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School will close today, Friday 14th February for the half term break. School reopens on Monday 24th February at 8:40am for all students.

Dear Parent/Carer



January and early February are often described as dark, cold and gloomy months by many. However, thankfully, life at Windsor High School and Sixth Form, as ever, has been nothing but exhilarating and joyful! This half-term has been jam-packed with engaging lessons, exciting extra-curricular opportunities, parents' evenings, the launch of our rewards programme and of course our electrifying school show, Disco Inferno, to name but a few events.

A personal highlight for me has been launching Breakfast with Miss Raindi where every Friday morning I have had the pleasure of spending time with the top 10 students in the school. Celebrating their successes with them and hearing their insights and reflections is such a joy. This is very much a permanent feature in my diary and one where I look forward to meeting many more students for celebration in the months to come.

You will recall me writing to you in January about our six indicators of success and Attendance and Punctuality being a specific focus for us this half-term. Thank you for supporting us in this drive and ensuring that your child attends school regularly and punctually; this is the only way for them to access high quality, outstanding teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms and thus increases their chances of academic success. I was delighted to see so many students entered into the two week end-of-term attendance competition where 7 students won a golden ticket to access Amazon vouchers as a prize. Well done to all our winners! We will continue with this focus for the second half of the spring term so please do talk to your child about the importance of attendance and punctuality to school and lessons; there are more prizes to be won!

When we return from the break, we will continue with our Year 11 and Year 13 countdown to their final examinations. Please encourage them to make the most of revision opportunities and complete independent study to support them in their preparations for exam season. Half-term is a great opportunity to reflect on the half-term that has preceded us, mock examination results and parents evening feedback and a great platform to begin formulating a revision plan for the weeks ahead. If you are a parent of a child in these year groups, your encouragement and support will be invaluable. If you have any questions, please do contact us and we will help in any way we can.

For all students in Y7-11, please ensure that they are also prepared for learning by bringing in their iPad to school every day and making sure it is fully charged. This is essential for them to access their learning and we appreciate your support.

It is a genuine privilege and honour to be the Head of School at Windsor and work with Mr Lanckham, our staff and your children to ensure that our community goes from strength to strength. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at recent events and look forward to continued strengthening of our partnerships between home and school as we move through the academic year. Wishing you and your family a restful half-term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Raindi - Head of School



thanks
for your
support

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

- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February - Half Term.
- Wednesday 26th February - Higher Education and Careers Fair.

IMPORTANT

Reminder: KS3 Toilets



To ensure we are supporting all of our students in school, we have implemented duties and support in the KS3 girls toilets.

Students across **Years 7, 8 and 9** are allowed to use the central KS3 toilets, **Year 10 and 11** students are **not allowed to use, enter or approach these toilets**. They should be using the **Austen KS4 toilets**.

To support this practice, we have limited numbers in the toilet to a **maximum of 15 students allowed in at one time** during break and lunchtime. **This is the same practice for the boys KS3 toilets too - only Year 7, 8, 9 students should be using the boys KS3 toilets and KS4 students in Years 10 and 11 will be directed to Austen toilets.**

Any KS4 students seen or found in the central KS3 toilets will have an immediate Refocus sanction.

Should they repeatedly ignore this rule they will also be likely to face a suspension for their persistent disruptive behaviour and defiance.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message to your child.

Reminder: Cups Not Provided

A polite reminder that **we no longer issue students with cups and therefore we do not expect any students to make this request.**



All students should bring a reusable water bottle into school, which can be refilled at the one of the several water dispensers. We had added additional water dispensers around school to accommodate this. A range of drinks are still available to purchase from Richmond's.

Poland Visit

Last week, four of our Year 12 students went to Poland to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and memorial museum. As you can imagine, this is not an easy site to visit, and the students conducted themselves with the utmost respect and maturity throughout what was a very long and tiring day.

It was a difficult and solemn experience which they put themselves forward for, and the four students who went (Mohammed, Tarnpreet, Imogen and Grace) are a credit to the school.

Not many photos were taken, but one photo was taken of this message:

Ms Rauf

“Remember only that I was innocent and, just like you, mortal on that day, I, too, had had a face marked by rage, by pity and joy, quite simply, a human face!”

Benjamin Fondane, murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau, 1944

U15 Girl's Indoor Cricket Festival



On Wednesday 5th February, our Year 9 and 10 girls' indoor cricket team faced St. James in the preliminary round of the competition.

