

# Windsor News and Information



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**Friday 20th December:** On Friday 20th December 2024, the **finish time for all students will be 1.00pm**. Students will have an extended break time and Free School Meal money will be available to spend during this time.



## IMPORTANT

### Absence Reporting



We would like to remind parent/carers that reporting student absence is a **statutory requirement**. Please ensure you report your child's absence as early as possible and **by 8.40am** (before morning registration).

**From January 2025 ALL student absences must be reported via the Arbor App. Please click this link for more information on how to log absences on Arbor: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor APP](#)**

This will help us improve our processes and ensure all absence messages are received and coded appropriately. If you need a link to register for the Arbor App please send an email (stating your child's name and tutor group) to: [arbor@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:arbor@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

Your support with this is much appreciated - Pastoral Team.

## IMPORTANT

### Student Progress Reports



**From December 2024, ALL student progress reports will be sent to parents and carers via email.** Please ensure the school holds a current, up to date email address for parents/carers and notify the school of any changes by emailing: [info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



### Under 14 Basketball



Our under 14 basketballers played against Pedmore last week and won the game 34-7! And this week, the team played again against Ridgewood High.

Our team were impressive, especially over the third and fourth quarter and won 36-15. The communication and teamwork skills our team has showed during these matches has been excellent. Well done! – Mr Price

### Safety over Festive Season



The holiday season is fast approaching!

While we hope you're excited to relax, it's still vitally important that we do all we can to safeguard the children and young people in our care over the festive period.

Please see the handy guide attached to this week's newsletter for more information!

### Fostering in Dudley



Dudley MBC are looking to recruit foster carers across the Dudley Borough. Foster care plays a vital part in so many children's and young people's lives.

In Dudley, the need for foster carers is greater than ever. Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter regarding taking the first steps into becoming a foster carer.



**Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the tutor bulletin.

# ATTENTION

## Attention Year 10 Students!



We are excited to announce that on Wednesday 18th December during your character development sessions (P3 and P4), you will have the opportunity to attend a careers fair in the Sixth Form Sports Hall.

This event is designed to help you explore your options after Year 11, and you will have dedicated time to meet with representatives from various colleges and training providers, including:

Windsor Sixth Form  
Dudley College  
Halesowen College  
Sandwell College  
Kidderminster College  
SCL College (Dudley)  
Juniper Training  
LMP Education  
Savient Limited (Intelligent Software Solutions)  
West Midlands PA Forum  
ASK Apprenticeships (Amazing Apprenticeships)  
And some previous students of Windsor High School and Sixth Form!



Please take some time to consider the courses or questions you would like to discuss with the representatives at the careers fair and come prepared! Your behaviour and character will be observed during the event, so use this opportunity to gain important knowledge for your next steps.

## IMPORTANT

### Work Experience Reminder!



**Just a reminder to Year 10 students taking on work experience during Activities Week (14th-18th July 2025):**

You need to be looking for and securing placements! Please speak to family, friends and people around you - it might be that someone you know can take you on for work experience.

Students taking part in work experience also need to ensure that they and their parents/carers have read the work experience email sent to them on Arbor and completed the EV6 form (link to that form is at the bottom of the work experience email).

Once you have found a placement that has agreed to have you then log onto Unifrog with your school email address and reset your password if necessary. Once logged in, find the grey 'placements' tile to complete your initial work experience form.

**The deadline for requesting approval for work experience placements is Friday 14th February 2025.**

**If your child can no longer take part in work experience please inform Mrs Brookes and Mrs Edwards ASAP**, as although Activities Week is outside of the normal curriculum, this week is an integral part of the school calendar and there is an expectation that every student will participate and attend daily.

Good luck in finding your placements!





## Free School Meal Vouchers



As per the recent Government directive Free School Meal vouchers are to be issued to families for the December Christmas break. The vouchers are for **£10 each week**, therefore you will be receiving a voucher for £20 per eligible child. The process is unchanged and vouchers will be sent for eligible students on **Wednesday 18th December 2024**.

If you are new to receiving Free School Meals the process is as follows:



- Step 1 - Click on the link received from [evouchers.com](http://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.

