

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw towards the end of the school year, we want to wish everyone a happy and relaxed summer after a very busy year.

We remain extremely proud of those learners who are moving on to their next phase of life, including attending college or going out to work. These outcomes show the tenacity of our learners in challenging themselves academically and socially, and they can leave us with the skills and confidence to branch out.

Annual Survey Results

We've now reviewed all the feedback gathered from our 2024/25 Annual Parent/Carer and Learner Surveys. **Thank you** to everyone who took the time to complete them - your input is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Summaries of the survey results are now available to view on our website www.rbair.org.uk/surveys. We encourage you to take a look and see how your feedback is helping shape our ongoing development.

Survey Results

Curious Connections

From **September 2025** we will be introducing our pre-16 learners to a whole new world of experiences through our **Curious Connections** programme. Join us as we explore other countries and cultures, delve into issues impacting our world, and discover some of the more unusual elements of nature. All of this will be done through problem solving, decision making and teamwork ... but mainly fun!

This weekly session will be added to existing programmes to ensure we are offering a broad and balanced curriculum to learners in KS3 & KS4. More details will be shared at the start of September. Sessions will be held online and in person so nobody needs to miss out ... bring along your sense of curiosity and see where we end up.



Exam Results Information

GCSE/FS Results Day is on **Thursday 21st August 2025, 10:00–12:00**.

During this time window, results can be collected in person at Willow Lodge or at Danbury.

We will email the results over to those who cannot collect in person.

The certificates will arrive in November 2025 and will be posted to your home address. If you are planning to move house, please let us know.

All Examinations Policies are on our website - please follow the link: [Exams Policy Directory](#)

If you have any questions on the results day, you can contact:

Willow Lodge: Gosia Krolak gosia.krolak@rbair.org.uk or 07588 734 906

Danbury: Sam Coles samantha.coles@rbair.org.uk or 01245 905014

Understanding AI Risks



Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming a big part of everyday life, and whilst it can be helpful, it also brings some risks, especially for young people online. From deepfakes to scams and inappropriate content, it's important that learners and their families understand how to stay safe. We've included a fact sheet alongside this newsletter with more information about AI, its risks, and how you can support your young person at home.

Sources of Support During the Summer

It can be useful to be aware of various outside agencies that can support families and young people with a range of issues that might occur. More information can be found on our website

www.rbair.org.uk/additional-support.

All these organisations are free to use and can offer expert help and advice.



End of Term Celebrations



Willow Lodge - End of Term Party

Thursday 3rd July, 2-4pm

(All students are welcome!)

The end-of-year party is being held on the 3rd July at Willow Lodge from 2-4pm.

This is an opportunity to celebrate with our young people and reflect on all they have achieved throughout the year. We will also be saying goodbye to our leavers and wishing them well as they move on to the next chapter in their lives. We are so proud of them all.



Danbury - Mersea Island Visit

Tuesday 8th July

(For Essex-based students)

To celebrate the end of term, we will be taking a trip to Mersea Island on Tuesday 8th July to enjoy some quality time in the sea air, whilst enjoying fish and chips and an ice cream - a good old Essex pastime!



Online Escape Rooms

Thursday 3rd July from 2pm

On Thursday 3rd July, we will be delving into the mysterious world of online escape rooms. We'll head in from 2pm, and we would be thrilled if learners joined us in our efforts to solve the puzzles, and help us escape!

Normal sessions will be cancelled for the afternoon, so anyone who wants to join in would be most welcome.

We've chosen a room from [Wolf Escape Rooms](#). Please check out their site for more information and to see if your young person would like to take part. We're going with Phantom's Hour, which is described as 'family friendly for ages 10+'.

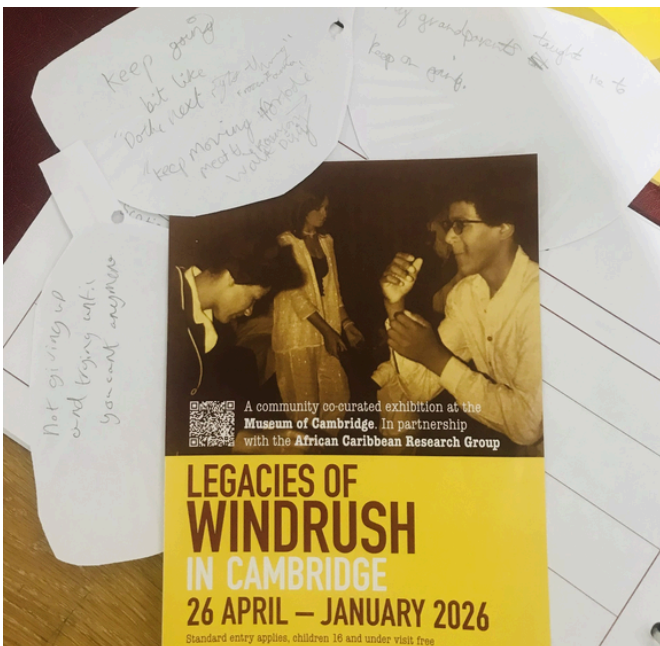
Anyone who would like to take part will need to **sign up on Arbor**, to give us an idea of numbers.

Centre News

Willow Lodge

We've had a really busy half term with lots going on, all focused on social re-engagement - bringing young people together and building positive connections through meaningful activities.

We've been to the Museum of Cambridge, Clip 'n Climb, bowling, had a picnic at Milton Country Park, and been creative with some mug glazing, amongst other things! It's been great to see everyone getting involved and enjoying time together in different ways.



We are looking forward to September and the new academic year, where we will continue to provide opportunities for our learners to meet their peers, interact with others and engage in activities that will gently challenge them and help them build their independence and life skills.

Danbury

We have enjoyed seeing our allotment go through the different seasons this year and trying to grow all sorts of plants and produce, learning as we go. Our mint was particularly successful last month, so we potted these to give to the local community. We even got some cash donations! The weather continues to be a challenge in keeping our plants alive, and the local deer don't help much either!



In social community sessions this term, we have participated in archery, mini-golf and parkour, which all encourage our young people to take risks and challenge themselves. The staff have been known to get quite competitive too!



We wish our leavers every success in their next venture, and we hope they enjoy a restful summer break. To those that are staying, have a happy holiday and get ready for the year ahead!

Term Dates Reminder

Summer Term 2025

We finish the summer term on **Friday 11th July at 3:50pm.**

2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 8th September – Friday 12th December

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Staff Training: Wednesday 3rd September, Thursday 4th September, Friday 5th September

Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 7th January – Friday 27th March

Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Staff Training: Monday 5th January, Tuesday 6th January

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 10th July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

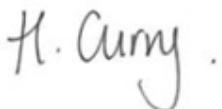
Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Contact Over the Holidays

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will regularly check their emails, so if there is information to pass on, it will be noted. In an emergency, please follow the guidance given in the Out-of-Office email replies.

We look forward to seeing your young person again online from **Monday 8th September** and we wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

With best wishes,



Hannah Curry
Headteacher