

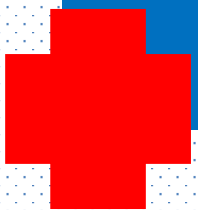


# Windsor High School and Sixth Form



## Year 7 PLEDGE WEEK

15 – 19 JULY 2024





# The WAT Pledge

**Expanding learning beyond the classroom  
and unlocking academic and personal potential.**

We endeavour to stretch, challenge and develop students academically, socially and personally. To enable students to succeed, we pledge to offer and expose our students to 12 opportunities.



**Become a first aider**



**Take part/perform in a musical or sporting event**



**Raise money for charity**



**Sleep under the stars**



**Visit the sea**



**Take part in a Duke of Edinburgh style expedition**



**Take part in a residential**



**Visit a historical landmark**



**Visit a theatre/museum**



**Visit a higher education establishment**



**Present to more than 30 people**



**Take part in work-based experience**



**Unlocking Academic and Personal Potential**



Dear Parent/Carer

In the last week of the summer term, 15 - 19 July 2024, we are holding our Year 7 Pledge Week. After consultation and feedback from students who participated in previous Pledge Weeks we have planned a varied and exciting week of activities for Year 7 students.

We have considered the students' voice and requests for activities that they would like to participate and engage in and have put together a programme which will allow students to gain new skills, experience new environments and importantly have fun with their peer group in a non-traditional curriculum environment. The aim of this week is to develop personal qualities and characteristics: confidence, leadership, organisation, taking responsibility, co-operation and resilience in a non-traditional classroom setting.

Currently, the activities that have been planned for the students are as follows:

- A day trip to the seaside.
- An opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument.
- A day participating in outdoor and adventurous activities at Baggeridge Park.
- Learning First Aid including CPR.
- An opportunity to develop presentation skills and present to an audience.
- A trip to the cinema

There is a cost in running this programme for students, therefore we are requesting a contribution of £85 for students to participate in Pledge Week. This cost covers all activities and transport to and from external venues. If the cost of the trips cannot be covered by contributions then the programme will not be able to go ahead as planned. A deposit of £35 will be required and we will **contact you separately regarding this**. For now, in order to request a place on Pledge Week, please complete and submit the Agreement Form (link included in the ParentMail) by **Friday 10 November**. Further details regarding the week will be sent out throughout the year.

Although the activities offered are outside of the normal curriculum, this week is an integral part of the school calendar and there is an expectation that every student will participate and attend regularly. Students who do not participate in the above Pledge Week will be placed on the on-site Windsor Project.

The booklet offers a guide to the process and methods of payment for Pledge Week.

If you have any questions, please do contact us.

Yours faithfully



Miss C Sparrow  
Assistant Headteacher

## **Process and Payments**

Please complete and submit the Agreement Form (link included in the ParentMail) by **Friday 10 November**.

In the event of any unavoidable cancellation of places, after payments have been made, the issue of refunds will be considered by the School on a case by case basis. The decision as to whether or not a full or part refund can be made will depend upon the individual circumstances of the cancellation and the financial commitments involved in each individual trip. Parents and students will appreciate that once the school has confirmed bookings for trips and activities, the school is liable for associated costs. Therefore, it is not possible for the school to absorb the charges that may result due to cancellation. In most instances of cancellation (with the exception of illness, which is medically certified) all payments made are non-refundable.

### **Payments**

In accordance with the arrangements for collection of all monies being paid into school, deposits and subsequent instalments for Pledge Week should be paid online via ParentMail which is our preferred method of payment. Once your child has been allocated to Pledge Week, you can pay online via ParentMail by clicking 'Payment' and viewing your 'Shop'. If you are unable to pay via Parentmail, payments can be made by cash (correct amount only as we are unable to give change), however this will delay the processing of payments. Payments should be handed to Student Reception in an envelope clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name, tutor group and details of purchase (i.e. Pledge).

Using our Classcharts Rewards system, students with 300 Rewards points can request that they receive a contribution from school towards the cost of Pledge Week. This is subject to availability and applies to Rewards gained from September to 31 May. Reward contributions will reduce the amount outstanding after the deposit for the activity has been paid. Students may only receive one Rewards points contribution towards Pledge Week.

### **Refunds**

Every effort is made to ensure the estimated cost of activities is accurate and the school's policy is not to make a profit. There may be occasions when after making all associated activity payments a small surplus remains, if this situation arises, the remaining funds will be retained and contributed to future school activities.

### **Deposits**

A non-refundable deposit of £35 will be payable by **31 January 2024**. We will contact you separately to request this.

## **General Overview**

### **Rationale**

Windsor High School and Sixth Form, like many other Schools throughout the country, designate the final week of each Academic Year as “Activities Week”, in which all students should take part. In line with school policy, this is a full, educational week and any holiday requested during this time will be an unauthorised absence.

