

# Windsor News and Information



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## Letter from Head of School



Please click the link below to view a letter from our Head of School, Miss Raindi.

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/assets/downloads/letters-to-parents/Parent-letter-14.11.24.pdf>

## Mobile Phone Reassertion



A polite reminder regarding mobile phones: **There will be zero tolerance regarding mobile phones in school. 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".

We encourage students to hand phones in during PE, but if the phone is turned on it will be confiscated. Phones that have been confiscated will be returned after school but if it is repeatedly seen or heard and therefore confiscated, parents/carers may need to collect the phone.

## IMPORTANT

## Student Reception



A reminder that student reception is **closed** during lesson times other than for those students who require **urgent** medical attention or need to leave the school site for an agreed appointment. Students are regularly informed of this in school.

If we hold medication in school for your child this should be taken **during the student reception opening times** below unless there are exceptional circumstances. Student reception will be open at the following times:

**Before School:** 8.30am – 9.10am

**Break:** 10.50am – 11.05am    **Lunch:** 12.50pm – 1.25pm

**After School:** 3.10pm – 4.15pm



### Students who are unwell or injured

Students who are ill should go to their Head of House or the Pastoral Office to decide whether they need to go home or remain in school.

Students often self-present for first aid with a bump or a bruise which will hurt initially but does not require first aid treatment. **Due to the volume of students we treat, we will triage and send students to lessons if it is felt they do not require first aid treatment.**

## 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. A range of drinks are still available to purchase from Richmond's.

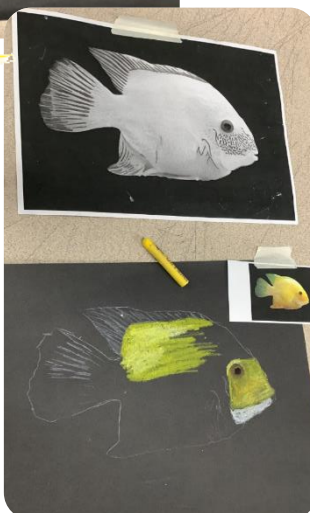
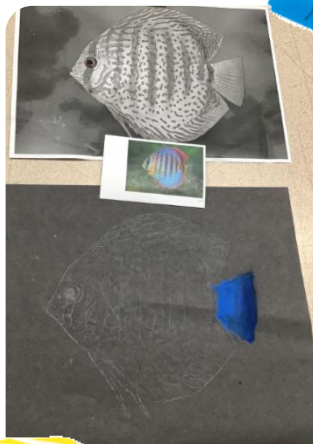
**Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the tutor bulletin.

## Spotlight on.....'Art and Crafts Club'



Art and Crafts Club meets every Thursday after school in M2. This club is open to students from Years 7 to 9. Currently, members are drawing pictures of tropical fish and using oil pastels to create the vibrant colours of the fish. They are also blending the colours together using cotton buds.

Upcoming projects for this club include designing Christmas cards and creating Origami.





## Springboard FutureChef



Last week on Friday, students participated in the school's heat of the 'Springboard FutureChef' competition. Students in Years 9 to 11 were invited to enter by designing, preparing, and cooking a main course for two people.

The competition consists of four stages: the school level, local heats, regional heats, and finally, the national final.

The students' meals were judged on skill and technique, composition, taste and flavour, as well as creativity and presentation. If they scored enough points, two students would advance to the local heats in Edgbaston.

Some of the meals our students created include Egg Fried Rice with Honey Chicken, Pork Loin Medallions with Tenderstem Broccoli, and Ardei Umpluți (Romanian Stuffed Peppers).

Well done to all the students involved, and congratulations to our winners, Abbigayle and Crina, who will proceed to the local heat.



**WELL  
DONE**

**Food**



# THIS WEEK'S STARS

## ★ IN MODERN ★

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES

**Year 7:** Riley G, Rosie D, Brandon B, Sam B, Maddie C, Leo G, Seb H, Ibrahim I, Charlotte J, Emma K, Lucia O, Hart R, Charlie S, Alfie S, Rupert Y.

