



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to welcome back our Year 10 students; I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer break. The students have made a good start to the academic year, looking very smart, displaying a mature attitude and a sensible approach to their classes. I would like to invite to join a virtual Teams meeting where I can formally introduce myself alongside each Year 10 Form Tutor on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 17:00.**

In order to join the meeting, please use the link [here](#).

Your child has now started the two-year pathway to gain [entry to WG6](#) to complete their A Level courses. All students joining Year 12 will have completed their GCSE courses and from a maximum of 8 GCSE's must have achieved:

- A MINIMUM of 46 points
- At least a Grade 5 in both English Language and Mathematics
- The subject specific entrance requirements for those subjects you wish to study

**Key dates for your diary:**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Drop down) - Career Work Experience Launch & Unifrog Sign Up
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 - Year 10 Mocks
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (Drop down) - Morrisby Testing & Profile Assessment
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - 16:00–19:30 Year 10 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (All morning) - Whole School Careers and Employer Event
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Year 10 Work Experience starts

This year the form tutor, myself and you, as the parent must work together to ensure that your child takes advantage of all that Wilmington Grammar School for Boys has to offer. In order to achieve this, it is vital that we focus on the following:

- Maintaining good attendance and punctuality
- Continuing the excellent standards of school uniform
- Ensuring independent study is completed and handed in on time
- Maintaining good communication between school and home
- Benefitting from the wide range of extra-curricular activities

In regards to attendance, please be reminded that when a student's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern. As you can see from the table below, even at 95% attendance, nearly 50 hours of learning is lost plus all the benefits of socialising and interacting with peers.



Annual Attendance percentage	Days attended	Days missed	Hours of missed lessons
100%	190	0	0
95%	180.5	9.5	47.5
90%	171	19	95
85%	161.5	28.5	142.5
80%	152	38	190
75%	142.5	47.5	237.5

Ensuring attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal obligation and we are keen to support parents with this, not least because of the huge amount of national data that proves the correlation between good attendance and academic progress. Please continue to report any absence via Edulink.

Punctuality will also continue to be monitored. Please can we ask parents to support us in encouraging good attendance and punctuality.

Finally, we believe communication is the key to building good relationships between school and home and are always keen to meet with parents to resolve matters face to face. We continue to work together and understand that urgent issues can arise but please bear in mind that we cannot see parents who arrive without notice during the school day. Staff are often teaching or in meetings. Please call ahead to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet as we are happy to discuss any ongoing issues on the phone or in person, please allow up to 48 hrs to respond, however, I will endeavour to get back to you sooner.

I am Mr Powell, your child's Head of Year throughout Year 9 and will continue to be their Head of Year this academic year. Ms Mager is now the Student Manager for Year 10. If you wish to contact either of us via email for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so - our emails can be found at the foot of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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