



Windsor News and Information



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Reminder: Friday 17th December: Finish time for all students 12.40pm
Christmas Holiday: 20th December – 3rd January

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the year, I would like to congratulate everybody on how we have adapted and successfully navigated our way through a very unusual time in school. Despite the vast array of challenges that Covid 19 has presented to us in our society, we have still managed to deliver a quality education to our young people and never stopped our commitment to maximising the academic and personal potential of our students.

I hope this weekly newsletter has given you a real insight into the way our school has adjusted and continued to provide a wealth of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities for our students and a pathway to becoming great citizens and amazing young people. You will see in this edition that alongside our dance and music events, our community has undertaken various acts of charity. This has been particularly impressive, and importantly at this time of year, we have been able to support some people who are less fortunate than we are.

Whilst we have managed to limit the number of positive Covid cases in school over the last year, unfortunately we will still have to operate various protocols to ensure this remains the case. This is likely to be for the foreseeable future. In this newsletter you will find our arrangements for onsite testing when we return in January and the staggered starts for our students this in turn creates. In addition, should you be interested we have included an update on the delivery of the 12-15 vaccination programme.

Finally, can I offer everybody a heartfelt thanks. Whether it be the staff for their relentless commitment; our students for the continued effort and engagement; or yourselves as parents and carers for your unwavering support; we have collaborated together to overcome the difficulties that 2021 has offered and we can look forward to brighter 2022.

Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Lanckham
Headteacher

We wanted to share the below information with parents as it may provide some clarification and allow parents to book vaccinations if desired over the holiday.

Daily testing of close contacts for COVID-19 – updated guidance for schools

From Tuesday 14th December all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school/college as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts of COVID-19 will help make school safer and help keep children and young people in school

Update on the delivery of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

Over the Christmas holidays, parents can already book first vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#) or by calling 119. Second doses will be available for eligible children by Monday 20th December. Further information on vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds is available on the NHS website.

Walk-in appointments are available this weekend for adults aged over 18, as well as children between 12 and 15 years old, at a number of vaccination sites across the area, and you can find more information [here](#).

Return Times for January

Please see below details of when students should return for their first test and then for their first day of school.

Year	Test date (attending for a 5 minute test slot)	First day of school
7	Thursday 6 th January	Friday 7 th January
8	Thursday 6 th January	Friday 7 th January
9	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January
10	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January
11	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January
12	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January
13	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January

To read Mr Morley's letter in full please click visit the school [website](#) by clicking [here](#).

Face Coverings

The wearing of facemasks for students in corridors and communal areas in school is **now required**. Anyone who is exempt should now have been provided a lanyard to indicate this is the case, which should be with them at all times. Students who are not wearing face masks and do not have an exemption lanyard can expect to be questioned by staff and **potentially face a sanction**. This also includes wearing of facemasks outside at break and lunch where social distancing is not possible.

Please assist your child with their planning for the day and ensure that a facemask is part of this. Where possible students should have a reusable facemask and a resealable plastic bag (or container) to keep the face covering in when it is not in use i.e. when students are in lessons.

Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online. Parents/Carers of those who are exempt should write a note to this effect in their child's planner. Your support with this is appreciated

School Calendar

Christmas Holiday:
20th December – 3rd January 2022

January 2022:

Tue 4 th January	Term begins: staggered start
Wed 12 th January	Y7 Parents' Evening
Thu 27 th January	Y11 Parents' Evening
Fri 28 th January	School Closure Day

Windsor High School and Sixth Form Christmas Carol Service

Well done to everyone who took part in the Carol Service this week. You have worked so hard and your performances were outstanding. We are so proud of you.
Merry Christmas everyone!
Mrs Richards and Mr Jasper

Year 7 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 12th January 2022 - Key dates for the booking process

Currently we are planning a face-to-face Parents Evening, information is below regarding the appointment booking process. However if Government guidance changes and we are unable to conduct a face-to-face meeting we will use our online system. This may result in you having to make a new set of appointments.

Tues 4 th January	ParentMail message will be sent to advise you of the process for booking Year 7 parents' evening appointments. It is a straight-forward process but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/ Appointments are live on ParentMail from 6pm.
Sun 9 th January	Appointments close – you will not be able to make appointments after this time
Tue 11 th January	Appointment times emailed via ParentMail as a reminder – please bring this information with you on the 12 th (appointment times will not be available on the evening)

Due to Health and Safety and Safeguarding, please **do not** arrive before 4.15pm.
Please enter through the Science foyer to register your attendance.

Supporting students to explore their future with free online mentoring

We have an amazing opportunity to access UK based STEM ambassador 1:1 online, personalised mentoring where you can talk about your future study and career options.



You will be sent and receive messages with your mentor via a secure platform to talk about things like:

- Your options – to work out the best path for you.
- How to deal with challenges and uncertainty.
- Where to find trustworthy information and answers.

