

# Windsor News and Information



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As a reminder, all our safety advice, organisational details and information for parents and students can be located in one place in the weekly newsletters section of our website.

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/news-vacancies/weekly-newsletters/>

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you and your family are keeping well.

You will have no doubt seen the news in relation to the full re-opening of schools. This week the Prime Minister indicated that students would start to return to face-to-face education from 8<sup>th</sup> March. He also informed us that this would be using a staggered and phased approach to allow for all students to be offered a Lateral Flow Test prior to arriving back in school. The aim of this plan is to identify people who may be asymptomatic and therefore reduce the chances of spreading Covid-19 inadvertently in school.

We are delighted to learn that we will be able to welcome all of our students back into school. However, the guidance includes a wide range of parameters and here at Windsor means the potential need to test large numbers of adults and young people.

We are currently working through the implications and logistics to ensure that we balance the risks of running testing in school, offering provision for our children of key workers and other identified students and the safe return of all other students during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We plan to communicate the arrangements of testing and the timings for the return of the students early next week. This will give you all the detail you need to plan for your child's safe return.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will also see some further information with reference to Lateral Flow Testing and how you can give permission for your child to access this should you want to.

Thank you for your continued support in advance of receiving this information. As always, if you need any further help or advice please do not hesitate to contact our school reception.

Yours faithfully

Mr S R Lanckham  
Headteacher

## COVID-19 Lateral Flow Test information for Parent / Carer

We have shared information with you via ParentMail and the newsletter previously regarding the Lateral Flow Test (LFT) process. You will now be aware part of the Government's roadmap to reopen society and schools in particular is for the students to be given 3 Lateral Flow Tests in school before they then begin home testing. This is seen as an essential part of breaking the transmission of Covid 19 as 1/3 of people who test positive are asymptomatic. **LFT are only for asymptomatic people. If your child has symptoms they should remain at home and take a NHS PCR test.**

The link below will enable you to consent or decline for your child to take part in this process. Please complete this if you wish to and **have not already done so. You only need to reply once per child.** These tests have been taking place in school for many weeks now in a really professional and clinical environment which students and staff have said has really helped them take the test easily and calmly. We will begin the process of allocating appointments on the morning of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, **so would request you to have completed this form before 8.00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March** to support the smooth allocation and notification of your child's 1st test time and date.

[Consent for Lateral Flow Tests for students](#)

If you give consent we will be in touch to make arrangements for their first test. On the day of your child's test, they will bring home a card containing a QR code and a barcode allocated to your child. You can use this information to register on the online NHS system. Registration will need to be completed within 24 hours of your child having the test to ensure you receive the results.

## **Options Evening - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

We will be holding our Options Evening via video appointments using School Cloud, the same system as Parents Evening. Bookings will be open from Monday 1 March until Tuesday 9 March.

The aim of the evening is for you and your child to speak to staff and find out more information on subjects they are interested in studying in Years 10 and 11.

The 2021 Options Information Booklet is available for you to access currently on the schools website <https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/parents-students/ks4-options-choices/> for you to look at before the evening event.

Mr Leathem-Pugh

## **Map Calls - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

We are pleased to share that on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March all children's form tutors from year 7 to 13 will be phoning home to speak to them. This will allow your child to speak to their tutor in advance of their return to school which we now know will be from the 8<sup>th</sup> March and share how they have found this latest period of remote education, how they are feeling and if we can do anything to support their smooth return. The high number of live lessons and live tutor times means we have been much more able to keep in regular contact with students this lock down and we therefore hope your child is ready for their return. We are aiming for the conversation to last approximately 5 minutes with follow up calls being made for any child who needs a longer conversation or greater support.

The tutor will post a question on their noticeboard asking for your child to indicate which time slot may be most suitable, but please understand we are unable to guarantee these times. It is therefore important for you to discuss this with your child in advance to ensure we have the best chance of making contact.

Instead of their normal timetabled lessons for this day, we will have a focus on physical and mental wellbeing and will look to significantly reduce the amount of screen time needed. As Thursday is World Book Day we will be incorporating some relevant work in relation to this also. All activities for the day will be published on the students' tutor group Google Classrooms from 9.00am

All information regarding students return will be finalised and shared soon. Tutors are not aware of final plans so will be unable to give any more information at this stage. Please do not ask for any clarity from tutors as they do not have this information. The call is designed to allow contact between your child and their tutor as part of our supportive house structure within school.

Our aim is therefore to provide an invaluable opportunity for your child to talk to their tutor, spend time focusing on their physical and mental health and celebrating world book day as they prepare to rejoin our eagerly awaited return to face to face teaching.

Mr Morley

## National Careers Week

National Careers Week is the UK's largest celebration of Careers and Windsor are getting involved! Students in all year groups will get exposure to a range of activities and are encouraged to ask their teachers about their career pathways and careers linked to specific subjects.

Did you know that many students have a career idea in mind from around the age of 7 and usually keep with that idea throughout their education?

This can be a problem as young people are not actively exploring different career routes that may be better suited to them or more readily available in the local area.

Please have a look at the Labour Market Information page on the school website

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/parents-students/careers/labour-market-information/> to see what industries are most popular in the local area and use 'Careerometer' tool to search different jobs to find out more about them!

