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Dates for your diary

Thursday 16 th February	Character Development Afternoon
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February	Half Term

Year 9 Parents' Evening: Thursday 2nd March 2023 - Key dates for the booking process through ParentMail



Friday 10 th February	Parentmail message will be sent to advise you of the process for booking Year 9 parents' evening appointments. It is a straightforward process but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/ If you would like support with your bookings please contact the school on 0121 550 1452.
Monday 13 th February at 6:00pm	Appointments are live on ParentMail.
Thursday 23 rd February	Appointments close – you will not be able to make appointments after this time.
Wednesday 1 st March	Appointment times are emailed to you via ParentMail as a reminder – please bring this information with you on the 2 nd March (appointment times will not be available on the evening).

Due to Health & Safety and Safeguarding, please **do not** arrive before 4.15pm, please enter through the Science foyer to register your attendance.

You will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments – if you would like us to send you a registration email, please contact school with your email address.

Year 9 DTP & MenACWY: Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February 2023

Year 9 Meningitis ACWY & DTP Vaccinations are due to take place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February 2023.



Year 9 parents/carers have been sent a ParentMail with the relevant information and a link to the e-consent form to complete.

The deadline for completing the e-consent form is **Thursday 16th February 2023.**

Royal Academy of Arts

The Royal Academy of Arts is looking for artwork from 4 to 19 year olds for their annual summer exhibition. Work can be submitted in any media and any size with the deadline being the 29th March.

If you would like to be part of this UK wide competition and have your artwork displayed in a national gallery for all to see, come and speak to Miss Dovey in M2 to talk through your ideas.

It would be great to have as many pieces of artwork sent off as possible with an opportunity to highlight all the amazing creativity Windsor students have to offer.

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/>

Safer Internet Day

As you will have probably seen, we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school this week as part of our ongoing work to keep our children safe in person and online. Please click this link to access the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Below is some further guidance regarding keeping safe on the internet:



1) Start a conversation

An open and honest conversation is often the first step in keeping your child safe online. It also plays an important role in supporting them if something has gone wrong. Talk to your child about what has happened, how they feel, and what the next steps are for you to take as a family. Keeping your child in the loop about what you are going to do to resolve the situation can help them to feel in control and can help them to feel like they can come to you with their problems.

2) Be curious, not furious

Remaining calm and asking questions like 'how did you get to that?' or 'what did you click on?' will help you to understand how the content has appeared in the first place. Children will often remember the immediate response from an adult – remaining calm and open will show them that you are someone they can turn to for help.

3) Try not to place blame

It may be that your child has clicked on something by mistake or even gone looking for the content on purpose. Either way, it is still important to remain calm and be supportive. Children are curious and may hear about things from others that they later search for without realising what they will be exposed to.

Free School Meal Vouchers

As per the Government directive, Free School Meal vouchers are to be issued to families for the February Half Term break. The process is unchanged and vouchers will be sent for eligible students on Wednesday 15th February 2023. If you are new to receiving Free School Meals the process is as follows:

Step 1 - Click on the link received from evouchers.com.

Step 2 - Enter your email address or mobile number to claim your voucher.

Step 3 - Confirm your details if you are new to Evouchers, to create your account.

Step 4 - You will then be sent a secure login link to your email address to verify your email.

Step 5 - Click on the link within your email.

Step 6 - Choose the retailer you would like your voucher for.

Please note - once selected this cannot be changed.

Step 7 - Click 'View Voucher'.

Step 8 - You now have your voucher to be spent in your supermarket of choice.



Mr B Morley

Halesowen & Stourbridge Schools Year 7 Girls 6-a-side Football League


Congratulations to the girl's football team who have played 12 games at Redhill School over the last three weeks against local schools. They have: won eight matches, lost three matches, and drawn one match. The girls finished in third place, out of seven schools. Well done to: Malak A, Chloe J, Maisie B, Cara W, Lily C-H, Erin J, Emily G.



Mrs Rhooms & Mrs Boden



February's Online Support Suggestion



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

[Parenting and mental health - Mind](#)

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/>



IT'S SHOW WEEK!



It's Show Week at Windsor! There have been some amazing performances of Disney High School Musical. Well done to all the students and staff who have brought together an amazing show. They have been rehearsing hard for months, including learning dance routines, learning songs, learning lines, and working on the technical side of the show, such as sound and lighting. Students have also been involved in helping to design part of the set in Art Club, and our very own Year 13 band have also played all of the music for the show.

The audience has been packed out each night and they were wowed with some great performances from everyone on stage. The final number, "We're All in This Together" has gone down a storm with the audience clapping and singing along.



Year 9 Dance Trip – Motionhouse

On Friday 3rd February some of the Year 9 dancers attended a performance of Motionhouses production called 'Starchitects'. The performance incorporated a mixture of circus skills and dance with the dancers taking the audience through a story of five explorers going to space.

The Year 9 dancers enjoyed this high energy performance and seeing how circus skills could be used within dance.



Spanish Stars of the Week



Year 7 – Danyal R, Akarshana P, Akarsha P, Amgad A, Maya G, Erin J, Taman S, Gethin G

Year 8 – Lois R, Ocean H, Guy D, Mya H, Niyan P, Mairah Z

Year 9 – Daria B, Alyssa B, Hirah A, James H, Ruby B, Edie F, Lily M, Isabel P, Adam K

Year 10 – Luke J, Lily R, Eva P, Kailyn P, Dylan B, Harrison W

Year 11 – Ashton P, Samir A

French Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Tenioluwani O, Raneem M, Harry S, Isabelle Z, Leena T, Yasha S, Max K, Josh M, Charlie K, Alfie-Junior F, Selina A, Sophie T, Henry S

Year 8 – Sara A, Sophie P, Jessica P, Joshua M, Matthew C, Ruby R, Shayma A, Lily F, Connie W, Zoya M, George G, Daniel K, Oliver S, Esmee R, Nathaniel H, Rosie L, Oscar T, Liam L

Year 9 – Timothy C, Nasseem D, Tasha B, Rania N, Amelia R, Joseph M, Destiny P, William B, Harry P, Matt B, Willow A, Eleanor S, Jaimey P, Teagan J



Year 10 – Ranad H, Ruby W, Zack G, Joshua N, Grace E

German Stars of the Week



Year 7 – William F, Iman H

Year 8 – Caitlin B, Harry C, Tom V, Wasim K, Sophie R and everyone in 8S2 – Amazing!

Year 9 – Tamzin B, Lily P, Sophie C, Megan B, Isha K, Evie F, Piper H, Reuben B, Josh H

Year 10 – Madi J, Callum B, Sophie F, Sophie H, Deborah C

Year 11 – Charlie L, Ella C, Keira J, Charlie V, Jake E, Sophie G, Millie H, Laura C, Louise C, Megane B, Tegan W, Maddie E, Ruby W, Zavier C, April N

Year 8 looked at a different ecosystem this week - Sea Life.

They created these amazing and colourful scratch/scraperboard designs.

We focused on the formal elements of colour, pattern, line, and texture.

Well done all, we are so proud of you!

