



Windsor News and Information



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- Monday 8th January 2024 - Return to School - 9.40am.
- Thursday 25th January 2024 - Year 11 Parents Evening.

Dear Parent/Carer



As we approach the end of the term, we should reflect upon the many positive events that have happened in school over the last few months. There are too many to mention individually, but in our quest to develop our students' academic and personal potential the following highlights encapsulate some of our successes:

- We achieved some fantastic results in GCSE and post 16, and sit near the top of performance in Dudley once again.
- We are full and oversubscribed in Year 7 and 12 again.
- It was great to see so many of our Alumni at our GCSE and post 16 school awards evening.
- Thanks to the many people who attended our Carol Service at St Margaret's Church.
- Congratulations to the many successful sports fixtures that ran alongside the multitude of other clubs, trips and visits that have occurred over the last term.
- Our successful Character Development Days saw many of our students grow in this important area of our work.
- The tremendous evening of Dance performed at Halesowen Town Hall.
- The talent displayed in our recent music concert.
- Congratulations and thanks to all our students, staff and families for the considerable amount of money that has been raised for various charities.



Should you wish to keep up with the many aspects of school life, please continue to use our [website](http://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk) or social media feeds, [X](https://twitter.com/WindsorTweets) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/windsorhighschoolandsixthform).

Raising money for charity is always particularly pertinent at this time of year when we help our students think of others less fortunate than ourselves and supports our mission to ensure that Windsor students are bright and articulate, but also well rounded and empathetic citizens. The "Windsor Way" and the development of our students character remains a cornerstone of our education.

Another area of success worthy of note is the high level of attendance and smart uniform displayed by our students. These are often the first indicators of success and are testament to the commitment of staff, students and parents. Please utilise the end of year break to rest and recuperate, and replace any uniform so that we can start the New Year with the same high standards.

Finally, I would also like to finish 2023 by thanking all staff, and you as parents and carers. I am sure you are aware that none of the standards noted above or the enriching experiences could happen without the tireless work ethic and commitment of the staff in school. This effort combined with the unstinting support and strong relationship with yourselves as parents or carers at home are the building blocks to our success here at school. I look forward to meeting you at the various forthcoming parent events in 2024, but in the meantime, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr S.R Lanckham
Headteacher

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.

End of Term and Spring Term Information



Today, Friday 22nd December 2023, the finish time for all students is 12.30pm. Students will have an extended break time and Free School Meal money will be available to spend during this time.

Christmas Holiday runs from 25th December 2023 to 5th January 2024. Students are expected to return to school for registration at **9.40am on Monday 8th January 2024** in order to facilitate staff training. Students should go straight to their Form room at 9.40am for a 20 minute Form period and the normal timetable will begin at 10.00am for Period 2. As staff will be in training, we ask that students do not come onto the school site **before** 9.30am.

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.



Black Country Food Bank

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A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to our Food Bank Appeal for **Black Country Food Bank**. We have received the following from the Black Country Food Bank:

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR HELP THIS
Christmas

Certificate of Appreciation and Thanks awarded to:

Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Thank you so much for collecting food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. We will use all the food you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated 150.20 kgs of food and 7.05 kgs of non-food, an incredible amount, enough to provide xx meals and xx toiletry packs.

This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way. **Thank you!**

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Registered Charity No: 1136676

It's fantastic that we have been able to give back to our local community. So again, all we can say is:



Spanish Year 11 GCSE - Additional Speaking Exam Booster Sessions



These sessions will take place every week in A1 on **Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes** with Ms Newton.

These sessions are to help with homework and to practice speaking Spanish.



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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.



Under 16 Boys Basketball

Our under 16 boys basketball team played against Haybridge this week.



They showed fantastic skill and resilience. Combining those with brilliant teamwork ensured they won the match 53-24.

Well done to all the students involved! – The PE Department



Spotlight on 'Year 10 Young Enterprise Club'

Young Enterprise Club, for Year 10 students, runs every Monday in D22, from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

In this club the students look at gaps in different markets and try to create something to fill that gap.

For example, the students are currently looking at gaps in the children's book market. The students are creating a new children's book and aim to make the book more dyslexia friendly.

Whilst creating the new book, students are also coming up with fundraising ideas to help cover any costs they might incur e.g. printing costs. One student said "I like coming to this club as it's fun, you can be creative and any ideas you have are listened to. I think the club is great for any Year 10 students who are interested in business or would like to try and create their own business".



KS4 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

**KAIDEN H (YEAR 11)
&
ZAHRA B (YEAR 10)**

KS3 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

**RUBY J (YEAR 7)
&
OLLIE B (YEAR 7)**

Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition at The University of Birmingham

On Saturday 18th November, four students from Windsor took part in the preliminary round of the Top of the Bench chemistry competition at The University of Birmingham.

Following ten rounds of questions, Windsor qualified and will now compete against several other schools in the regional final early next year.

