



Windsor News and Information



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Reminders: School closed to students Friday 10th December.
Friday 17th December: Finish time for all students 12.40pm

Dear Parent/Carer

Here in school we remain pleased with the way we have mitigated against the spread of Covid-19. Whilst we cannot remove it completely or indeed become complacent, our internal procedures appear to be keeping cases of Coronavirus to minimum. Our community should be particularly pleased with the way that we have reintroduced face coverings in corridors and communal areas of school. Our staff and students have taken on this requirement with the minimum of disruption and this can only improve the safety of all in our school.

You may have seen via various news outlets that schools have been asked to undertake a testing programme prior to our return in January. We have run these programmes successfully over the last few terms and intend to implement a similar system again. This will mean a staggered start in January for our year groups. Alongside this newsletter, please look out for a specific letter from Mr Morley, Deputy Headteacher that will update you on times and dates.

I look forward to writing to you again next week in the final newsletter of the term!

Mr Lanckham
Headteacher

Lateral Flow Testing: January 2022

As you may be aware, the Government has asked all students to take a Lateral Flow Test in schools after the Christmas break, regardless of whether they are regularly testing at home. Please see statement below:

"Testing all pupils in school boosts testing participation and will help reduce transmission after a period of social mixing over the school holidays"

We have sent information to you via ParentMail – click [here](#) if you haven't already consented for your child to come into school for their Lateral Flow Test.

Deadline for completion of the form is **4pm Monday 13th December.**

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.

School Uniform

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of a full school uniform worn with pride. Overall our students look exceptionally smart in school and we know that schools with high expectations of uniform achieve better results than those who do not. It is therefore essential that over the next few weeks you check with your child(ren) that all of their uniform still fits and is ready for the return in January.

Clarification

Please support our desire to have the highest standards and ensure the below:

Only one piercing in each ear with a plain stud is allowed. No other form of piercings are permitted. Nail extensions/Fake eyelashes are not allowed and whilst they may be desired over the Christmas period, they must be removed before our return in January. Blazers must be worn during the school day by all students.

If anyone is struggling to provide a full uniform please contact your child's Head of House and we will seek to offer support.

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/>

Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Christmas Carol Service

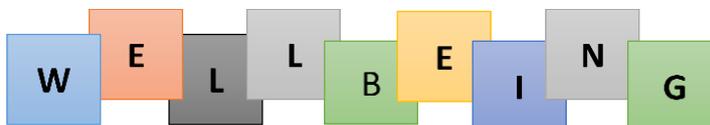
Monday 13th December

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We have obtained £200 worth of books for the school library.



Worry Tree Resource

If you feel your child is worrying about something, try the worry tree below with them. This fantastic visual image is a good way to start a conversation with your child regarding worries they may have.



Please click on the link below for further guidance on how to use the worry tree.
<https://www.gmbneas.org.uk/the-worry-tree/>

We have created a wellbeing page on our website where we will regularly add support materials for parents/carers to access. Please click the link at the bottom of this article to look at guidance for mental health concerns.

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

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.



Black Country Toy Appeal

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 Monday 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 Toiletry sets for teens, new fleecy blankets to snuggle under, wrapping paper and gift bags</p>
<p>Toys and gifts Books, games, toys, colouring books, felt-tip pens, crayons, crafty stuff e.g. paints.</p>	<p>School stuff School trousers skirts, school jumpers, school shirts/polo shirts, school bags, sports kit bags, notebooks/school stationery.</p>
<p>Clothing 0-18 years Pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers, pants, socks, vests. Coats, jumpers and cardigans. Jeans, leggings, trousers. Shoes, boots, trainers.</p>	<p>Sweet treats Chocolates, sweets, selection boxes, boxes of biscuits</p>

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.

