

Windsor News and Information



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- Monday 4th December - Winter Dance Production.
- Friday 8th December - INSET Day - School closed to students.

iPad Update



Please remind your child that they must bring their iPad to school every day and that it should be fully charged every evening. Whilst we have some loan devices available for students who may forget devices on the odd occasion, these are limited in supply and only available on a first come first serve basis.

Please encourage your child to therefore be prepared so that their learning is not hindered.

Miss G Raindi - Senior Deputy Headteacher

After last year's amazing collection, we are keen to support the Black Country Toy Appeal again this year in collaboration with Halesowen BID. We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to make any kind of donation from the list below to send those items into school between now and 7th December, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID. Items can be taken to Mr Morley, Mr Jackson, Mrs Proctor, Sixth Form study room, Mr Lea or Mrs Pedley before school or during morning registration. There will also be a box in the staff room.

What's needed: New unopened items only please
(We cannot accept used items for health and safety reasons).



Food / Toiletries / Blankets / Wrapping Paper: Any food items and toiletries including deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products. Toiletry sets for teens, new fleecy blankets to snuggle under, wrapping paper and gift bags.



Toys / Gifts / Sweet Treats: Books, Games, Toys, Colouring Books, Felt Tip Pens and Crayons, Crafty stuff e.g. Paints, Chocolates, Sweets, Selection Boxes or Boxes of Biscuits.



School Stuff or Clothing 0-18 Years : School Trousers / Skirts, School Jumpers, School Shirts / Polo Shirts, School Bags, Sports Kit Bags, Notebooks / School Stationery. Pyjamas or Dressing Gowns, Slippers, Pants, Socks, Vests, Coats, Jumpers, Cardigans, Jeans, Leggings, Trousers, Shoes, Boots or Trainers.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently and you are now in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit and Income Support, then you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child. Even if your circumstances have only changed for the short term, you still have the right to apply.



Please scan this QR code for more information on Dudley Councils website. The QR code also has a link for the application form. If you require assistance or would like support completing the form, please contact us directly by email info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr A. Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.

Spotlight on 'Book Chat' (Years 7 and 8)

Book Chat meets fortnightly on a Wednesday, from 3.15pm to 4.00pm to share a love of books and reading. In most meetings the group discusses the current book they are reading or, they will read a book from the Dudley Children's Book Award shortlisted titles.

One student said "I like going to Book Chat because I like reading, talking about our favourite books and what we are currently reading."

Mrs Wood is also part of the UKLA judging panel for the 11 to 14 Age Group Awards; she shares what she is reading and encourages the students to read and use their thoughts to give her feedback, for the selection process. Students from Years 7 and 8 are welcome to come along to Book Chat.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th December.



TEAMWORK

Year 9 Rugby

Our Year 9 Rugby players competed in the DK Rugby Tournament last week. Schools were split into pools of five teams and our students won every game comfortably that they played in our pool.

Very impressive performance from all involved and the team represented the school brilliantly!



Flu Immunisation - Years 7 to 11



Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to complete the Flu Nasal Spray or IM alternative (porcine free injection) immunisations on **Thursday 7th December 2023**.

Warmer and Safer Homes This Winter Guide

As the weather turns colder, Dudley Safeguarding have issued a guide providing tips and information on how to stay warmer and safer this winter.

Please see the guide attached to this newsletter for more information.



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 10 – Lily P, Evie F, Kainan S, Owen H, Megan B, Piper H, Sadah K, Sam S, Evie C, Harry M.

Year 11 – All of our Year 11 students for their hard work in their mock speaking exams this week.



A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to our Food Bank Appeal for **Black Country Food Bank**.

We collected a significant amount of food and some of our prefects helped organise the delivery to the food bank on Tuesday.

It's fantastic that we have been able to give back to our local community. Well done!



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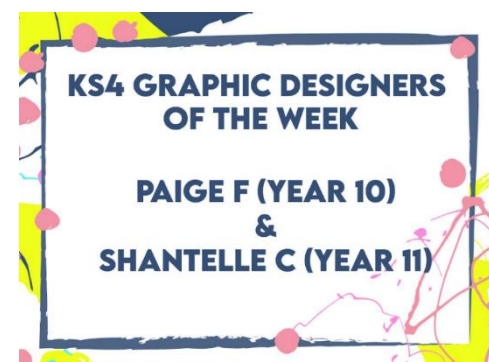
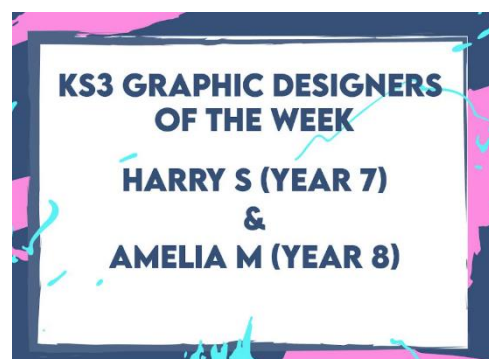
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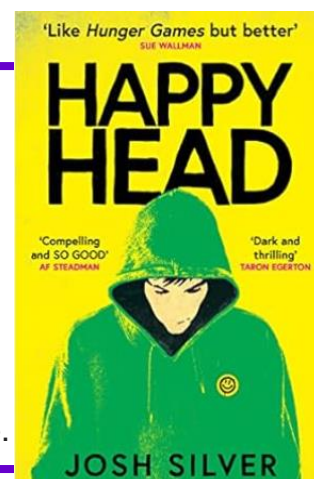
Monday 11th December 2023 - St Margaret's Church, Hasbury.
7.00pm - 8.00pm (Doors open to audience members at 6.30pm). Everybody is welcome!