Well done to all the students involved for their outstanding achievement.





U14 Basketball Result

On Thursday 14th December, our U14 girls basketball team played Kinver in the basketball league.

They showed great skill, combined with excellent teamwork qualities and they won the game 50-6!



Well done girls! We are very proud of you - The PE Department.



Well done to our Enterprise Star Students!

Well done to Saleamah H, Sam F and William B in Year 10. Well done to Alicia C, Grace E, Sam P and Fatima B in Year 11 for their excellent effort in Enterprise this half term!

Keep up the great work!



Business, Economics
and Enterprise



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7 –
Ava-Mae T,
Beth B, Hayden M, Vincent M.



Year 8 – Malak B, Lily W, Chloe J,
Jessica H, Taman S.



Year 9 – Idris G, Chase C, Maisy T,
Helena F-B, Charlotte S.

Year 10 – Daria B, Dexter P, Poppy F, Max C,
Matthew S, Braydn D.

Year 11 – Ava P, Kailyn P, Harrison W.



Sora Christmas Reading



Below is a reading challenge for you to complete over the Christmas break. Show your reading challenge to Mrs Wood, Librarian by Friday 12th January 2024.



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The student reading app
soraapp.com



Everyone who completes a reading challenge will be entered into a draw to win a WHSmith voucher.



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Celebrating you!



At Windsor High School and Sixth Form we like to recognise students that go above and beyond - and show qualities that we 'ASPIRE' to.

Very well done to these Year 7 students who have been recognised for their excellence:

7H1 - Ivy - COMPASSIONATE
7H2 - Charlotte - CREATIVITY
7S1 - William - ORGANISED
7S2 - Alfie - KINDNESS
7L1 - Oscar - RESILIENCE

7L2 - Taaha - ORGANISED
7Y1 - Eliza - RESILIENCE
7Y2 - Evie - RESILIENCE
7T1 - Jenson - COURAGEOUS
7T2 - Joel - COMPASSIONATE



Merry Christmas from Windsor Origami Club



We make lots of interesting models in Origami Club. And to celebrate Christmas, one of our Year 10 students, Eleanor showed other students in the club in how to create these wonderful origami stars!

These will make lovely Christmas decorations!



Well done all!



Parents and Carers KS3 MFL Duolingo Challenge – Winners Announcement!



A few weeks ago we re-launched the KS3 Spanish/French/German/Arabic Duolingo Challenge. We invited parents and carers to take part for two weeks and start to learn a language that their child was also learning. Parents and carers went into one group and students into another group.

The group that got the most points by the end of the two week challenge wins. Therefore, now the challenge has finished and the two weeks are over, we can announce that the winners are....(drum roll please.....)

Parents and Carers!!



Congratulations Becci!
You have won the Duolingo challenge.

Please contact Mrs Newton to receive your prize. Well done! Silviya and Helen are in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

The students group also worked very hard - well done! Here are the top results in the student group:

We hope you enjoyed the challenge and thank you to everyone who took part.

NAME	XP EARNED	TIME SPENT
Becci	15680 XP	18 hr
Silviya	14076 XP	31 hr
Helen	12791 XP	13 hr

StuB	3957 XP	6 hr 59 min
Neil	2437 XP	4 hr 49 min
Mcdonalcookie	1802 XP	3 hr 54 min

The MFL department



Initial Teacher Training at WAT



As part of WAT's partnership with the National Institute of Teaching as an Associate College, we are proud to announce that from September 2024 we will be offering our own teacher training provision.

Applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our September 2024 intake. Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school-centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 12 schools or at one of the six Dudley Academy Trust schools.

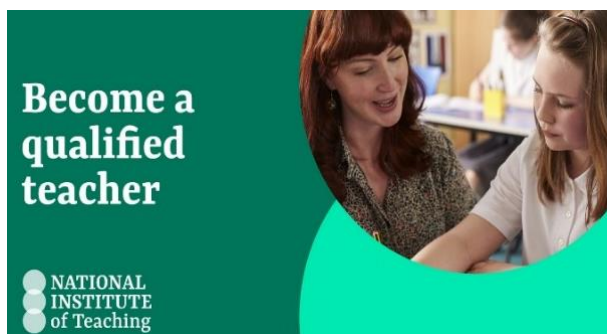
Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school. Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week.

All of our teacher training courses lead to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and 60 Master's Level credits.

Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#).

You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NIoT at WAT. To find out more, please email us at:

teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk



National Online Safety – Parental Controls on New Devices

The guide attached to this newsletter from National Online Safety outlines what defences are available on some of the most popular devices around: advice that will probably come in handy at this time of year!



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'Punching the Air'

Year 9 have been looking at the novel 'Punching the Air' by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam. Amal, the main character in the book creates a mural.

Students have been re-creating the mural in the style of Jean Michel Basquiat, who inspires Amal in the novel.

They have used his style to express some of the themes of justice and freedom in the novel.