Windsor chose to bat first and the girls performed well, taking advantage of St. James' bowling.

Windsor then dominated whilst fielding, and took several wickets thanks to some excellent bowling.

The final scores were as follows:

Windsor: 56
St. James: 24

Windsor won the match, showing excellent teamwork skills. The player of the match was also one of our students: Izzy.

Congratulations to the girls, and a special thank you to Ellie and Izzy in Year 13 for volunteering their time to umpire and score the match.

Well done to the team! - Mrs Rhooms and Miss Donnelly



U13 Girl's Indoor Cricket Competition



On Thursday 6th February, Windsor hosted Wombourne in the Lady Taverners U13 Girls Indoor Cricket Competition. Our team was composed of students from Years 7 and 8, who showcased impressive bowling skills.

Several players took wickets through accurate bowling and fielding. The eight students in our team demonstrated excellent teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed the game.

Windsor scored a total of 14 points, while Wombourne scored 29 points.

The Player of the Match was one of our students – Safiyah.

Well done to the team – you showed great resilience and worked hard until the last second of the match.

A big thank you to our Year 13 students, Ellie and Isabel for volunteering their time to umpire and keep score during the game.

Mrs Rhooms and Miss Donnelly



Label Uniform and Equipment: A polite reminder to please ensure uniform and any items brought into school have your child's name on.



This is to help keep lost property to a minimum and ensure any lost items are returned quickly.



Higher Education and Careers Fair



We are pleased to invite students and parents from Years 9-13 to the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Higher Education and Careers Fair.

The fair takes place on Wednesday 26th February, 6.00-8.00pm in the Sixth Form Sports Hall where you will be able to meet staff from universities and apprenticeship training providers.

This will be a useful event for students to look at options for post 16 and post 18 study and work.

A link to register attendance has been sent out.

Cricket Success!



One of our students, Tobi has been working hard and has managed to achieve county level status in cricket and has been selected by Worcester County Cricket Club to train and represent the U12 county squad for the 2025 season!

Tobi has been playing in the youth section of Halesowen Cricket Club for the past three seasons and has received awards for being the top batsman, bowler, and fielder. Plus, he has led his team as captain.



Tobi is very much looking forward to representing Windsor in the cricket team when the matches begin.

Well done Tobi, we are very proud of you! Mr Hickman



Birmingham International Tattoo



Last weekend, three of our Year 11 students participated in the Birmingham International Tattoo: George (Head Boy), Thomas, and Tamzin.

George and Thomas were part of the 223 (Halesowen) Air Cadets, while Tamzin performed with the Halesowen Scout Band.

In the event, George took part in the procession of Royal British Legion standard bearers and carried the Cradley RBL Standard.



Thomas participated in the procession of Air Cadets, carrying the Halesowen Air Cadets banner.

Meanwhile, Tamzin and the Halesowen Scout Band were part of the National Marching Band.

Well done to all three students – we are very proud of you!



IMPORTANT

Year 9 Parents Evening



Year 9 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 5th March, 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Appointments can be booked on the Arbor app from Monday 24th February at 6:00pm.

Further information will be sent out on Arbor soon.



Windsor vs Kingswinford Basketball Fixture



This week, two schools from the Windsor Academy Trust participated in a friendly basketball match: Windsor High School and Sixth Form and Kingswinford Academy.

Both teams played in a competitive yet friendly manner, showcasing the spirit of their respective schools.

Windsor High School emerged victorious with a final score of 36 to 5.

Congratulations to the winning team and well done to both schools.



All the students were a credit to their school - Mr Price



Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi



Today, student achievements were celebrated with the weekly Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi session. Students from have been nominated by their Head of House, and also students from each House with the most points on Arbor were invited.

We also had a special award for students who have had 100% attendance in the final weeks of this half term. A massive congratulations to all students - you have been fantastic and fully deserving of this accolade.

Attendance Rewards

Jacob 11T2
Harry 10Y1
Danielle 9L1
Maisie 8H2
Justin 7Y1

Most points on Arbor

Hanover - Dutch 11H1
Lancaster - Ella 10L1
Stuart - Zaynab 9S2
Tudor - Nawal 10T1
York - Felicity 7Y2



Head of House Nomination

Hanover - Luna 7H1
Lancaster - Saffron 10L2
Stuart - Jake 8S1
Tudor - Neve 9T2
York - Joseph 10Y1



Blurred Roses - River Rooms Performance



Our all-girl band, Blurred Roses, performed at The River Rooms on Wednesday evening.