Mrs K Hannan



## Carol Service – Lapal House



On Friday 6th December the Music Department organised a trip for our Windsor Carol Singers to perform Christmas themed songs for the residents at Lapal House. Our singers did brilliantly and some were even brave enough to perform solo's.

Thank you to Lapal House for having us, and well done to the students who took part – we are very proud of you! Merry Christmas! – Mr Jasper and Mrs Richards



## Sparx Maths

Well done to the following classes:  
(Completion in SPARX maths means answering every question correctly.)

Homework is set every Thursday and is due the following Wednesday at 9am.

Homework contains some tasks they will have studied within the last week and then will also revisit some topics from the previous weeks.

You will get an email from SPARX on a Sunday to give you an update on the homework from that week.



Highest completion:  
**7Y/Ma1 (83.9%)**



Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:  
**9A/Ma4 52.2% (+21.7%)**

Highest average XP per student:  
**10I/Ma3 (727 XP)**





## Windsor Christmas Card Competition Results!



Thank you to all the students who entered this year's competition. Mr Lanckham and Miss Raindi had a difficult time judging due to the quality of the entries.

This year's winner is.....Sophie in Year 12!

Sophie's entry will be made into a card and sent to many schools, and businesses around the borough and nationally.

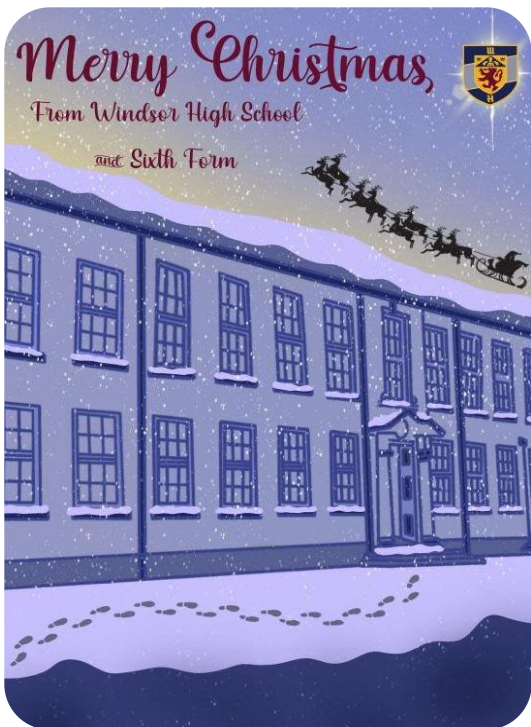
The runner up for Key Stage 4 is Faris in Year 10, and the runner up for Key Stage 3 is Grace in Year 7.

Well done to everyone who took part! Merry Christmas!

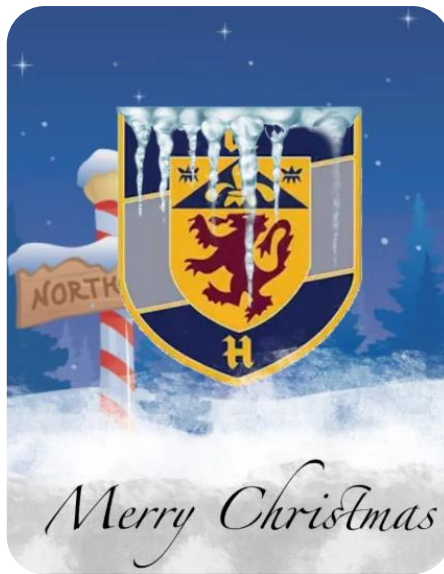


WELL DONE

Sophie's Winning Entry:



KS4 Runner Up: Faris



KS3 Runner Up: Grace



## Dates for your diary



- **Wednesday 18th December:** Character Development (P3 and P4).
- **Friday 20th December:** School closes at 1.00pm for all students.
- **Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025:** Christmas Break.

## Science Stars!



At Windsor High School and Sixth Form we aspire for and celebrate excellence in our students.



This could be for any reason; engagement in lessons, effort in practical situations, kindness to our peers, bravery in participation and academic achievement. This week's science stars are:

- Angie - 10L2   Rio - 9T2   Kieran - 10Y2   Olivia - 9H2  
Tom - 10S1   Luna - 7H1

Well done to our Science Stars of the week!

