

Windsor News and Information



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- Friday 29th November: INSET Day.
- Monday 2nd December: Carol Service (7.00pm to 8.15pm).
- Monday 9th December: INSET Day.

Dear Parent/Carer



It has been a pleasure to speak to students this week alongside Mr Lanckham in assembly as their new Head of School. Our focus has been to congratulate them on their outstanding contribution to our recent Ofsted inspection and share details of the report, along with some reminders of expectations in school as we pursue continued excellence. As ever, their pride for our school and what we can achieve together has been a pleasure to see.

It has also been fantastic to meet some of you at our Year 13 Parent's Evening last night and I look forward to seeing many more of you at our upcoming festive events in school.

Thank you also to everybody for their understanding during the recent period of inclement weather. We value our students' education greatly and therefore will always endeavour to keep school open. However, this week, despite our best efforts, the unusual amount of snow and ice made our school unsuitable to open at the usual time and we required additional time to prepare the site so that it was safe for staff and students. We truly appreciate your support with the two delayed starts we have experienced this week as a result, but thank you for ensuring that your child attended school and benefited from four periods of their education each day.

We will always update our community as quickly and as early as possible during times of unplanned closure as we appreciate the impact that this can have on you and your families. We will notify you via email, on the school website and on social media of any unplanned closures and subsequent updates:

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Our aim is to coordinate snow clearance by 7.00am with a view to maximising the chance of opening and send out communication updates by 7.30am.

As we head into the weekend, I would like to also take a moment to congratulate Year 11 on their impressive attendance, effort and dedication to their mock examinations that have started this week. This is a milestone moment in the academic year which will enable staff, students and you to see how the students are progressing and any steps they need to take before their final examinations begin next summer. Your ongoing encouragement and support with their revision and preparation for these examinations is deeply appreciated. **Please note that any examinations that have been impacted upon by the weather will be rescheduled and we will notify you and students of this.**

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Miss G Raindi
Head of School

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

IMPORTANT

Reporting Student Absence



From January 2025 ALL student absences must be reported via the Arbor App. This will help us improve our processes and ensure all absence messages are received and coded appropriately.

If you need a link to register for the Arbor App please email (stating your child's name and tutor group): arbor@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Pastoral Team

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December



This year students will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch or hot turkey roll / hot vegetarian roll on Wednesday 18th December.

Christmas lunch will consist of roast turkey/vegetarian Quorn roast, pigs in blankets, and creamed potatoes, carrots, parsnips, sprouts, peas, sage and onion seasoning and gravy.

Both the hot roll and Christmas lunch will be followed by either, iced sponge and custard or ice cream.

- Traditional Christmas lunch will be in Richmond's
- Hot turkey/vegetarian roll and pudding at the Cube

On this day there will only be a limited choice of other food available:

- Sandwiches
- Pasta pots
- Nominal amount of jacket potatoes



Your child will be asked by their Form Tutor to indicate if they would like to have a Christmas lunch. This will enable the Catering Team to plan their menus. **Cost will be £2.50.**



Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving at school on **Thursday 28th November for one week**. Please visit the Library when they arrive to browse the books available.

Online payments are welcome via the link below.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1404426>

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS
COME TO THE BOOK FAIR
and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!
READ THE BOOKS EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!

LET'S SPLIT UP
FOOTBALL LEGENDS 2025
PHANTOM HEARTS
Powerless



IMPORTANT

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.



Monday 2nd December 2024 – 7.00pm to 8.15pm
(Doors open to audience members from 6.30pm)
Everyone is welcome!

ATTENTION

GCSE Poetry Live: 21st January 2025



Parents/carers of Year 11 students who have expressed an interest in attending GCSE Poetry Live on 21st January 2025: The trip details have been sent out to via Arbor. Please check the letter and sign your child up if they wish to attend this excellent opportunity to improve their poetry exam responses.

The deadline to sign up (form and part or full payment on Arbor app) is Monday 9th December. Students who didn't express an interest can see Ms Grace to arrange for a letter to be sent home. Thank you.



Recycling House Competition



For the last two weeks, students brought in unwanted clothes to their Head of House's office as part of a 'Recycling House Competition'.

The House with the highest weight in recycled clothes would win the most points for their house and all clothes would be donated to charity.

The donations have now been weighed and we can reveal:

Hanover House has won!



The bags were weighed twice over to ensure second and third place were correct because it was so close!

We are very grateful to all students and staff who donated items - not only are you recycling but you are raising money for charity!



1st Place: Hanover House:
78kg - 25 points

Joint 2nd Place: York House
and Lancaster House: 32kg -
20 points

3rd Place: Tudor House: 15kg
- 10 points

5th Place: Stuart House: 4kg -
5 points

Well done to everyone
involved!



Dudley Children's Book Award



This annual award is aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 11 with numerous primary and secondary schools in the area taking part. School librarians promote the award to encourage reading for pleasure and to foster a love of books.

The benefits of the award are:



- To develop a reading culture.
- To read books they otherwise would not have read.
- To enable young people to explore less traditional or debut authors.

Children, young people and librarians will nominate their favourite reads published this year. The shortlist will then consist of four books from three categories.

The award winner will be announced at a presentation ceremony on 18th March 2025 at Dormston School, Sedgley.

Why not borrow the books from the school or public library and vote for your favourites?



