

Windsor News and Information



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- Thursday 25th January - Year 11 Parents Evening.
- Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th February - School Production

Information from Dudley Council Health Protection Department



Measles cases are rapidly rising across the West Midlands. Read more about symptoms here: [NHS-measles](#). If you have not had any measles vaccinations you can get the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is safe and gives effective protection against measles infection. If children and adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, it's important to take up the vaccine now.

Your GP surgery can advise if you are unsure of your or your child's vaccination status. It's never too late to get vaccinated against measles. Protection against measles starts to develop around two weeks after having the MMR vaccine.

If there are pregnant staff in a workplace who are unvaccinated, they would be especially vulnerable to the serious effects of measles infection. For those who are concerned for religious reasons about the vaccine, there is a non-porcine gelatine version of the MMR available for anyone who would prefer this. Please see the guide attached to this newsletter for further information regarding the MMR vaccination. If you have any questions, please contact Dudley Council.

Stuart Head of House



Mr Smallwood has unfortunately left Windsor High School to move onto a new challenge. He will be sorely missed and we wish him every success moving forward. In the interim and until half term Mrs Jeavons and Mrs Jones will take on the role of acting Head of House.

IMPORTANT

KS3 Toilets



To ensure we are supporting all of our students in school, we will be working on 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 will limit 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 and ensuring we are working together to support our wider school environment. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Morley / Mrs Proctor

Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr A. Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently and you are now in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit and Income Support, then you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child. Even if your circumstances have only changed for the short term, you still have the right to apply.



Please scan this QR code for more information on Dudley Council's website. The QR code also has a link for the application form. If you require assistance or would like support completing the form, please contact us directly by email info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter



This guidance offers a reminder to ensure consistent and efficient communication between parents/carers and school and will help us to continue our strong home-school relationship and clarify expectations to ensure that we are mindful of staff workload and wellbeing.

The Windsor Communication Charter can be found on our website by clicking this link:
[Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter](#)

★ Spotlight on 'Pokémon Club' ★

Pokémon Club is held every Tuesday after school (3.15pm to 4.00pm) in C15. This club is a great way to meet students from other years and create new friendships.

One student said "I look forward to Pokémon Club because I can trade and collect cards with other people. And, it's a brilliant way to meet other students who have the same hobby."

Students from all years are welcome, whether you are a beginner or already know your Charmander's from your Ivysaur's, come and have a go!



Spanish Year 11 GCSE - Additional Speaking Exam Booster Sessions



These sessions will take place every week in A4 on **Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes** with Ms Newton. These sessions are to help with homework and to practice speaking Spanish.

There will also be a session on **Fridays after school, from 3:15pm to 4:00pm** with Ms Dunn. This session is to focus on the Speaking Exam. Please note, the above sessions are **IN ADDITION** to the whole school revision programme.

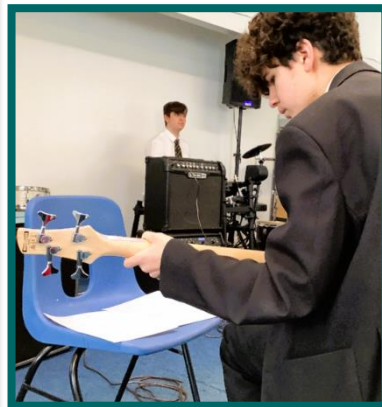
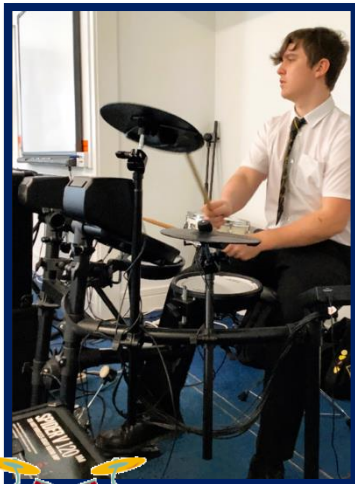




School Production - Band Rehearsals



Band rehearsals for the school production of 'We Will Rock You' are going well and the students can't wait to perform. When the school production has finished, vocal group and Guitar group will recommence, on Monday lunchtimes in E22.



Cybersecurity is an exciting and rapidly growing profession, rich in well-paying opportunities. We need a diverse cyber workforce, with different ways of thinking, to create and deliver better, more powerful cyber solutions. The unique way you see the world and approach problems already sets you up for a successful career in cyber.

The Cisco Cyber Camps are for students that **identify as female or non-binary**. Candidates must be aged **13-19 at the time of enrolment** to participate in a Cisco Cyber Camp sprint.

From January 2024, and every four months thereafter, Cisco are offering **free, remote, supported** courses that will train participants on industry-ready cybersecurity skills, taking you from beginner to cyber hero. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Smartphone Safety Tips

One in three 8 year olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12 years old.

This concerted increase – driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

The guide attached to this week's newsletter pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips.

Dr Frost Maths

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform that is used at Windsor High School and Sixth Form to set maths homework and classwork tasks. The platform can also be used for independent study or revision.

How can I use Dr Frost to help with Maths and earn points?

- Complete homework and classwork tasks set by your teacher.
- 'Start a Practice' independently.

