

We hope everyone has a great half term, school returns on Monday 28 February.

## Covid-19 Systems and Procedures

As you are aware staff and students are no longer required to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas, but can do should they still wish to. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis and communicated to you via the newsletter as usual.

### A reminder about the importance of taking and reporting Lateral Flow Test results

We continue to strongly encourage all our community to test twice weekly at home and to report all the results to us in school and to the NHS. This is designed to catch any possible cases of Covid-19 at the earliest stage and reduce the chances of transmission in school. The report login can be found [here](#).

When reporting a positive Lateral Flow Test result or positive PCR can you please ensure that when calling into school / leaving a message on Parentmail you provide the school with the following information to enable us to report cases accurately:

- Date of symptom onset
- Symptoms
- Date of positive LFT
- Date of positive PCR (if applicable)

If your child requires extra lateral flow test kits due to them testing regularly as a close contact to a positive case, please ask them to collect one from Student Reception.

### Half-Term Vaccination Opportunities for 12 to 15-year-olds

The NHS Vaccination Programme have asked us to share with you that vaccinations will be available during half term for 12 to 15 year olds. You can take your child to a number of local sites this half term for their 1st or 2nd jab – no appointment needed. Click here to book or to find a walk-in site near you <https://bit.ly/3jAqkrD>

### Second vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Children aged 12 to 15 are now eligible for a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, 12 weeks after their first dose. To support the government's efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible, we have agreed that our eligible students will be able to receive their second vaccination (or first one if they have not previously had this but now wish to) in school. Please see further details which were sent via Parentmail yesterday, or click [here](#) to book a slot. The deadline to make a booking is 3rd March.

## Essential Stationery Kits

To support your child to continue to be prepared for learning each day, we have essential stationery kits available to purchase. The kit contains:

- 3 x glue sticks
- 5 x white board pens
- 5 x black biros
- 5 x pencils with rubbers on the end
- 1 x 15cm plastic ruler

**Total cost: £3.00**



If you would like to purchase essential stationery kit(s) at £3.00 per pack for your child you can do so via ParentMail. Stationery kits can be collected from Form Tutors following payment.

### Special points of interest:

- **WHSA** – 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/>

## Progress Reports - date changes

As a result of some minor adjustments to our assessment cycle we have made the following changes to the school calendar:

- The Year 10 and Year 12 progress reports will now be sent to parents on Tuesday 5th April
- Year 7, 8 and 9 progress reports will now be sent to parents on Thursday 7th April

## School Dinners - Price Increase

School dinners will be increasing to £2.30 as from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, with other items potentially increasing in line with this. The price increase is necessary to enable us to combat rising food and overhead prices and is our first increase since October 2017. We are still committed to providing delicious, nutritionally balanced food for all of our students.

A reminder that all students have an automatic £5 per day limit to spend in the school dining hall; this is to prevent excessive spending. If you wish your child's limit to be lifted, please let us know.

## David Walliams writes to Year 7 students

A massive thank you to David Walliams who replied to a letter that our Year 7 students wrote to him about reading and the books they love!



It was a lovely surprise to receive a response and a signed photo. David was grateful that students had read his books, and wrote about his inspiration for writing, encouraging the students to be aware of their surroundings, as this is one of the things that makes him a great writer. The students were over the moon!



## Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7	Megan M, Afanan G, Harry D, Charly T, Jaydon G, Olivia G
Year 8	Braydn D, Hirah A, Alfie We, Freya L
Year 9	Kaitlyn P, Tristan R, Nasser S, Issy H
Year 10	Ewan S, Poppy K, Lucy B, Jake G
Year 11	Kuda Y, Toby O



## French Stars of the Week

Year 7	Tyler C, Sophie P, Millie M, Ella J, Daniel K
Year 8	Cristina F, Isobel A, Lexie W, Hollie B, Ethan H
Year 9	Ruby B, Nasma A, Ranad H, Kian M, Sama A, Oliver R
Year 10	Aminah F, Ellie R, Yasmin L, Isabelle W
Year 11	Brandt L-W, Olivia Wh, Lauren S



## German Stars of the Week

Year 7	Sean C, Max A, Scarlett A
Year 8	William F, Sameer N, Isobel T
Year 9	Hannah B, Sofia R, Sophie H
Year 10	Jacob C, Charlie L, Oliver T
Year 11	Leah W, Frankie C



