

Windsor News and Information



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We hope everyone has a great half term. Spring term resumes on Monday 27th February 2023 at 8.40am for all students.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th February	DTP/MEN ACWY Vaccinations- Year 9
Thursday 2 nd March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day



WINDSOR SIXTH FORM

Higher Education and Careers Fair

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Years 9-13
Location: Sixth Form
6pm- 8.00pm

The event will include talks delivered by universities and apprenticeship training providers

**MAXIMISE POTENTIAL
REALISE AMBITIONS**

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Year 9 Parents/Carers

We are asking parents/carers of Year 9 students if their child speaks another language at home. Thank you to the parents/carers who have already filled in the questionnaire via our ParentMail email.

If you have not yet had a chance to complete the questionnaire, please click the link below. It will only take a few minutes.

[Additional Language at home](#)

Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Payton
Faculty Director of MFL

*Well done to our Enterprise
Stars of the Week!*

*Well done to Josh H and Noah S for
excellent effort with their NEA assessments!*



**Business, Economics
and Enterprise**

Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr Andi Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.
- **Uniform:** Sales are now online: <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>



WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023



How to participate in World Book Day at Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Read in an unusual place
Take a picture using your iPad of you reading in an unusual place and send it to Englishcompetitions@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
There is lots of inspiration online for this competition.

House Competition
Decorate the window of your Tutor Room before World Book Day to represent reading or your favourite book.

- World Book Day Quiz**
- This quiz will be held in the library at lunchtime on Thursday 2nd March.
 - You will need a team of 4.
 - There will be 3 or 4 rounds including a picture round, multiple choice and fill in the missing word.
 - Please sign up by Tuesday 28th February in the Library to take part.

Click this link:
[World Book Day Digital Token](#)
to download a book token (offer valid from 16th February 2023 to 26th March 2023 inclusive). Or go to the Library on World Book Day to claim a free book instead. (Please note, there will be 2 titles to choose from).

Decorate a bookmark competition
Collect a blank bookmark from the Library, from today (Friday 17th February) and decorate it to represent your favourite book or genre. Hand it to the librarian to enter the competition. The closing date is Friday 3rd March.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Schemes

We will be sending out information on how to join the fantastic Duke of Edinburgh award that the school has to offer, the first week back after February half term.

Please look out for this as it will give information on how students can get involved with the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Duke of Edinburgh schemes.

School Meals

Don't forget students can top up their accounts with cash at the pay stations in school. Students in receipt of **free school meals** automatically have their funds topped up daily.



If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and are not currently receiving them you can apply online through our website:

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/free-school-meals/>

Half Term Fun for all the Family at DB Leisure

There's no need for youngsters to be bored over the holidays with lots of fun to be had at Dudley borough leisure centres this February half term.

Duncan Edwards, Crystal, Halesowen leisure centres and The Dell Stadium have plenty of activities to entertain the kids, including free swimming, £1 football sessions, brand-new soft play areas and SEN sessions.

To find out more visit: <https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/school-holiday-activities>



Mental Health Affects Everyone

“Even Disney Princesses get terrified” – Patti Murin

Patti Murin starred as “Anna” in “Frozen the Musical” but had to pull out of a performance due to the anxiety she was experiencing. She has received an amazing amount of support from the public and Disney for openly talking about her mental health struggles.

The full article can be read by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-43825027>

“Depression doesn’t discriminate” – Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson has also received support for talking about his own mental health problems. He actively promotes the idea of talking to people and how this form of communication can support developing a healthy mind.

The full article can be read by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-43735777>

We have created a wellbeing page on our website where we will regularly add support materials for parent / carers to access. Please click the link at the bottom of this article to look at this guidance for mental health concerns.

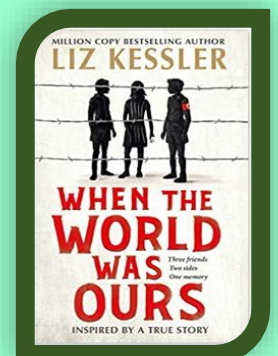
<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/student-welfare-and-personal-development/wellbeing/>

Recommended Read

Windsor recognises the importance of reading and to continue to raise the status of reading in school, we have asked staff to share their recommended reads with students and staff.

This week's recommendation is from Mrs Wood, our school librarian. It is a book by Liz Kessler called When the World Was Ours. The story begins in Vienna in 1936 celebrating Leo's 9th birthday with his best friends.

It follows the lives of the three friends and the impact the war has on them. Each chapter is written from the child's point of view. Two of the children are Jewish. The other child joins the Hitler Youth. It is a very powerful novel culminating with two of the children meeting at Auschwitz. It is inspired by a true story.



FRENCH STARS OF THE WEEK



Year 7 – Isla N, Cara W, Leah M, Adriano G, Jacob B

Year 8 – Liam L, Lyndon S, Nathaniel H, Grace N



Year 10 – Ruby B, Ben W, Holly D

Year 11 – Ellie R, Izzy P, Ellie S, Chloe M, Hannah I



GERMAN STARS OF THE WEEK



Year 8 – George P, Daisy A, Evie Rae S, Jenson H

Year 9 – Emily S, Joe W, Dylan A, Darius A, Isobel T, Katie W

Update of Student Details

Please remember to update us of any changes to:

- Your emergency contact details
- Home address
- Email address
- Your child's medical needs



Please send notes of any student amendments to student reception via your child.

Alternatively you can email:

info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Please ensure the email is sent for the attention of the Pastoral Administration staff.

Can you please ensure your child brings a drink to school.

They should bring a full bottle which they may refill with water from the cool water dispensers around school during break times.



Thank you for your support.

Free Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities over Half Term

The Royal Air Force Museum Midlands will be hosting a week full of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities, workshops and science shows, nestled amongst the inspiring aircraft displays.

Throughout STEM Week families can also try on RAF uniforms, decorate rocket money boxes and have a go at Airfix model making.



You can visit rafmuseum.org/midlands to see what's on each day. Entry to the Museum and participation in the STEM activities is free.

At a cost, there is also a 'A Volatile History of Chemistry – Science Show' to visit.

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