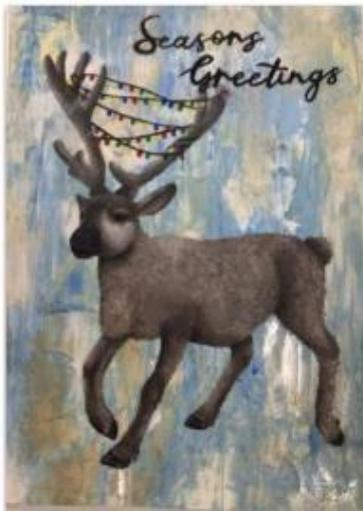


Sakinah, Year 12

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Sakinah in Year 12 for her beautiful hand painted and illustrated winning design selected by Mr Lanckham, with runners up Emily in Year 12 and Alasdair in Year 7.

Well done everyone who entered - fantastic art and graphics work.



Emily, Year 12



Alasdair, Year 7

Year 7 Food Club

Year 7 Food Club have been creative, decorating gingerbread!

Well done to them all!



Enterprise Club

This term students in Year 7 have been developing their creativity and entrepreneurial flair. They have researched products for the Christmas market and used this to develop their own Christmas tree decorations to sell. Well done to the all for some amazing ideas.

Are you up for the challenge? Can you pitch an idea before the dragons? Why not come to Year 7 Enterprise Club, every Wednesday 3.20-4.30 in room D22.



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.

Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7	Alfie H, Charlie R, Carys A
Year 8	Phoebe W, Harry T
Year 10	Lamyh A, Eddy R
Year 11	Amy R, Toby O

German Stars of the Week

Year 7	Q'ue P, Indie S, Kyan I
Year 9	Hannah B, Callum B, Jack O
Year 11	Hollie B, Sophie S, Mariah T

A Christmas Film: Introducing Emily The Little Match Girl

This heart-warming animated musical will make you laugh, cry and sing. A gripping plot with songs composed by Black Country producer and composer Matt Hickenbottom that are so catchy you will find yourself still humming them on Boxing Day.



The film stars: David Bradley (Filch, Harry Potter Series and Walder Frey, Game of Thrones) and Lesley Joseph (Birds of a Feather).

There is one other familiar name to cross the screen as our very own Head Girl, Thea Lowe, features in the role of Anna (second from right) and her voice can be heard on tracks 9 and 12 of the soundtrack.

[Spotify – Emily the Little Match Girl \(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack\)](#)

The movie is available to stream on The Musical Motion Pictures website and the soundtrack is available to listen to from any main streaming services.

[Animation Film Studio | Musical Motion Pictures](#)

There is also a cinema screening at the Light Cinema in Wolverhampton on December 21st.

[Light House Media Centre \(light-house.co.uk\)](#)

Understanding your child (0-19) free online course

Take advantage of this fabulous free online courses from the Solihull Approach (NHS). Learning all about making the most of your time together!

For Dudley families, enter the access code CASTLE to gain free access on www.inourplace.co.uk

Online course which covers from conception up to 19 years

- The same content as a face to face group
- Available in 108 languages*, with voiceovers in English and Urdu
- Take anytime. Any place.

Understanding your child

'Understanding your child' is the core parenting course for parents with children aged 6 months to 19 years. It is also available in a version for parents with children with additional needs. 'Understanding your child's mental health' is a slightly different format based around the core course.



It was developed by the Solihull Approach team; health professionals working together with parents and practitioners and was the first online course for parents to be awarded the Government's CANparent Quality Mark.

"Over 90% of parents think that a parenting course would be useful. However, de-stigmatising parenting courses so that parents feel comfortable in accessing them is our mission and providing anytime online courses for ease of access is part of achieving that."

Features and Benefits:

- The course can be done at a time and place to suit family life
- It is 11 modules long and each module takes ~20 minutes, with voiceovers for the main text
- There are interactive activities, quizzes and video clips
- It works on mobiles, tablets, PCs and laptops (Recommended browser: Google Chrome)
- Available as professional translations in Urdu, Modern Standard Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Polish, Somali, Bulgarian and more
- Normally costs £39.



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

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

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