Throughout the planning and delivery of Activities Week parents and students can be assured that Windsor High School and Sixth Form regards the welfare and safety of its students as paramount. To ensure this, some important aspects are detailed below.

### **Parental Consent**

Parental consent forms must be completed for all visits involving students going off-site. It is important to include on this form any relevant up to date medical information and 24 hour emergency contact numbers. We will contact you at a later date to gain consent and the most up to date medical information.

### **Staffing**

In school, activities will be staffed by teaching and support staff. Where students are involved in specialised activities, qualified specialists will be employed.

Out of school activities involving non-hazardous activities will be staffed on a ratio of one member of staff for up to twenty students. All mixed gender groups will include at least one male and one female member of staff.

The ratio of staff for ‘hazardous’ activities is 1:10.

### **Transport**

All minibuses and coaches used during Activities Week will adhere to recommended guidelines on vehicle proficiency and passenger safety and will be fitted with seatbelts.

### **Insurance**

Insurance cover for all activities is provided by the School’s General Travel Insurance Policy. If parents wish to see further details of this policy please contact the school.



# Activities



A day trip to the seaside.

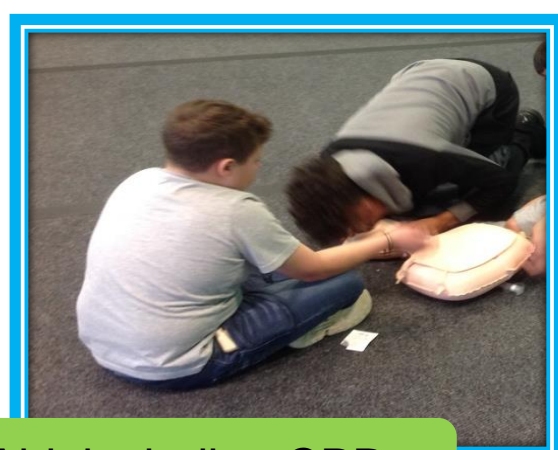


An opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument.





A day participating in outdoor and adventurous activities at Baggeridge Park.



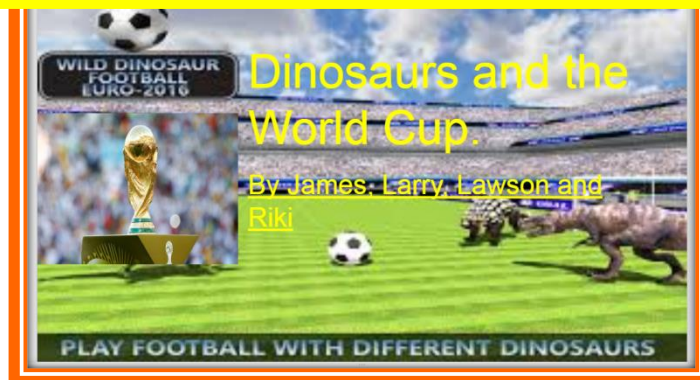
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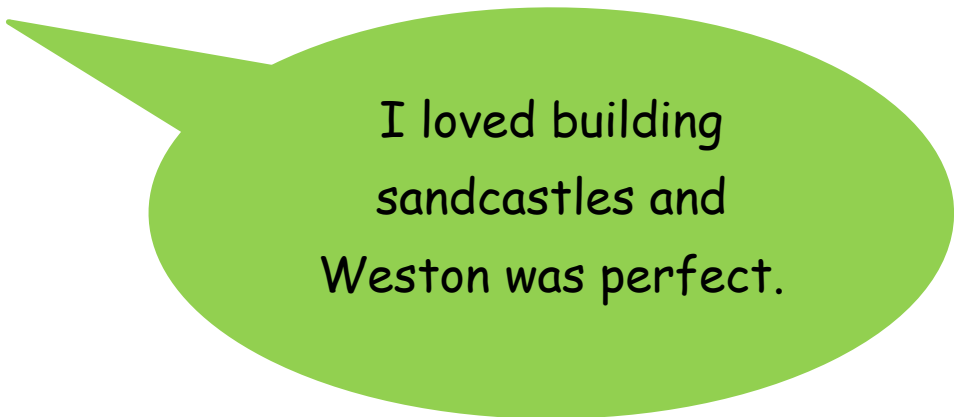


## Comments from previous Pledge Weeks

What some of our students said...




First aid  
taught us  
life  
saving  
tips.




I loved building  
sandcastles and  
Weston was perfect.



It was nice to  
watch a  
movie with  
friends.



I liked the  
high ropes  
because I  
challenged  
myself.



I loved the  
presentation  
because you  
could choose  
your own topic.



**Activities  
were fun.**



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