

Windsor News and Information



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End of Term and Spring Term Information

On Friday 16th December, the finish time for all students is 12.30pm. Students will have an extended break time and Free School Meal money will be available to spend during this time.

Christmas Holiday runs from 19th December to 2nd January. All students should return to school on Tuesday 3rd January at 9.30am.

Dear Parent / Carer

As the winter months approach, I am aware that some of our young people and their families are facing increasingly challenging circumstances caused by the current cost of living crisis.



I know many of you are having to make some very difficult decisions and are worried about the impact this will have on your children.

I want to reassure you that as a school, we are continuing to look at the different ways in which we can support families. We are reviewing our clubs, extra activities and uniform suppliers to ensure no unnecessary costs are being passed on to families, and looking at how we can subsidise trips or put in place payment plans to help spread the costs.

Preloved uniform schemes, distribution of the LA hardship fund amongst families identified as in need and pastoral support are also available. Furthermore, I thought I would take the opportunity to signpost the Government's ['Help for Households'](#) scheme.

The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, including help with:

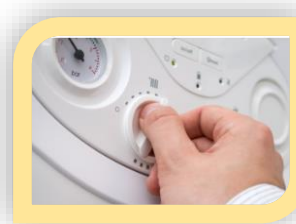
- Household costs
- Energy bills
- Food bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

Help for Households

A range of online tools can help you check quickly and efficiently the support you might be eligible for, and how to access it. I hope the above information is helpful and we will continue to look at ways Windsor High School and Sixth Form can support families. However, if there is anything else you feel we could be doing to provide further assistance at this time, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Mr S R Lanckham
Headteacher



Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr Andi Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.
- **Uniform:** Sales are now online: <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>

Dudley Council Household Support Fund

This scheme is to help if you are struggling to pay your bills due to the cost of living increases. It is a one off payment made to eligible households in Dudley Borough. To apply, you will need to meet certain criteria and complete an application form.

Who can apply:

You can make an application if you live in the Dudley Borough and:



You are the only adult in the household and your gross income, including wages and any other income (for example, pensions and all benefits), is less than £35,000 per year and your savings are less than £6,000.

Or

You are a multi person household (this includes your partner, children or and anyone else that lives with you) and your joint gross income, including wages and any other income (for example pensions and all benefits), are less than £45,000 per year and your savings are less than £6,000. You will also need to tell us why you are struggling to pay your bills. People who are eligible will receive a minimum one off payment of £150.

How to apply:

Once you have logged in to apply for the household support fund, you can either search through a drop-down list for Dudley Council or input a 'quick code' to take you directly through to the application form. The code for Dudley's household support Fund is **425BNP**.

Online applications can be completed via the link: <https://grantapproval.co.uk/>
Full details are available on the Dudley Council Website: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/household-support-fund/>

Dates for your diary

- Monday 12th December – Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December – Character Development Morning
- Thursday 15th December – Winter Music Concert

Student Reminder

Students should hand in valuables (including phones and money) at the start of their PE lessons.

Although the changing rooms are locked during lessons, we cannot be responsible for valuables that are not handed in and locked in our safe.

England Netball Player to visit Windsor High School

On Tuesday 13th December, the current England and Super League netball player, Gabby Marshall will be in school during periods 1-3. There will be an opportunity for any students who are interested in netball to chat with her, and ask questions, at break time in the top gym.



Pledge Week 2023 and Activities Week 2023

If you have not already done so, please submit your Agreement Form (that was sent out via Parentmail on 18th November) for your child's allocated place on Activities Week and Pledge Week. Forms should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than today, Friday 9th December.

There is a waiting list for some activities, so if an Agreement Form is not received by 9th December, places may be reallocated.

There are a limited number of spaces remaining on some activities; if you have any queries or would like to find out what spaces are still available, please contact Mrs Edwards.



Christmas Card Competition

Thank you for all the entries for the Windsor High School Christmas Card competition.

The winner, chosen by Mr Lanckham, will be announced next week, and will have their design made into cards to represent our school.

There will also be runners up in KS3, KS4 and KS5.

Good luck!



Sixth Form Application Deadline



Reminder: The deadline for Year 11 students to apply to Sixth Form is Monday 12th December 2022.

Scientist of the Week

Below is a list of students who have excelled in Science over the past week. They have been nominated by their teachers and will receive a certificate from them. Well done to all the students listed below.