Recommended Read

Windsor recognises the importance of reading and to continue to raise the status of reading in school. We have asked staff to share their recommended reads with students and staff.

This week's recommendation is Happy Head which is a Young Adult Dystopian Novel. Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness; the deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it's clear there may be no escape.



Year 8-9 Halesowen, Stourbridge and Dudley Schools Girls Football

On Tuesday 21st November at Leasowes School the girls played two tough games in the Year 8-9 Halesowen, Stourbridge and Dudley Schools Girls Football 7 a side League.

The results are below:

Windsor V OSH A Lost 4-0
Windsor V Earls Drew 0-0

The girls have played six, won three, drew two and only lost one. Congratulations to the team. Good luck for your remaining games!

Mrs Rhooms & Miss Bird



A huge well done to all Year 11 Enterprise students who delivered a fantastic Enterprise presentation in front of two assessors as part of their NEA unit.

All the students demonstrated excellent communication skills and were so polite and well-spoken.

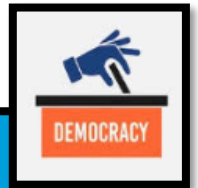
We have really enjoyed watching their presentations and are very proud of them!

The Business Department



New Politics Club

Calling all students! Come and debate, discuss and let your voice be heard. We have a new politics club that will run every Tuesday after school in P2.



Initial Teacher Training at WAT

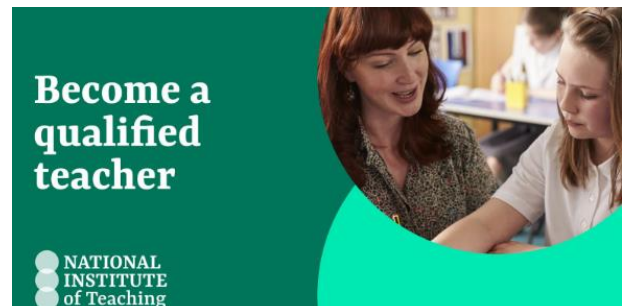
As part of WAT's partnership with the National Institute of Teaching as an Associate College, we are proud to announce that from September 2024 we will be offering our own teacher training provision.



Applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our September 2024 intake. Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school-centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 12 schools or at one of the six Dudley Academy Trust schools.

Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school.

Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week. All of our teacher training courses lead to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and 60 Master's Level credits.



Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#). You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NIoT at WAT. To find out more, please email us at teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk



Christmas is just around the Corner...



Coming to Richmond's from 4th December 2023...

Our mischievous Buddy The Elf will be in Richmond's throughout December.

The best way to spread christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear, so come and join us for lots of Christmas fun and look for out Buddy's daily festive treats!

Candy cane cornflake cakes
Gingerbread Elves

Coconut snowballs
Chocolate yule log

Windsor Catering Staff would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Free mental health support for students in Secondary School

Wysa is an AI wellbeing coach that has been commissioned by Black Country Health NHS Foundation. This service is open to residents of Sandwell, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall.

Wysa Premium is **FREE** for 12-18 year olds. Attached to this newsletter is a guide providing more information about Wysa. To access Wysa's 24/7 mental health support with 150+ self-help tools and exercises you need to scan the QR code for the area you live in. Please note, the QR code on the guide attached to this newsletter is for people who live in Sandwell **only**. If you live in Dudley, Wolverhampton or Walsall please use the QR codes below to access support.

Wolverhampton

Scan the QR code, input code BCWO2023 (for IOS), complete the short form and access Wysa Premium!



Sandwell

Scan the QR code, input code BCSEA2023 (for IOS), complete the short form and access Wysa Premium!



Walsall

Scan the QR code, input code BCWA2023 (for IOS), complete the short form and access Wysa Premium!



Dudley

Scan the QR code, input code BCDU2023 (for IOS), complete the short form and access Wysa Premium!



Activities Week and Pledge Week - Deadline Approaching

Allocation letters have been sent out on Parentmail. Please review your child's allocation and confirm acceptance **by Friday 8th December**.

Some activities are oversubscribed so places not accepted by then may be offered to other students. There are a limited number of places available on the following activities:-

Art and Fashion Week
Basketball Week
Daytripper Year 8
Daytripper Year 10
Football Week (On-site)
Football Week (Valencia)
Golf Week
Graphics Week
Jewellery and Craft Week
London Theatre Experience
Pledge Week (Year 7 only)
Tantalising Travel
Work Experience (Year 10 only)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Edwards.

