



Reminder: School Closure Day
School will be closed to students on Friday 10th December.

A reminder to parents and carers about the importance of taking and reporting Lateral Flow Test results

Thank you to all those families who continue to test twice-weekly for COVID-19 at home and report them via our test register portal. [Test Register - to record LFT results](#)

Reporting your tests, whether positive, negative or void, is as important as taking the test itself, as reporting results helps the local authority understand the spread of the virus in local areas.

A recent report has shown that the accuracy of LFD tests was more than 80% effective at detecting any level of COVID-19 infection and likely to be more than 90% effective at detecting the most infectious people at the point of testing. This means it is a highly effective way of keeping our community as safe as possible.

Face Coverings



As per current Government guidance, all staff and students (except those who are exempt) are required to wear face coverings in all corridors and communal areas but not during lessons. This is to help reduce the chances of transmission of the virus in our community.

Students who use public transport to and from school should also wear a face covering. Further information and guidance can be found in the ParentMail sent out on 29th November.

Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Christmas Carol Service

Monday 13th December

St Margaret's Church, Hasbury
7pm - 8pm Everybody Welcome!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our annual Christmas Carol Service on 13th December.

We strongly recommend members of the congregation wear facemasks. Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid-19.

Reminder: Activities Week Acceptance of Offer

Thank you for your responses so far, accepting your child's allocated place for Activities Week. Parents/carers and students are reminded that a response is needed by **10th December** in order to secure the place. Where offers have not been accepted by this date, your child's place may be offered to another student.

Full details of the place your child has been offered were in the letters sent via ParentMail on Monday 29 November.

Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children – 17th December



This year's national Christmas Jumper Day is when the school is closed to students. As we do not wish our students to miss out and in acknowledgement of the wonderful term we have had at Windsor, we will be celebrating on Friday 17th December instead.



Students can wear a Christmas jumper, a festive shirt, Santa trousers or whatever they feel is suitable and will not be required to wear any of their school uniform if they are taking part. We ask for a donation of £1 (to be paid to their form tutor) where possible and look forward to a colourful day raising lots of money for Save the Children. Those students doing PE will still need their PE kit.

- Special points of interest:**
- **WHSA** – 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/>



Calling All Lancastrians!

This year Lancaster House has decided to raise money to sponsor an animal at Dudley zoo, and we are asking all Lancaster students to bring a donation of 50p to form to be collected during the week beginning 6th December.

However, if anyone would rather bring in a tin of food for the local food bank, either alongside a donation or separately, these will also be collected from your form rooms.

Prefects will be coming to collect your donations week beginning 6th December.

We hope to see many of you helping to support such worthy causes. Thank you for your support.

Lancaster Prefect Team

Windsor's generosity continues ...

Two important charity events have raised a wonderful amount of money for very important causes:

- our 'Children in Need' events raised £1600;
- our poppy collection raised an incredible £396.09.

Such generosity and care for others during difficult times is really important and worthy of celebrating.



Our Year 7 Boccia team proudly represented Windsor at the **School Games Boccia** competition last week. Fourteen other teams took part and our Year 7 displayed great teamwork and resilience. Well done!

Thanks to Miss Kempson and Ms Pryor for their help with this trip.

The team were:

Q'ue P, Luke W, Nasrallah B, Ruby H, Jessica Al, Emily C

Wednesday 1st December EFL Girls Cup U13 run by West Bromwich Albion Football Foundation

19 secondary schools entered from Dudley, Sandwell and Worcester boroughs.

Windsor v Q3 Won 6-1
 Windsor v QCA Won 2-0
 Windsor v Bishop Milner Won 1-0
 Windsor v Sandwell Academy Drew 0-0



Windsor finished first in our league and went through to the quarterfinal. We played Leasowes and narrowly lost 1-0. All the girls played really well and enjoyed a great morning of football.