This was their second appearance at a Fred M Promotions Student Showcase.

The band sold an impressive 80 tickets, which earned them the headline spot.

All members of the band delivered an incredibly confident performance, showcasing their strong stage presence in front of a capacity crowd of over 350 people.

The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

We are extremely proud of them and the progress they have made together as a band!

Mr Jasper
and Mrs
Richards

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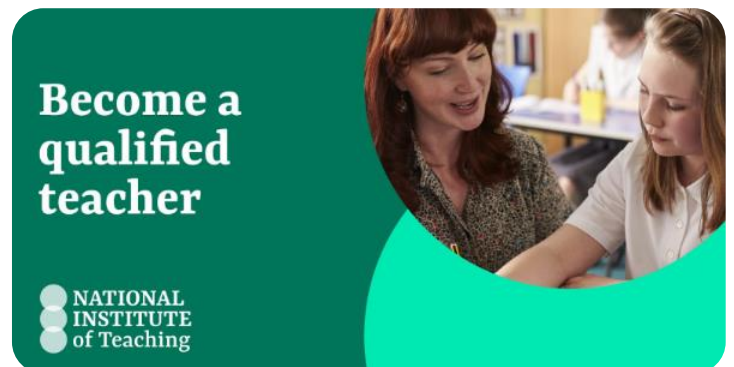
Initial Teacher Training at Windsor Academy Trust



As part of Windsor Academy Trust's (WAT) partnership with the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT) as an Associate College, applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our September 2025 intake.

Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 15 schools.

Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school. Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week.



All of our teacher training courses lead to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and 60 Master's Level credits. Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#).

You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NlOT at WAT. To find out more, please email us at teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience: Rare Opportunity for Year 11 and Year 12 Students - Register Now for February Half Term

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 11 or 12? Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

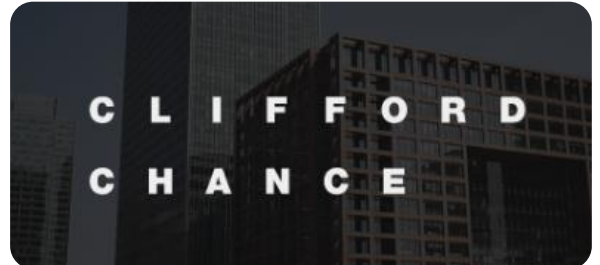
This one-day virtual programme is designed to help ambitious students develop key legal skills, learn from leading solicitors, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

Event Details

Date/Time: Friday 21st February, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

For: Year 11 and 12 students



Why You Should Attend:

- Law work experience is rare – secure this now to strengthen your future applications
- Explore Clifford Chance's practice areas and take part in interactive legal case studies
- Practical workshops to develop your legal skills
- Learn about the ACCESS and SPARK Programmes on offer– a direct route into law with Clifford Chance
- Advice from professionals on securing top legal opportunities
- Boost your applications for law programmes and university with real experience

Why This Matters for Your Future:

Law firms are highly competitive, and work experience like this makes your application stand out. If you're serious about a legal career, this is your chance to connect with a Magic Circle firm, learn from the best, and take your first step towards a successful career. Law work experience is incredibly rare—don't miss this opportunity to gain hands-on insight at one of the world's top law firms! **Register now to secure your place before it's too late.**

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CliffordChance-WEx-Day>

Year 9: Lydia D, Leo G, Emily Mae H, Amber L, Liz M, Lola M, Lily C.



THIS WEEK'S STARS

Year 10: Sophia C, Elsie B, Sophie C, Harry P, Evie R, Noah D, Daniel H, Scarlett H.



**IN MODERN
FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Year 11: Zia W, Sophie L, Laiba J, Braydn D, Phoebe B, Isabel D, Grace H.



Online Relationships and Dating Apps

Findings from Ofcom last year indicate that as many as 16% of the UK's population are currently using dating apps to form new connections. That's more than 11 million users in this country alone, and among so many, there are bound to be some who don't hop on these platforms with the best of intentions.



This is especially important to remember when we consider that an Ofcom consultation in the lead-up to the Online Safety Act found that some children and young people use these apps – regardless of their age restrictions. The guide attached to this week's newsletter details the most prominent risks of these platforms.