students to Oxbridge, 2 to study Medicine and 2 Veterinary Science
- Others applying following a gap year (Mrs Cook support)

Non-university routes

Growing number of students following apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship routes.

Examples include:

KPMG

Deloitte

Bentley

Ascendis

HSBC

Muller UK

How do we help students to make the right choices about their post-18 futures?

- Use of online platform Unifrog and connected activities
- Form tutor guidance
- University speakers
- Apprenticeship speakers
- Support from The Pledge, including Employment Readiness Programme for non-UCAS students
- Alumni
- WHS guidance (personal statements etc...)
- Attendance at UCAS convention (March 2023)
- Attendance at Oxbridge convention (March 2023)
- Advice on open days and encouragement to attend these
- Promotion of opportunities in all post-18 destination areas through weekly bulletin and emails
- Specialist careers adviser for individual careers advice appointments
- Early applicant support (Oxbridge, dentists, medics and vets)
- Excellent support for all students with their personal writing

UCAS

Is Wilmslow High School
Sixth Form the best option
for me?

It's
important
to explore
other
options

- Don't come back to the sixth form because it's the easy option
- Don't come back to the sixth form because your friends are coming back
- Do what's right for you
- 24 Year 12 students opted to leave during the last academic year
- T levels or other vocational courses in local colleges
- Apprenticeships

Sixth Form Application Process



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Knowing all students' plans for September 2023

Making **realistic** choices so that we can prepare a **realistic** timetable

Students making the connection between their effort NOW and what we will be able to offer them next August



Post 16 Course Choices 2023-24

Dear Year 11

This is an important year for you. Therefore we want to make sure that we have all the information that we need to offer you the best advice.

We also want to make sure that you have all the information that you need to make the right decisions.

We are therefore asking all our Year 11 students to complete the following form by Friday 3rd December 2021

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Hi, G. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

My plans for September 2023

1. What are your plans for September 2023 *

- I am just applying for Wilmslow High School Sixth Form
- I am applying for Wilmslow High School and other destinations.
- I am not applying for Wilmslow High School.



What next?

- Applications from WHS Year 11 students are made through Firefly.
- Applications from Year 11 students from other schools are made through our website. Link will be on the home page. www.wilmslowhigh.com
- All applications need to be submitted by Friday 9th December
- Application forms will go live from Friday 11th November



What next?

- Please think about the next step after sixth form when choosing your courses. Use the www.ucas.com website to help inform your decision.
- Please seek advice and guidance from teachers and the sixth form team if you are uncertain about choices.
- Please consider the entry requirements for each subject. Are these realistic?
- Sixth Form entry criteria – Five Grade 4-9 in full GCSE or Pass – Distinction in L2 BTEC courses

Entrance Requirements:

- **Five 9 - 4 grades in full GCSE courses**
- **Additionally, individual subjects have their own entry criteria.**



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POST-16 OPTIONS EVENING FEEDBACK

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE US FEEDBACK ON THIS EVENING



ENJOY YOUR EVENING!



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