Please ask Mrs Wood for more information, or visit: dudleychildrensbookawards.co.uk or follow the Dudley Children's Book Award on X @theDCBA.

Dudley Winter 2024 HAF Programme

The **Dudley Winter 2024 HAF Programme** is being finalised and there is an amazing range of DfE funded activities, experiences and family events on offer for the HAF eligible families of Dudley.

Activities will be on offer between **20th December and 5th January**.

What is HAF?

The **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme** is a **government-funded initiative** in England that aims to provide support to school-aged children who receive **benefits-related free school meals** during holiday periods.

Eligibility?

- The HAF programme primarily targets school-aged children from **Reception to Year 11 (inclusive)** who receive **benefits-related free school meals**.
- Benefits-related free school meals are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits, verified by their school or local authority.

What do I need to do?

If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals please visit the Dudley Council free school meals page to check eligibility and apply ([Free school meals | Dudley Council](#)). Once registered, please sign up to the HAF programme on the [Dudley Holiday Activities Website](#).

Please also see the attachments to this newsletter for more information.

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THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7: Kseniia S, Shelton C, Hannah C, Emiliana R.

Year 8: Quinn B, Eve B, Miller B, Taaha K, Sam L, Finley S, Ritaj H, Lottie P.

Year 9: Ariyam H, Elisa I, Lola M, Alice T, Tristan R, Leo G, Reeno C, Maisey M.

Year 10: Sophie C, Danai G, Elenia H, Charlotte S, Daniel H, Cody S, Nancie W.

Year 11: Edie F, Ruby B, Sophie L, Montathar N, Ethan J, Alfie G.



Educating Children on Spending/Saving

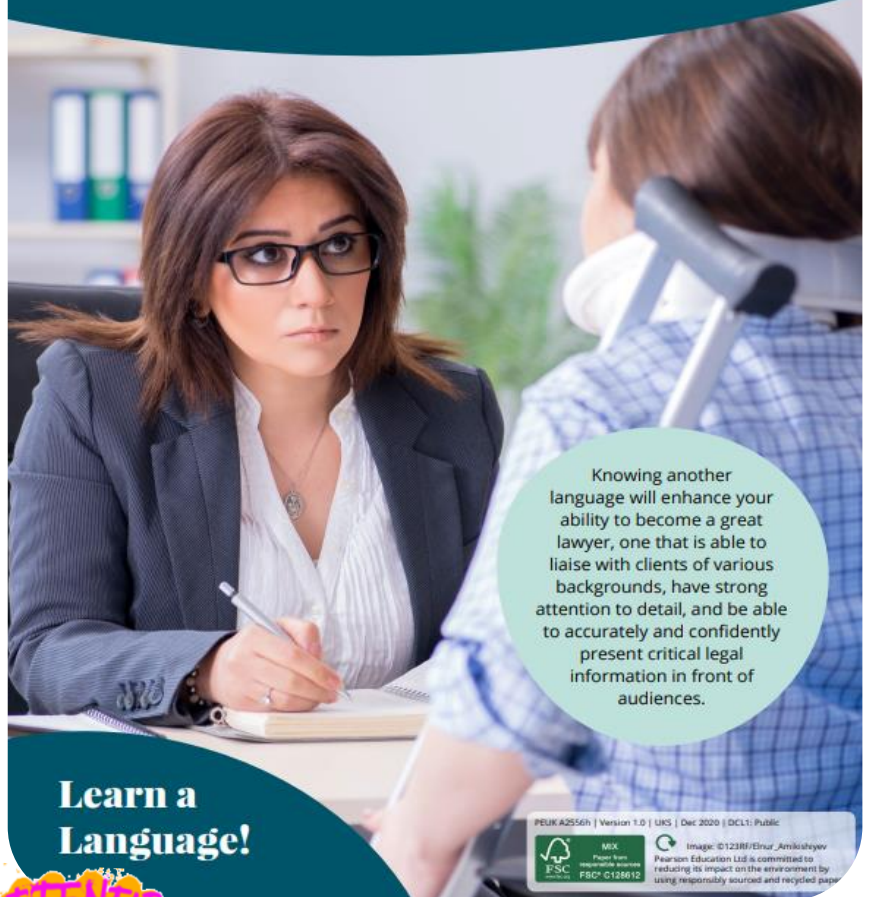


Findings from the Money and Pensions Service have found that only 47% of children in the UK have received a meaningful financial education.

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales fast approaching, now is a great time to help children understand the value of money. Of course, it can feel daunting when attempting to teach young people about something as complicated as money and responsible budgeting but there are several options at your disposal.

To break down these options, please see the guide attached to this week's newsletter that the National College has done in collaboration with the financial education app Go Henry, to help teach children and young people all they need to know about spending and saving.

See yourself as a Lawyer?



Knowing another language will enhance your ability to become a great lawyer, one that is able to liaise with clients of various backgrounds, have strong attention to detail, and be able to accurately and confidently present critical legal information in front of audiences.

Learn a Language!



Year 7 Parents Evening – Wednesday 11th December (4.00pm to 7.00pm)

Bookings will go live for Year 7 parents evening on the Arbor app on **Friday 29th November at 6.00pm**. Further information will be sent out on Arbor nearer the time.

Sparx Maths

Well done to the following classes:

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

Highest completion:
10a/Ma1 (90.6%)



Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:
8Y/MaPSH 71.9% (+28.1%)

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 will also revisit some topics from the previous weeks.