Goal scorers:
Lilly F - 6, Caitlin B - 2, Lily P - 1

Christmas Card Competition Entries

Thank you to Art and Graphics students across KS3 and KS5 for some fantastic entries to the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Christmas card competition. Mr Lanckham will be selecting a winner to be printed for the school's Christmas card this year. There will also be runners up for each key stage. Here are a selection of the designs - good luck!

Key Stage 3



Key Stage 5 Graphics



Key Stage 5 Art & Graphics





After last year's amazing collection, we are keen to support the Black Country Toy Appeal again this year in collaboration with Life Central Church. 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 13th December, after which point we will transport them to Life Central.

These items will help brighten local families Christmas so anything that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be taken to Mr Morley, Mr Buckley, Mr Jackson, Mr Richards or Miss Pedley before school or during morning registration.

What's needed: **New unopened items only please**

We cannot accept used items for health and safety reasons

<p>Food and toiletries Any food items and toiletries including deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste and feminine products.</p>	<p>We are also asking for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toiletry sets for teens • New fleecy blankets to snuggle under • Wrapping paper and gift bags
<p>Toys and gifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Games • Toys • Colouring books • Felt-tip pens / crayons • Crafty stuff e.g. paints 	<p>School stuff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School trousers / skirts • School jumpers • School shirts / polo shirts • School bags • Sports kit bags • Notebooks / school stationery
<p>Clothing 0-18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyjamas / dressing gowns / slippers • Pants / socks / vests • Coats / jumpers / cardigans • Jeans / leggings / trousers • Shoes / boots / trainers 	<p>Sweet treats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chocolates • Sweets • Selection boxes • Boxes of biscuits 

Christmas Menu – Wednesday 15th December

This year students will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December. This will consist of roast turkey, pigs in blankets or vegetarian Quorn roast, creamed potatoes, carrots, parsnips, sprouts, peas and sage and onion seasoning and gravy, followed by either Christmas pudding, iced sponge and custard or ice cream trees.

On this day there will only be a limited choice of other food available: chicken wraps, sandwiches, pasta pots, nominal amount of jacket potatoes.
Your child will be asked by their Form Tutor to indicate if they would like to have a Christmas lunch. This will enable the school kitchen to plan their menus. Cost will be £2.20.

Ski Trip Easter 2023

Check out our next exciting ski trip to Sauze D'oulx in Italy, which will take place during Easter 2023. For more information view the letter sent via ParentMail. Students can also collect hard copies of the letter from Mrs Abbiss in room P22.



Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7	Afanan G, Lujain S, Nasrallah B, Danai G, Isac B, Poppy H
Year 8	Elysia S, Tilly W, Sophie G, Montahar N
Year 10	Lucy B, Aiden G
Year 11	Erin H, Ellie C

French Stars of the Week

Year 7	Rosie L, Mya M, Faegen W, Grace N
Year 8	Ellie J, Joshua N, Basil G, Nico V, Andreas V
Year 10	Isabelle W, Ellie S, Freya T, Helena W, Xiang Yu C

German Stars of the Week

Year 7	Scarlett A, Libby A, Sophie R, Eliza B, Tom B, Tom V
Year 8	Holly V, Brody A
Year 9	Daisy H, Sofia R, Elsie S, Sophie H
Year 10	Eleanor W, Zuha A, Ravi B, Charlie V
Year 11	Frankie C, Oliver W, Hollie B

Join the Eco Club!

We meet every Wednesday at lunchtime in A1.

Christmas Decorating Hints and Tips:

Why not use scraps of fabric to sew a little stocking or two for the tree?



Hanging decorations can be made really easily with cutters or even a paper template. They can be made with air-drying clay; salt dough (see below) or even stale white bread!

Salt Dough:

Equal parts of ... salt-water-flour.

Top tip – rather than buying the flour, try searching the kitchen cupboards first. You may have some out-of-date flour that will do the job perfectly!

