

Windsor News and Information



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Dates for your
diary

- Thursday 23rd January: Year 11 Parent's Evening.
- Thursday 23rd January: Character Development Periods 3 and 4.

ATTENTION

Student Progress Reports



From 2025 ALL student progress reports will be sent to parents/carers via email. Please make sure the school holds a current up to date email address and notify the school of any changes by emailing: info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter



This guidance offers a reminder to ensure consistent and efficient communication between parents/carers and school and will help us to continue our strong home-school relationship and clarify expectations to ensure that we are mindful of staff workload and wellbeing.

The Windsor Communication Charter can be found on our website by clicking this link: www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/assets/Windsor-Communication_Parent-Charter-Oct-2024-v2.pdf

IMPORTANT

Student Reception - Reminder



A reminder that student reception is **closed during lesson times** other than for those students who require **urgent** medical attention or need to leave the school site for an agreed appointment.

If we hold medication in school for your child this should be taken **during the student reception opening times** below unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Student reception will be open at the following times:

Before School: 8.30am – 9.10am **Break:** 10.50am – 11.05am
Lunch: 12.50pm – 1.25pm **After School:** 3.10pm – 4.15pm



Students who are unwell or injured: Students who are ill should go to their Head of House or the Pastoral Office to decide whether they need to go home or remain in school. Students often self-present for first aid with a bump/bruise which will hurt initially but doesn't require first aid treatment.

Due to the volume of students we treat, we will triage and send students to lessons if it is felt they do not require first aid treatment.

Student Timetables: Student Reception **will no longer be printing out** timetables for students. Student timetables are available on Arbor on their iPads.

Cups: We do not issue students with cups and therefore do not expect any students to make this request. All students should bring a reusable water bottle into school, which can be refilled at the one of the several water dispensers.



Drinks are also available to purchase from Richmond's.

Lost Property is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the tutor bulletin.

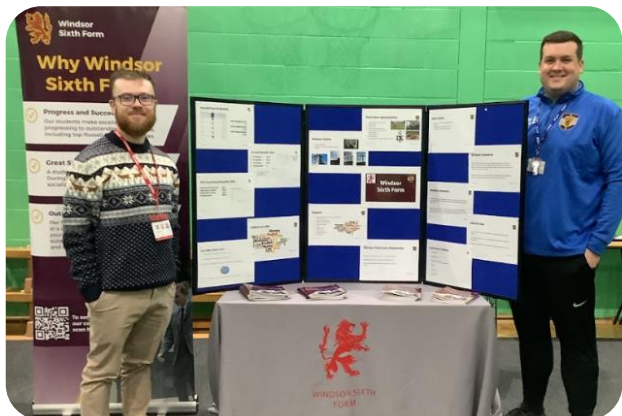
Year 10 Careers Fair



On Wednesday 18th December 2024, we were delighted to welcome a variety of colleges and training providers to our school for the Year 10 Careers Fair. The purpose of the event was to help students explore their options following Year 11. Students had designated time to meet with representatives from: -

Windsor Sixth Form / Dudley College / Halesowen College / Sandwell College / Kidderminster College / SCL College (Dudley) / LMP Education / West Midlands PA Forum / Savient Limited (Intelligent Software Solutions) / ASK Apprenticeships (Amazing Apprenticeships) / Windsor High School and Sixth Form Alumni Students.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended, and we hope our Year 10 students found this opportunity enjoyable and beneficial!



See yourself as a

Journalist?

With excellent written and verbal communication skills, gained by studying a new language, you can excel as a journalist, reporting on stories both within the UK and abroad, using language skills to gain a deeper understanding of cultures around the world.



Learn a Language!

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Update of Student Details



Please remember to update us of any changes to:

- Your emergency contact details
- Home address
- Email address
- Your child's medical needs

Please send notes of any student amendments to student reception via your child. Alternatively you can email: info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Please ensure the email is sent for the attention of the Pastoral Administration staff.



Label Uniform/Equipment



A polite reminder to please ensure uniform and any items brought into school have your child's name on to help keep lost property to a minimum.

IMPORTANT

Work Experience Reminder – Deadline for placements is in five weeks!



A reminder to Year 10 students taking on work experience during Activities Week (14th-18th July 2025):

You need to be looking for and securing placements! Please speak to family, friends and people around you - it might be that someone you know can take you on for work experience.