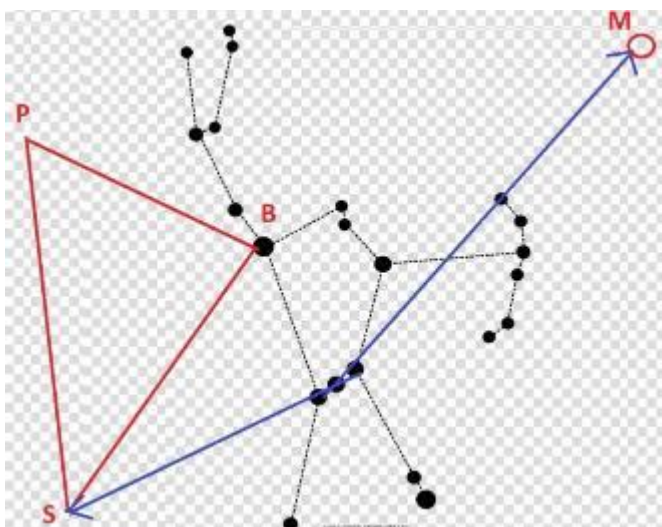
Mrs Brookes



## Lockdown Astronomy

We are all looking for ways to keep mentally healthy as well as physically while getting away from our screens during this lockdown. A sample of naked eye astronomy is something that parents and students could get involved with. As soon as it is dark go into your back garden and start looking for some interesting astronomical objects!

Firstly you should still be able to see the winter triangle at this time of the year. It is a collection of three bright stars Betelgeuse, Sirius and Procyon that make up the triangle. It is best to find Betelgeuse by firstly finding the constellation of Orion. This can normally be located by identifying the three stars of Orion's belt. Betelgeuse is the reddish star towards the top left of the constellation. Sirius can be found by tracing a line down and left through the three stars of Orion's belt until you reach a bright star. The third bright star, Procyon is almost directly above Sirius.



If you prefer to see a planet, Mars will be visible in the night sky this month until around 1.00 am. It is located between the constellations of Taurus and Aries.

To find it, locate the Pleiades cluster, in the constellation of Taurus. It will be a fuzzy looking group of around seven visible bright stars very close to each other.

This cluster can be found by tracing a line up and right through the three stars of Orion's belt. Mars is the bright, orange-red object just underneath the star cluster.

If you want a technological approach you can download free augmented reality apps such as "Star chart". These enable you to locate hundreds of objects in the night sky with your Smartphone.

Happy star gazing!

Dr Porter, Science Faculty

## Online Safety

Free to access online safety courses provided by [nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com):

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 7 – 11](#)

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 11 – 14](#)

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 11 – 18](#)



### Year 8 Crêpes

Our budding Francophones in Year 8 have recently practised their listening and reading skills in French through the study of pancake recipes.

**Et voilà.....**here's a small selection of the amazing crêpes they went on to make in half-term! **...très délicieux!**

Merci beaucoup de Mme Dunn, Mme Rogers et Mme Lanckham



Sama A



Lillie S



Sophie C



Star Baker: Owen F



Ben W



Chloe S



Olivia D

### German stars of the week:

- Year 7: Jack B, Lizzie S, Megan B, Ethan L, Alens K, Breona T  
Year 8: Gwen A, Ellis C, Joe H, Eliana S, Omaima S  
Year 9: Eloise J, Maryam B, Anna S, Jacob C

Keep up the great work!



### Spanish linguists of the week:

- Year 7: Harry G, Paige F  
Year 8: Lily R, Nasser S  
Year 9: Mohammed K, Finley B  
Year 10: Paige M, Millie H

Well done!



### Top French linguists:



- Year 7: Tom, Sammy, Nassim, Lexie, Rania, Daisie, Chloe and Jack  
Year 8: Hamzah, Charlie, Nasma, Elena, Millie, Holly, Zack  
Year 9: Jemima T, Isabelle W, Jack K, Daniella M, Ellie R, Rameesa, Nicole W, Millie E  
Year 10: Callum N, Brandt LW, Abigail  
Year 11: Ben B for perseverance and resilience. Ella and Laura for fantastic attainment.

Well done!

## German Language Course

Congratulations to Year 11 students Amelia B, Hamish P, Thomas L and Zara A for being accepted onto a prestigious German language course offered by the Goethe Institut.

Thanks to our participation with the PASCH project the students will have the opportunity to take part in virtual classes with German language learners from all over the world and experience exclusive German culture workshops.

Well done!



## World Book Day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Don't forget to use your voucher!**

Vouchers/£1 books will be distributed to students in school or use this link for a digital token. [booktoken SecondaryUK.pdf](#)

For more information: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



### Update of student details

Please remember to update us of any changes to:

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

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

Alternatively you can email:

[info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) for the attention of Pastoral Administration.

**Uniform:** Our uniform sales are now online; this will enable all uniform orders to be placed directly by you. Please place all uniform orders via <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>

Select the *Direct to Parent option*

Complete the quick and simple registration selecting Windsor High School and Sixth Form as your chosen school. Then you are ready to access our uniform shop.

A sizing guide and registration/ordering guide are available on our school website in the uniform section.

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/about-us/school-uniform/item-listings/>

**Important note:** No uniform will be held on site at school for purchase.

# WINDSOR ART

Windsor Art students have been trying so hard each week producing artwork from home that it would be fantastic for you to see some of the amazing efforts.

Included:

- Year 7 Art: Eyes, using a grid to plan out the image and applying different ranges of tones practised over the term
- Year 7 Textiles: Some students had never sewn before and showed great resilience when producing a number of stitching techniques
- Year 8: Were studying animals for their ecosystems project and looking at different ways to apply pen to create the different tones and textures
- Year 9: Have been working on producing work for the topic Corroded and Mechanical, studying the artist Jim Dine and using a number of things around the house including coffee to make the images.
- Year 10: Have been studying their new topic of architecture and have explored different artists, taken photos and created an array of drawings

Well done to everyone that has really given 100%, really impressive work!

