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- Wednesday 15th November - Year 11 Parents Revision Evening
- Friday 17th November - Non-Uniform Day (Children in Need)
- Wednesday 22nd November - Vaccination Catch Up

Reminder: System and process for lateness



A polite reminder that we introduced a new system in March regarding lateness. Lateness can be classed as:

- Students who arrive after 8:40am (they are officially late to school)
- Students who are arriving late to lessons (officially after the majority of other students have entered the classroom).



Students who arrive at school after 8:40am are required to sign in at the Science foyer between 8:40am and 9:10am. This will result in a 30 minute lunch-time detention.

Students who are late to two or more lessons in a day will attend a 30 minute detention after school on the same day.

We appreciate your support in ensuring we maintain our high standards and expectations.

Mr Campbell-Roberts

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:

[Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter](#)

Non Uniform Day – Friday 17th November 2023

On Friday 17th November we will be supporting Children in Need.

Students can make a voluntary donation of £1.00 and wear non-uniform on this day. Donations should be handed to their form tutor during AM registration on Friday 17th November.

Clothing should be suitable and appropriate for decency and the weather. Those students who have PE on Friday will still need to bring their PE kit into school.

Thankyou

Mr Morley



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.

Activities Week and Pledge Week 2024 (15th – 19th July)



We announced the launch of Activities Week and Pledge Week before half term. If you have not already done so, please submit your child's form; Choices Form (Years 8 - 10) or Agreement Form (Year 7). The forms were sent out on Parentmail on Friday 27th October 2023 along with details for the week.



Both Activities Week and Pledge Week are an integral and very much enjoyed part of our school year. A form must be submitted to school for every student by the end of today, **Friday 10th November 2023** after which the sorting process will begin.



Your child will be offered an activity for the week during November 2023 with acceptances due back to school **by Friday 8th December 2023**.



E22 – School Band Performance



One of our school bands (E22) took part in another student showcase night at The River Rooms on 26th October. The band sold 54 tickets for the event and just missed out on the headline slot (they were on second to last). In total, there were around 250 people at the gig.

The band did the best performance they have ever done! Their level of confidence and stage presence was incredible! We know we say that after every one of these gigs, but they really did take things up a level that night. To the point where even the staff at the venue commented on how good they were!

We are incredibly proud of them and the progress they have made over the past 12 months. The next student showcase night at The River Rooms is on Wednesday 20th December, where another one of our school bands will get the opportunity to take part.



The Music Department



National Non-fiction November Competition

for Year 7



National Non-Fiction November is the Federation of Children's Book Groups' annual celebration of all things factual. The theme this year is 'Wonderful Water', and the competition has been inspired by a book entitled 'Sea Change: Save the Ocean'.

To celebrate this event, you can create your own postcard. Please find attached to this newsletter, a postcard template. On the one side, create (paint/ draw/ collage/ print etc) a picture of your favourite watery location and then on the reverse, write about why this place is so important to you.

Age Category: 11-12 Years Old (60-100 words)

Entries should be handed into Mrs Wood in the Library by 30th November.

Students borrowing non fiction books during November will be awarded a reading credit.



Spanish Year 11 GCSE - Additional Speaking Exam Booster Sessions

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These sessions will take place every week in A1 on **Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes** with Ms Newton. These sessions are to help with homework and to practice speaking Spanish.

There will also be a session on **Fridays after school, from 3:15pm to 4:00pm** with Ms Dunn. This session is to focus on the Speaking Exam. Please note, the above sessions are **IN ADDITION** to the whole school revision programme.



Christmas Card Competition



Thank you for all the entries we have received for the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Christmas card competition. Please see some of the entries below. The winner, chosen by Mr Lanckham, will have their design made into Christmas cards to represent our school. The winner will be announced soon. There will also be runners up at KS3 and KS4/5.

A selection of the entries will also be entered into the competition organised by James Morris MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis. Winners are to be announced in December.



Dr Frost Maths

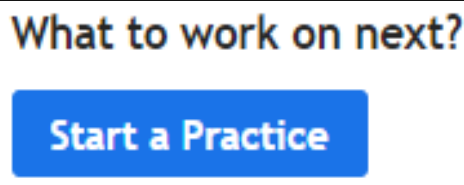
Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform that is used at Windsor High School and Sixth Form to set maths homework and classwork tasks. The platform can also be used for independent study or revision.

How can I use Dr Frost to help with Maths and earn points?

