

# Windsor News and Information



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- Wednesday 18th October - Character Development Day
- Thursday 19th October - Sports Awards Evening

## Mobile Phone Reassertion



The below is taken from a recent publication and has stimulated a reassertion of our policy.

**Mobile phone use to be banned in schools in England during the school day, including at break times, new guidance recommends.**

**Department for Education** and **The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP** - Published 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

Mobile phone use should be banned in schools across England to improve behaviour, the Education Secretary Gillian Keegan announced today. New guidance from the Department for Education will back head teachers in banning mobile phone use throughout the school day, including at break times, to tackle disruptive behaviour and online bullying while boosting attention during lessons. It aims to support the wider work the government is doing to raise standards in schools by increasing students' focus and reducing distractions.

The move will bring England in line with other countries that have already implemented a ban, including France, Italy, and Portugal. It follows warnings from the United Nations on the risks of smartphones in schools and government data that found around a third (29%) of secondary school pupils reported mobile phones being used when they were not supposed to in most, or all, lessons. If schools fail to implement the new guidance, the government will consider legislating in the future to make the guidance statutory.

## Windsor High School and Sixth Form Response

Following the above planned ban of mobile phones in all English schools, Windsor High School and Sixth Form wishes to make our position very clear for all students, parents, and carers alongside a reassertion of procedures. At present the ban is not in place and we will allow students to bring phones to school as previously was the case as we know parents/carers enjoy the reassurance of being able to communicate with their child to and from school.

Students will be allowed a grace period regarding their phones leading up to half term, but there will be **zero tolerance on our return from the half term holiday**.

**To be clear, phones should not be seen or heard at all within the school gates.**

This includes: at any time in the day including before and after school, anywhere on the school grounds/within the school gates – something we have described as phones not being allowed to be seen or heard anywhere from “gate to gate”. When handing phones in for PE this is encouraged but if the phone is turned on it will be confiscated.

Phones confiscated will be returned after school via Mr Morley but if it is repeatedly seen/heard and therefore confiscated parents/carers may need to collect the phone.

### 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.

## U13 WAT Girls 7 a side Football Tournament

On Tuesday 10th October, Windsor High School and Sixth Form took part in the first ever Windsor Academy Trust Girls Mini Football Competition at Great Wryley Academy.

All five Secondary Schools in the WAT trust entered one team, and each school played each other twice.



Windsor played eight games, winning four, drawing three and only losing one! The girls scored eight goals and only conceded two during these matches. The team played brilliantly and finished in second place, just one point behind the winners Kingswinford.

## Dudley Children's Book Award

This annual award is aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 11 with numerous primary and secondary schools in the area taking part. School librarians promote the award to encourage reading for pleasure and to foster a love of books. The benefits of the award are:

- To develop a reading culture
- To enable young people to explore less traditional authors
- To read books they otherwise would not have read

Children, young people and librarians can nominate their favourite reads published this year. The shortlist consists of four books from three categories. Why not borrow the books from the school or public library and vote for your favourites?

The award winner will be announced at a presentation ceremony on 19th March 2024 at Dormston School, Sedgley. Please ask Mrs Wood for further information or follow the Dudley Children's Book Award on X @theDCBA.



## THIS WEEK'S STARS ★ IN MODERN ★ FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7 – Catch S, Elsie F, Billy E, Josh H.

Year 8 – Jack D, Lorena P, Issar A, Ellie B, Aadil A, William F, Iman H, Ava Y, Emily G, Ryan R, Bryan C, Arthur W, Amber T, Gurnek S, Scarlett H.

Year 9 – Emily C, Tom B, Wasim K, Kelly P, Tom V, Reeham A, Zach E, Lucy H.



Year 10 – Lily P, Evie F, Isobel T, Joseph W, Darius A, Megan B, Ben G, Piper H, Sahil R, Sam S, Isabel T, Holly V, Sophia W.

Year 11 – Brandon C, Koushik S, Lilyrose C, Safa F, Tye H, Sophie M, Shakira P, Amelia S, Mo S.



# CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Can you help the Art department? We are looking for enthusiastic artists in Years 8, 9 or 10 to help us every Thursday, from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in Art Club.

Your role will include: assisting with the two clubs, leading sessions or small groups, and providing technician help.

If this sounds like something you could do, please send an email to [Ldovey@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:Ldovey@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) to express your interest.

## Sixth Form Open Evening



Calling all Year 11 students! Are you looking for a Sixth Form to continue your studies? Then look no further!

Come to our Sixth Form Open Evening on 25th October!

At Windsor Sixth Form we have a range of courses to suit everyone.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information and how to register.

## PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS AT CAMHS

**NHS**  
Black Country Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

Come and join our CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops. We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

Our Parent/Carer Workshops run virtually (Zoom) from 12pm - 1.30pm

27/09/2023 Trauma & Attachment  
11/10/2023 Communication/Speech & Language  
15/11/2023 Autistic Spectrum Conditions  
06/12/2023 Depression/ Low Mood  
17/01/2024 Anxiety/OCD  
14/02/2024 Self Harm  
13/03/2024 Anger/Conduct  
17/04/2024 Anxiety

If you are interested in joining a workshop, and have a child/young person accessing Black Country CAMHS Services - please contact Andrea Ehgartner on Tel: 01922 607 400 to book your place.



## French Puppets

A big shout out to students in 7a/Fr2.

They have all made a fantastic start in French this year.

Here is a selection of the fun French puppets they have made, which will be a great help and support for them during speaking activities. **Très bien la classe! Bravo!**

Mme Dunn





## Spotlight on.... 'Basketball Club'



One of the Extracurricular Clubs and Activities on offer for our students is Basketball. This is held every Tuesday from 12:50pm to 1:20pm in the Top Gym (for Girls) and in the Bottom Gym (for Boys). Everyone is welcome!

The aim is to give students the opportunity to have some fun and have a go at this sport. One student said "I enjoy coming to Basketball as you can learn how to play Basketball better and I can socialise with my friends – whilst making new friends. It gives us another topic to talk about".

The Girls' Basketball Club is relatively new, and any girls who wish to give it a go are welcome to attend. Please speak to Mrs Boden for more information.



### **Black Country Kooth information session for Parents and Carers - 24/10/23 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

Kooth.com is an online emotional wellbeing and mental health platform, accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).



Kooth is available 365 days a year providing free and anonymous access to preventative, early interventions and out-of-hours professional support which complements the treatment available via other mental health services. Kooth offers anonymous and free access to mental health and emotional wellbeing support, available to varying age ranges depending on the area they are commissioned in. In Sandwell and Walsall, Kooth is commissioned for 11-25 year olds and in Dudley is commissioned for 11-18 years old.

The session on 24th October is designed for parents and carers who have children & young people, and want to know more about how Kooth can be used as a sole or additional means of counselling and support. Any parent or carer wishing to book free of charge can do so following the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-country-kooth-information-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-726028539907?aff=oddtcreator>



## Year 10 Curries

Year 10 have been creating and making curries from all countries around the world. Well done to all of them for making such interesting and delicious creations!

Miss Powell



### Aaron Tonks - The Property Guy visits Windsor



On Thursday 5th October, Aaron and Sarah Tonks from 'Aaron Tonks - The Property Guy' estate agents visited Windsor Sixth Form Students to give a dedicated talk within an IT lesson.

The focus of the lesson was preparing year 13 students for their upcoming assignments focused on social media engagement and the power it has on business success.

Not only did Aaron and Sarah answer many questions posed by students and staff about how they strategically use social media to increase their following linked to their business, but they also opened up about the challenges they face and the character virtues they use on a daily basis as business owners such as resilience.



Overall, this visit was a great example of careers education in the curriculum as the business partners shared the story of their beginnings in real estate and provided an insight not only into their job roles but also their career development. How inspiring!

### KS3 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

ISLA N  
&  
LOGAN G

### KS4 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

ELEANOR S  
&  
HARRISON C