The mentors are all STEM Ambassadors who are DBS checked volunteers who work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) careers / organisations or have studied STEM qualifications.

The next opportunities are as follows:

- Years 10 and 11 start on 24th January for 6 weeks.
- Years 12 and 13 start on 24th January for 10 weeks.
- Years 12 and 13 start on 4th April for 10 weeks.

If you are interested, you should register for the sessions via this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/ApLgMPVcDfjSyNe9>

For more info please see this page <https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/brightside-mentoring-2022>

Year 10 Hanover Students Being Kind at Christmas

Students in 10H2 organised a collection to make two Christmas hampers full of lovely treats, which we delivered to Lapal House and Grange Hill House on Monday evening. The staff were overjoyed to receive these hampers for the residents and the students involved have been so kind and thoughtful in putting them together.

A big well done to Rose, Freya, Yasmin, Ellie-May, Ellie and Isabel who delivered the hampers themselves to bring such joy and cheer to members of our local community.



Thank you also to Miss Rauf for driving and Ms Grant for accompanying us on this special visit!



This year, once again we have received many donations of toys, clothing and toiletry essentials for **Santa's Black Country Toy Appeal**. Thank you to all the staff and students who have donated something to the appeal.

These fabulous items have been delivered to Life Central Church in Halesowen, who are partnering with Santa's Black Country Toy Appeal. These gifts will help brighten Christmas for lots of local vulnerable families and go towards them having a better Christmas this year.

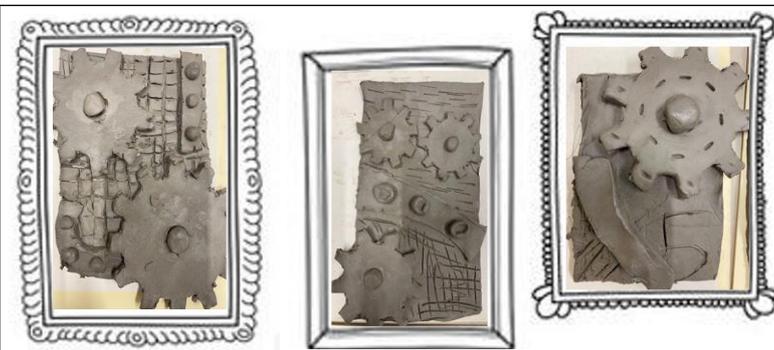
James Morris MP Christmas Card Competition



Congratulations to Joe in Yr 12, who was selected as one of the runners up in the James Morris MP Christmas card competition. A fantastic classic and traditional Christmas card design. He has received a framed copy of the card with a personalised letter. Well done Joe!

A Huge Congratulations and Well Done!

Well done to the Windsor dancers and singers who performed at the ICC on Friday in front of a large audience at the Windsor Academy Trust Conference 2021. They smashed both performances and it was also lovely to invite back the Windsor Alumni dance Company with dancers who left Windsor Sixth form between 2015-2020.

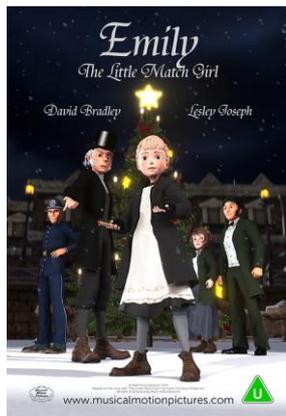


Artists of the Week

Miss Dovey's Thursday year 9 group experimented with clay for the first time last week as part of their corroded, industrial and mechanical topic with great success. Well done!!

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 \(light-house.co.uk\)](#)



DuoLingo Club

Congratulations to all students who have attended our DuoLingo club this term. We have had students learning so many languages each week and we already have some real experts in French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Swedish, Russian and Arabic!

Prizes this term go to Ruby H in Year 7 for DuoLingo Champion of the term in Japanese, and Joe H in Year 9 for most rapid progress since joining the club! *Who will win the Christmas holiday challenge?!?!*

Want to join in? Come to room A3 Mondays, 3.20 pm – 4.00 pm with Mrs Payton.

Year 7 Spelling Bee

A massive well done to all of our Year 7 linguists who studied and competed in their groups for the top 5 places in the Spelling Bee competition. These students are through to the second stage of the competition, which is the whole school stage:



1. Ben B	2. Ruby H	3. Aaron R
4. Mary O	5. Ibrahim A	6. Nasrallah B
7. Haider-Ali S	8. Imogen L	9. Mairah Z
10. Sophie C	11. Noah D	12. Claudia H
13. Harry H	14. Daisy R	15. Elenia H
16. Abdullah G	17. Alasdair U	18. Bethan H
19. Poppy H	20. Zoya M	21. Sophie T
22. Lily F	23. Daniel K	24. Oliver S
25. Sara A	26. Bella T	27. Sophie P
28. Emily B	29. Millie M	30. Faegan W
31. Mya M	32. Nathaniel H	33. Oscar T
34. Hollie W	35. Eloise E	36. Ollie H
37. Sid E	38. Jamie B	39. Caitlin B