- **Clean up Task** of questions you've previously got wrong.
- **By Topic** to practice a certain Key Skill
- **Times tables** to brush up on your mental arithmetic.
- **Past Papers** for Years 10 and 11 preparing for GCSE.
- Ask your maths teacher if you are unsure of your login or what maths to work on.



What to work on next?

Start a Practice

If a student earns enough points, they could make it onto the Dr Frost Maths Leaderboard! As well as seeing their name on the leaderboard outside C7, they will also be awarded extra credits.

Please see below to find out which students topped the leaderboard for the months of November and December 2023:



Windsor High School - Dr Frost Top Students, November and December 2023



Year 7: 11,610 points

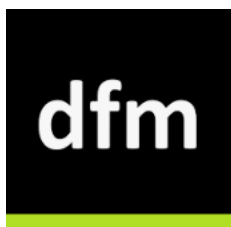
- Alexandria T 1212 points
- Daniella G 589 points
- Aeryn G 467 points

Year 8: 3,442 points

- Mustafa A 327 points
- Daisy B 314 points
- Yasha S-N 249 points

Year 9: 13,584 points

- George C 1144 points
- Zezy A 658 points
- Charlotte S 377 points



Year 10: 52,920 points

- Kainan S 2378 points
- Eleanor S 915 points
- Alexa H 852 points

Year 11: 38,004 points

- Lara P 4180 points
- Joshua N 3100 points
- Hafsah M 1202 points



Website: drfrostmaths.com

Continue your mathematical journey...

Initial Teacher Training at Windsor Academy Trust



Are you in your final year of studying for your degree, already in work but thinking about a career change or know someone who is? Have you ever considered going into teaching?

From September 2024, Windsor Academy Trust will be offering teacher training provision in partnership with the National Institute of Teaching as an Associate College. Find out more details on the letter attached to this newsletter.

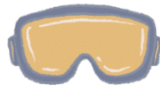
Updated Extra Curricular Activities List

Our list of extra curricular clubs on offer has been further enhanced. A new list is attached to this newsletter for your information.

Clubs are free to join and students are welcome to try as many as they wish.



Dry Ski Slope Practice



Our first group of students had a practice session this week on a local dry ski slope in preparation for the Easter Ski trip to Italy.

Everyone showed great resilience which resulted in the successful development of their skiing skills.

Our students can't wait for the trip and it is a fantastic opportunity for them to travel, and discover new places.

Well done to all the students who took part in our first dry ski slope practice – you were a credit to the school.



WELL DONE



A PLACE TO HANG OUT, MAKE FRIENDS
AND TALK ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH.

CHRISTIAN UNION

ROOM A1

**LAUNCHING ON THURSDAY
LUNCHTIMES IN JANUARY**



**Reminder: Plastic
cups are no longer
available**

A polite reminder that
**we will no longer
issue students with
plastic cups.**

We encourage all
students to bring a
reusable water bottle
into school, which can
be refilled at the water
dispensers.

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

**NO
PLASTIC**



Chemistry Competition

Having excelled in the local heats, our students represented Windsor High School and Sixth Form in the prestigious region finals of the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition on Saturday.



They competed in pairs during the theory round and then came together as a team to complete an investigation in the university level science labs. They handled the pressure and novel situations with ease and enthusiasm. We are so proud of you all! - The Science Department.



U13 and U14 Cricket



This week our under 13 and under 14 cricket team's played against St James. Our under 13 team won (97 runs to 67 runs) and our under 14 team won (39 runs to 28 runs). Well done to both teams! The PE Department.



Windsor Alumni Network



Are you a former Windsor student? Did you study at Windsor Sixth Form? If so, reconnect with your past by becoming a part of our vibrant Alumni Network.



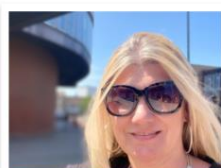
Discover the latest adventures of your old school and Sixth Form companions and share your current endeavours. Learn more and sign up here: <https://loom.ly/7Bz8vHc>

Alumni Profiles

Here are some profiles of Windsor Alumni - find your old school friends, see what they have been up to and what they are doing now.

If you would like to have a profile, please click the link below.

[Register for an Alumni profile](#)



Shani Andrews
Functional Skills Tutor - EducationWise Academy



Rhys Arthur
Assistant Store Manager - Aldi UK



Sophie Ashby
Learning Support Assistant - Q3 Academy Langley



Ian Aspley
Probation Service Officer - Probation Service



Chadley Atkins
Management Consultant - PwC



Amal Baazab
Receptionist - BMW / Student at Newman University

Pre-Loved Uniform

Due to our successful pre-loved uniform collaboration with UniformD Marketplace we are asking parents and carers to consider donating any **clean** school uniform that no longer fits your child.

Please ensure that the uniform is the current uniform, or current PE kit.

And that it is in a **clean and acceptable condition**, you have removed any name tags of your child and that a size is visible for the item. Donated uniform can be brought into school reception.



Pre-Loved DofE Award Equipment

We are asking parents and carers to consider donating any **clean** DofE equipment that no longer fits you or your child, or no longer needed.

Such as waterproof jackets, waterproof trousers, fleece jackets, walking boots, rucksacks 60L/70L. Please ensure that the equipment is in a **clean and acceptable condition, with sizes on**. Donated items can be brought into school reception.