## Windsor Leaders at Primary Sports Events

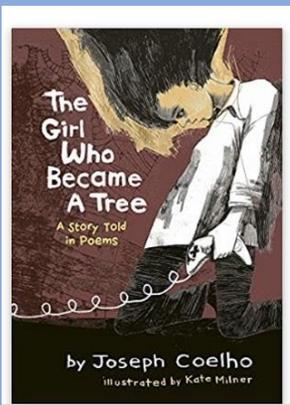
We have had a busy few weeks with 12 visiting primary schools enjoying sport and physical activity at Windsor. Our sports leaders have made it all happen, represented the school with pride and shown they have SO MANY key life skills as part of their Leadership – resilience, communication, responsibility, organisation and team work. Details of some of these events are:



- On 1st February we held a Boccia and Archery Festival for Year 3 and 4 pupils – Leaders were the Year 12 BTEC group.
- In the same afternoon we held a Year 5 and 6 Football event – Leaders were the Year 13 BTEC group.
- On Monday 14th February we held a Year 5 and 6 Hockey Festival – Leaders were from Year 11.
- On Tuesday 15th February we held a Tag Rugby Competition which the Year 13 BTEC group planned and ran themselves.

Look out for more events in the next half term where our Leadership Academy will be leading. Exciting times!

Mrs K Jones



## 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 book is *The Girl Who Became a Tree – A Story Told in Poems* by Joseph Coelho. The myth of Daphne and Apollo combines with a story of a girl struggling to make sense of loss in this innovative novel playfully told across a plethora of poetic forms. The book cleverly relays complex emotions and brings to life the inner-world of Daphne's grief an isolation whilst showcasing the power of story, reading and libraries as a form of release.

Thank you to Ms Tinson for this fantastic recommendation!

## Happy Valentine's Day from a Year 7 student

A Year 7 student made a beautiful Valentine's card written in Spanish this week, to celebrate Valentine's Day

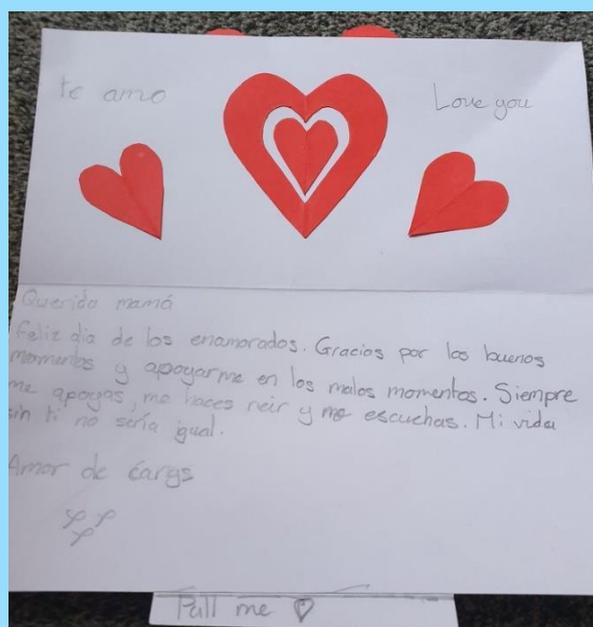
The translation is:

*Dear Mum,*

*Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you for all the good moments and for supporting me during bad times. You always support me, you make me laugh and you listen to me. My life without you would not be the same.*

*With love,*

Beautiful words and sentiment, and well done for writing it in Spanish!





Our Year 9 Spanish ambassadors Mya and Chloe led the Year 7 Spanish Club on Monday. They created fantastic resources on Blooket to teach our Year 7 students new Spanish words. You are all showing great leadership skills!

¡Bien hecho chicos!

### Activities Week 2022 - 18 - 21 July



Allocation letters for your child's place on Activities Week were issued via Parentmail before Christmas. If you have not already done so, please complete the acceptance forms that were included in that letter. Please also ensure that your deposits and instalments are up to date.

We do have a limited number of spaces available on some of the activities. Please contact us if you would like to discuss availability or if you have any questions regarding any aspect of Activities Week.

Further details of the full itineraries will be issued over the coming months. We are looking forward to this week being a successful, fun and rewarding ending to the school year.