Students taking part in work experience also need to ensure that they and their parents/carers have read the work experience email sent to them on Arbor, and completed the EV6 form (link to that form is at the bottom of the work experience email).

Once you have found and agreed a placement please log onto Unifrog with your school email address (reset your password if necessary). Once logged in, find the grey 'placements' tile to complete your initial work experience form.

The deadline for requesting approval for work experience placements is Friday 14th February 2025.

If your child can no longer take part in work experience please inform Mrs Brookes and Mrs Edwards ASAP, as although Activities Week is 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 daily.

Good luck in finding your placements and please remember that placement details must be entered onto Unifrog. – Mrs Brookes

As part of Windsor Academy Trust's (WAT) partnership with the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT) as an Associate College, applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our September 2025 intake. Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 15 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.



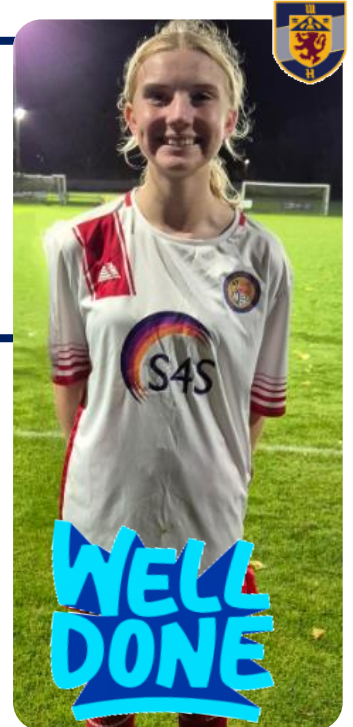
Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#). You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NlOT at WAT. To find out more, please email us at teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk



Congratulations!

One of our students, Amy, has been selected to play at the County level for the under 14 girls West Midlands County football team.

Playing in her first game, she contributed to her team's 5-1 victory against Oxford. Well done Amy! We are very proud of you!



IMPORTANT

Year 11 Parents Evening

On Thursday 23rd January, we will be holding our Year 11 Parent's Evening from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Bookings will go live on the Arbor app for Year 11 students on Monday 13th January at 6.00pm.

Further information will be sent out separately on Arbor.



Sparx Maths

Well done this week to 11I/Ma2 who have completed the most tasks over the holiday working on their areas of weakness from their Mock QLA.



Homework is set every Thursday and is due the following Wednesday at 9am.



Homework contains some tasks they will have studied within the last week and then will also revisit some topics from the previous weeks that are personalised.

You will get an email from SPARX on a Sunday to give you an update on that week's homework.

Students in your school have completed

7,144 hours

of personalised learning
on Sparx Maths this year!

322,805

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far
this year



We are pleased to launch our latest list of Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities for the new term. We hope that there is something for everyone to enjoy and that it gives students the opportunity to try something new.

Clubs are free to join and students can try as many as they wish to. If students have any queries or questions about these clubs, the teacher who runs that club will be happy to answer them.

Extra-Curricular clubs provide a great deal of enrichment for our students so we would encourage all students to take advantage of the array of activities on offer. Please find the list of Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities attached to this newsletter.

JusTalk Kids



JusTalk Kids – billed as a child-friendly version of the JusTalk social networking platform, boasts a strong community of younger users, with approximately 20 million accounts having been created on the app.

In theory, it's a social media site designed specifically for children and young people and should avoid many of the usual risks associated with other platforms.

In practice, however, it's important to note that JusTalk Kids has its fair share of online safety concerns.

You'll find expert advice on the hazards in the app, and how to safeguard the children in your care as they use it in the guide attached to this week's newsletter, empowering you to make a young user's time on the platform as secure as possible.

Polite Request

If your child is suffering from a cold, hayfever, etc. can parents / carers please ensure that they are carrying tissues in their bags or blazers.

This is to avoid students having to leave lessons to get a tissue and therefore missing valuable learning time.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Spotlight on 'Chess Club'

Chess Club takes place every Wednesday lunch time in P3. All year groups are welcome and you can put your skills to the test against each other and teachers!

Chess is a game of strategy and problem solving and also great fun, so bring your lunch and come along for a game!

Please speak to Mrs Finch for more information.