- Complete homework and classwork tasks set by your teacher.
- 'Start a Practice' independently.



- **Clean up Task** of questions you've previously got wrong.
- **By Topic** to practice a certain Key Skill
- **Times tables** to brush up on your mental arithmetic.
- **Past Papers** for Years 10 and 11 preparing for GCSE.
- Ask your maths teacher if you are unsure of your login or what maths to work on.



If a student earns enough points, they could make it onto the Dr Frost Maths Leaderboard! As well as seeing their name on the leaderboard outside C7, they will also be awarded extra credits.

Please see below to find out which students topped the leaderboard for the month of October:



Windsor High School - Dr Frost Top Students, October 2023



Year 7: 10,560 points

- Kaid A-A 1084 points
- Daniella G 946 points
- Alexandria T 508 points

Year 8: 1,503 points

- Yasha S-N 151 points
- Kevin B 141 points
- Daisy B 82 points

Year 9: 12,340 points

- George C 597 points
- Zezy A 575 points
- Hayden N 312 points



Year 10: 27,140 points

- Grace B 364 points
- Eleanor S 339 points
- Demi-Louise B 337 points

Year 11: 35,517 points

- Lara P 3364 points
- Ellie M 971 points
- Joshua N 869 points



Website: drfrostmaths.com

Continue your mathematical journey...

Year 7 Football

A huge well done to the Year 7 team who played away to Redhill before school broke up for half term. They played a total of four games where they won two and lost two:

(W: 1-0) (W: 5-1) (L: 1-0) (L: 1-0).



Great goals were scored by different members of the team including an amazing free kick and one member of the team scored their first goal.

Well done to all the students involved!



Wellbeing Advice and Support for Parents / Carers



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.



Anti-Bullying Week, 13th – 17th November 2023 – Make a noise about bullying.

Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.



"Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way. Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying."

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

Eco Enterprise House Competition!



Design your very own 'eco product'! Do you have what it takes to design a sustainable product or service? Design/create your very own product using whichever method you prefer. For example, PowerPoint, publisher, Photoshop. You will need to design and annotate it with sustainable features! The best, most creative ones will receive house credits. Things to consider;

- How does it meet the needs of people today and in the future?
- Is it cost effective?
- Does it minimise the impact on the environment?
- Will it have positive contributions to the world? And are workers treated well?
- Is the product ethical? And are your materials locally sourced?
- How will you plan to minimise waste and use resources efficiently? e.g. using recycled materials?
- What will you do with the profits you receive from the product?



Please email digital entries to whussain@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or hand them into Mr Hussain or Mrs Brookes in D2. The deadline is **Friday 24th November**. We look forward to seeing your sustainable, eco-friendly products! Good luck!

New Science Club - A new Science club will now be running on Friday's, at lunchtime in D3. It is a Science club for aspiring KS3 scientists and will be run by one of our Year 11 students.



Spotlight on.... 'History Club'

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the American Revolution?
What about Japan's role in the Second World War?



Or even Victorian England?
Now's your chance!



History Club is held in D5, every fortnight
on a Wednesday, during lunchtime.

Two expert Year 11 students lead our
History Club, helping us delve into, and
understand the past.

One of the students who helps to run the
club said "I like History and chose History
as one of my GCSE options.

By helping to run the History club, I get
leadership experience. I can also use my

GCSE revision to show younger students what parts of history are
covered in the GCSE option."

Anyone who attends the club can come
equipped with ideas about what they'd like
to study as well, and we decide what part
of history to look at through debate, games,
and songs. Everyone is welcome to attend!



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.

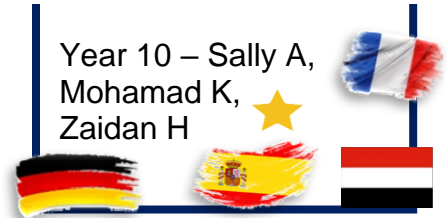
Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school. Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week.

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

THIS WEEK'S STARS

IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 10 – Sally A,
Mohamad K,
Zaidan H



ParentWise – A Helping Hand for Parents/Carers

<https://parentwise.campan.gov.uk>

ParentWise is designed to build parents and carers' understanding of the range of harms their child could be exposed to and is another excellent resource to help parents and carers support their children.

As children get older and more independent, issues that affect them can be harder to spot and deal with.

Learning about potential dangers can give you the knowledge and skills to act if there is a problem.