French Stars of the Week

Yr 7	Mya M, Faegan W, Ezra K, Zoya M
Yr 8	Eleanor S, Lacey M, Willow A, Tasha B, Rithvik
Yr 9	Nico V, Andreas V, Harvey L, Holly C, Lia H, Millie H, Sabila
Yr 10	Ellie R, Anya W
Yr 11	Lauren S, George A, Aminah W, Charlie N



A big well done to all our French linguists for their Speaking and Writing KATs for Cycle 1 - top resilience from top linguists!

Our Year 9 Spanish ambassadors Mya B and Chloe H led the **Year 7 Spanish Club on Monday**.

They created fantastic resources on Blooket to teach the Year 7 students vocabulary about Christmas. You are all showing great leadership skills!

¡Bien hecho chicas!"

Spanish Stars of the Week

Yr 7	Megan W, Josh H, Lois R, Zach L, Faris M, Abdulla G
Yr 8	Adam K, Hafsa F, Thomas S, Dylan H
Yr 9	Mya B, Youcef A, Mia G, Joshua G
Yr 10	Libby B, Ivan L, Georgina R, Max C
Yr 11	Laaiba W, Huma Z

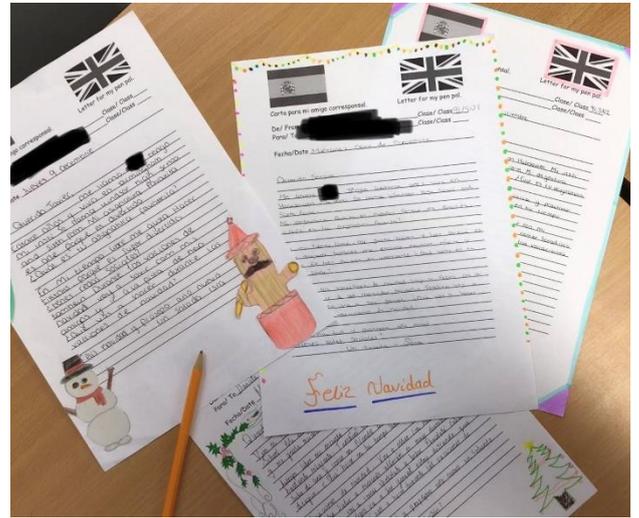
German Stars of the Week

Yr 7	Saffron R, Harry C
Yr 8	Breona T, Freya S, Isobel T, Vanessa K, Harry K
Yr 9	Deborah C, Connie, Alfie C
Yr 10	Farida E, Tahmeed M
Yr 11	Dylan W, Sabah A

Pen Pal Friend Programme with IES La Corredoria

The Spanish department has established a connection between Windsor High School and Sixth Form and a secondary school in Spain. This is a very rewarding and exciting activity for our students, since this will allow them to apply their Spanish in a real situation. The school is called IES La Corredoria and it is located in Asturias, a fantastic region in the north of Spain.

During the last week, our year 7, 9, 10 and 11 students have been working very hard in writing their letters in Spanish to their pen pal friends. This Friday all letters are going to be sent to Spain! Our students are looking forward to receiving their letters from their Spanish pen pal friends!



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:

- **Monday 20 December** – Let's Talk About LGBTQIA+ & Religion
- **Wednesday 29 December** – Let's Party!

What's on Kooth in December

December 20	December 24	December 29	December 31
Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board	Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board
<p>Let's Talk About: LGBTQIA+ & Religion: Join our safe space to chat about experiences of religion within the LGBTQIA+ community.</p> <p>7.30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Let's Party: Stop by our final live forum of the year for a fun, chatty space to celebrate our whole community.</p> <p>7.30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>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.</p>

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.

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



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.



Stuart House Achievements!

A very special well done to all in Stuart House!

I am extremely proud of Stuart House and all their achievements across the first term, given many challenges we have faced. Below are some students who have been recognised for their amazing work who deserve the recognition for being such fantastic Stuart House students!

Yr 7	Eliza B, Wasim K, Erin C, Kyan I
Yr 8	Antonia M, Jack S, Sophie C, Mohammed D
Yr 9	Holly B, Josh H, Sophie H, Kenji M
Yr 10	Ella W, Jacob C, Lily E, Jaedyn C
Yr 11	Safia A, Aaron C, Huda Y, Ella B

Very well done all, as a team, we are very proud of you!

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and come back refreshed and ready for another productive and brilliant term in the Spring!

Best wishes to all our families,

Miss Heeley



December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

MONDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

TUESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

WEDNESDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

THURSDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

FRIDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

SATURDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022