**Year 8:** Jack B, Parveen K, Toby N, Ruby B, Haleema A, Niah B, Aiyana C, Emily C, Jack D, Jordan I, Chloe S, Tia R.

**Year 9:** Max D, Chloe C, Daniel H.

**Year 10:** Sophie R, Eliza H, Wasim K, Abbi H, Libby A, Reeham A.

**Year 11:** Ethan C, Sam S, Megan B, Ethan B, Piper H, Harry M.



- Wednesday 20th November: School Photographs.
- Friday 29th November: INSET Day.
- Monday 2nd December: Carol Service.
- Wednesday 11th December: Year 7 Parents' Evening.

### Lapal House – 40th Anniversary



To encourage students to connect with the local community, we were invited to visit Lapal House Residential Home on Tuesday 12th November, to participate in the celebrations for their 40th anniversary.

We had a wonderful afternoon at Lapal House Residential Home, and we thank them for the invitation!

We look forward to continuing our community partnership in the future.

Well done to the students involved  
- Miss Grace



# See yourself as a Marketing Manager?

A great marketing manager will have strong communication skills, creative problem-solving skills, and the ability to empathise - all skills that can be developed by studying a language in school.



## Learn a Language!

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**Label Uniform and Equipment:** 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 to their owner quickly.



## School Production Rehearsals



Rehearsals are underway for next year's school production. The production will take place on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February 2025 in the hall.

And we can now reveal next year's school production will be....(drum roll please.)....**Disco Inferno!**

Our students are working very hard rehearsing and can't wait to entertain you!



**ATTENTION**

### Ronald McDonald Charity



This year we will be collecting selection boxes for the Ronald McDonald Charity in collaboration with Halesowen BID. These selection boxes will be distributed by the charity to children who may not otherwise receive a selection box this Christmas.

We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to donate a selection box to send them into school between **now and 11th December**, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID.

Selection boxes can be taken to the offices of Mrs Hannan, Mr Evans, Miss Freear or Sixth Form Reception before school or during morning registration.

There will also be a box in the staff room.

Many thanks as always for your support for this worthy initiative.



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities™  
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## Teaching Cycle Safety



Figures from Cycling UK tell us that only 2.2% of UK schoolchildren currently cycle to school despite the majority owning a bike. Encouraging young people to get into this hobby can be a great way to keep them active and cut down on their screen time – while potentially providing them with a healthy and convenient way of travelling to and from school or getting around in general.

Of course, it's imperative that children and young people know how to keep themselves safe while riding from A to B, if we want to avoid the risk of injury or other unpleasant experiences that could discourage them from continuing with the hobby.

The guide attached to this week's newsletter - ready for Road Safety week, starting on 17th November, provides you with expert advice on teaching cycle safety to children and young people.

### Sparx Maths



Well done to the following classes!

(Completion in SPARX maths means answering every question correctly.)

If a student gets stuck and answers a question incorrectly six times and has watched the support video as prompted, a seek help message will automatically appear. We then get a purple flag to let us know.

Highest completion:  
**7Y/MaHAB (90.0%)**

Highest average XP per student:  
**8X/MaPSH (732 XP)**

Here is an article to help explain this: <https://support.sparx.co.uk/v1/docs/en/what-does-seek-help-mean-1>

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.



### Calling all Year 7 Students! – New Club!



Are you ready to unlock your creativity and boost your tech skills?

Join the Programming and 3D Modelling Club! In this exciting club, you'll learn how to create your own video games and design 3D models.

Whether you're new to coding or a tech enthusiast, our club is a fun and supportive place to explore, learn, and grow.

Get hands-on experience, make new friends, and discover endless possibilities!

The club takes place on Wednesday Lunchtimes in D23, from 1.00pm – 1.30pm for Year 7's.

Programming  
Modelling  
Club

Room: D23

Open to Year 7's  
on Wednesday  
Lunchtimes

1:00Pm to 1:30Pm

SCRATCH python