Year 7

Will F - Nominated by Mrs Hampton
 Coby F - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Jessica S - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Yusif Al-S - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Freya S - Nominated by Mr Golding



Year 8

Sophie W - Nominated by Mrs Hampton
 Hannah C - Nominated by Mr Golding



Year 10

Hannah B - Nominated by Mrs Hampton
 Cadan T - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Brandon C - Nominated by Mr Golding
 Isabelle S - Nominated by Mrs Hampton



Year 9

Malikah M - Nominated by Mrs Hampton
 Katie W - Nominated by Mr Dasour



Year 11

Ruby R - Nominated by Mrs Hampton
 Charlie V - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Georgina -May R - Nominated by Mr Dasour
 Nicky W - Nominated by Mr Golding

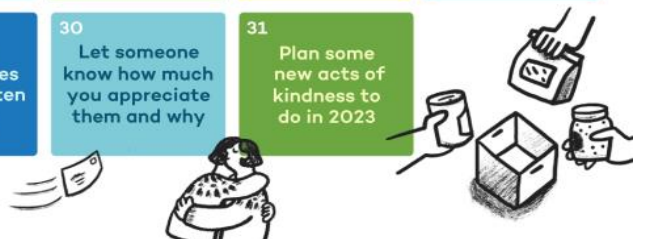


Kindness Calendar

This December, you can help make things better with simple acts of kindness. Even little things can make a big difference, like asking someone how they are and really listening, or sending a friendly message.

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	 1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	 2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	 3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	 4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
 12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	 13 See how many different people you can smile at today	 14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	 8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	 9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	 10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	 11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
 19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	 20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	 21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	 15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	 16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	 17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	 18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
 26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	 27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	 28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	 22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	 23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	 24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	 25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
			 29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	 30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	 31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023	



Student Reports

Parents / carers of Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students will receive progress reports next week by email.

Parents / carers of Year 11 students will receive a mock exams report by email.

All student progress reports / mock reports are now sent in this way, so please ensure that your email address is up to date.

Please let us know of any changes to your details by emailing the school using the following email address (And not Parentmail): info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk



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December's Online Support Suggestion



Please click on the link below to take you to this Place2Be resource.

[How to support your child's mental health - https://www.place2be.org.uk](https://www.place2be.org.uk)

We have created a wellbeing page on our website where we will regularly add support materials for parent / carers to access. Please click the link at the bottom of this article to look at this guidance for mental health concerns.

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/student-welfare-and-personal-development/wellbeing/>

School meals

Don't forget students can top up their accounts by cash at the pay stations in school.

Students in receipt of free school meals automatically have the funds topped up each day.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and are not currently receiving them you can apply online through our website - <https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively you can ask at reception for a form.



Year 8 Logo Designs

This week, Mr Harris' Year 8 Graphics students have been creating logo designs for a music themed outcome. These are a handful of student designs created by combining sketch ideas with Adobe Photoshop skills.



Georgia A



Aya A



Hannah C



Heidi F



Ronan C



Jenson H



Archie P



Isabella T

French Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Charlotte R, Cara W, Cerys J, Harry L, Max K, Emmie C



Year 8 – Hollie W, Sophie W, Lyndon S, Shayma A, Sophie T, George G, Ella J

Year 9 – Lacey M, Alyssa S, Amelia R, Jaimey P, William B, Thomas W

Year 10 – Jonathan K, Nasma A, Sama A, Isla-Mae S, Sabila B, Oliver R

Year 11 – Bobbie H, Lily T, Isobel P

Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Maya H, Lily W, Erin J, Gethin G, Taman S, Chloe J, Aryam H, Daniel B, Harvey W, Hannah S

Year 8 – Isaac B, Charley T, Jack M, Charlotte S, Helena F, Olivia G

Year 9 – Jayden Z, Daria B

Year 10 – Thomas H, Suha H

Year 11 – Lamyh A, Jake G, Lexie C, Isaac S, Megan B, Samir A, Louie G, Aizah N



German Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Libby M, Flo S

Year 8 – Jenson H, George P, Caitlin B, Carlee P, Erin C

Year 9 – Sameer N, Lola M

Year 10 – Ben G, Jay S, Hannah B

Year 11 – Keone J, Tahmeed M



Can you please make sure your child brings a drink to school.

They should bring a full bottle which they may refill with water from the cool water dispensers around school during break times.

Thank you for your support.