Paper Chains & Snowflakes

Can be made from unwanted toy store catalogues. They look cool and very colourful!

Did you know?

It takes over 400 years for a fake Christmas tree to decompose. Could you buy a Christmas tree in a pot and watch it grow year on year?

This week on our Film & Photography (F&P) club...

We worked together as a photography crew! Each of us had different roles: a director, a photographer, a lighting expert, a documenter and a model.

We discovered the impact lighting has in photography, how it represents its feeling and mood. Notice here how lighting can affect the way an image makes you feel?

Through teamwork, we captured professional portraits in the M2 studio.



We are also exploring the topic of identity by bringing items of clothing that represents who we are. One of our F&P fundamentals tell us that **WE ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALITY**. Some of us brought in scarves, shirts and other pieces of clothing.

In the next F&P club, we will learn more about identity and how it is expressed. Photographer Jimmy Nelson travels around the world and captures portraits of different aboriginal communities that are expressive in their cultural identity. From this we can learn to be authentically ourselves!

Image A: Diana Angela Martinez Rivera, Chichimeca Jonaz girl from Mision Chichimeca, Mexico, in 2017.

Image B: A performer from the Marquesan dance group Te Pua O Feani, based on the island of Hiva Oa in French Polynesia.

Image C: Two children from the Kaluli tribe of Papua New Guinea in 2017.





KOOTH support remains available throughout December and over the Christmas period. To sign up, head to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) and click 'Join Kooth'.

Kooth offers invaluable support to our students and will still be available for young people over the holiday period, with reduced hours for online chats/messaging on the following days:

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve - 12-8pm	Friday 31 December New Years Eve - 12-6pm
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day - 4-8pm	Saturday 1 January 2022 New Years Day - 4-8pm
Monday 27 December Bank Holiday - 4-8pm	Monday 3 January 2022 Bank Holiday - 4-8pm
Tuesday 28 December Bank Holiday - 4-8pm	

The upcoming Live Forums on Kooth for young people to access during December are as follows:

- **Wednesday 15 December** – Looking After Your Wellbeing
- **Monday 20 December** – Let's Talk About LGBTQIA+ & Religion
- **Wednesday 29 December** – Let's Party!

What's on Kooth in December	December 10	December 10	December 15
	Kooth Podcast	Kooth Discussion Board	Kooth Live Forum
	History of the Holidays: Join us as we chat about some of our festive facts and celebrate all the different holidays that fall at the end of the year!	Helping Hands - Kindness & Volunteering: Join us to chat about all ways we can bring kindness and volunteering into our communities.	Looking After Your Wellbeing: Come share in all the ways we can look after ourselves and our wellbeing throughout winter. If you can't make this one join us earlier in the week on our discussion boards instead! 7.30pm to 9pm
December 20	December 24	December 29	December 31
Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board	Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board
Let's Talk About: LGBTQIA+ & Religion: Join our safe space to chat about experiences of religion within the LGBTQIA+ community. 7.30pm to 9pm	Give Yourself a Gift: With so much focus on spending and buying gifts for others at this time of year, let's share some ideas on something special we can do just for ourselves.	Let's Party: Stop by our final live forum of the year for a fun, chatty space to celebrate our whole community. 7.30pm to 9pm	New Year, Not New You: Do New Years' Resolutions stress you out? Join our conversation about setting positive intentions for the year ahead that feel right for you.

Your free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community

Whether you are looking for advice or simply aren't feeling your best, Kooth offers a range of features and tools to support you.

Magazine Helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team.	Chat with the team Chat to our helpful team about anything that's on your mind. Message us or have a live chat.	Discussion boards Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community. Lots of topics to choose from!	Daily journal and goal setting Write in your own daily journal to track your feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing.	Mini activity hub Select from a growing menu of fun, therapeutic and useful activities.
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You can still access support over the holiday period

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We're online every day including **Christmas Day**

Sign up for free at [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)