

Windsor News and Information



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- Thursday 29th February - Year 9 Parents Evening.
- Wednesday 6th March - Higher Education and Careers Fair.
- Thursday 7th March - Year 9 Options Evening.

IMPORTANT

The Windsor Way Card trial – Update



Before half term we informed you of a trial starting this week where students would be recognised for their impeccable manners, following The Windsor Way, demonstrating respect and responsibility, whilst also seeking to further improve punctuality to lessons and standards of uniform.

The first week of this has gone incredibly well, with even greater numbers of students demonstrating the virtues we would all encourage which has been a fantastic response. It has also seen a distinct improvement in the pride students take in their uniform and therefore an increase in positive interactions between staff and students. As such we will continue with the trial.



National Attendance Campaign



Please see attached to this newsletter, a letter regarding the importance of student attendance at school.

Free School Meal Vouchers - Important Information

IMPORTANT

We have been advised by EVouchers, the company that we use to send out the Free School Meal vouchers, that **all vouchers must be claimed by Thursday 29th February 2024**. Therefore please check that you have claimed all of the vouchers that have been sent to you from May 2023 up to and including February 2024.

To confirm, any vouchers that have not been claimed by this date will not be able to be reinstated to be claimed after Thursday 29th February 2024.

IMPORTANT

Reminder: Lunch Accounts



Can you please ensure that you regularly check your child's lunch account online to ensure that they do not have a negative balance. Accounts can be topped up via parentmail or by sending in enough money with your child. While we never wish to refuse a student food at lunchtime we cannot allow them to overspend on their accounts.

Please be aware that Year 11 students will not be allowed to enter a negative balance once we return from the Easter holidays and any monies owing on their account will need to be cleared prior to the holiday.

If you wish to receive a copy of your child's lunch account, which shows what they have purchased and the amount spent, please contact Mrs Thompson, Pastoral Secretary who can arrange for this to be made available to you. If you are experiencing financial difficulty in what are challenging times, please contact your child's Head of House and we will explore suitable support.

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.



Windsor Rocks!

Before breaking up for half term, Windsor High School and Sixth Form students took the stage by storm with their phenomenal performance of "We Will Rock You: School Edition."

The iconic musical, based on the legendary rock band Queen's hits, showcased the incredible talents of the students in both the musical and technical aspects of the production.

From powerful vocals to electrifying dance routines and a stellar live band, the performance left the audience in awe.

As well as musicians, performers and dancers, also involved were students in Art who did a remarkable job with set design, and technicians who worked the sound and lighting each evening, transporting the audience to a futuristic world where the rebellious spirit of rock and roll thrived.

Windsor High School and Sixth Form's production of "We Will Rock You: School Edition" was a resounding success, showcasing the remarkable talents of all the students involved.

WELL DONE





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.



**Windsor
Sixth Form**



HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS FAIR



**Wednesday
6th March
2024**



**6.00 -
8.00pm**



**Years
9-13**



**Sixth
Form**

The event will include talks delivered by universities and apprenticeship training providers

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Activities Week and Pledge Week



All deposits for Activities Week and Pledge Week are due into school **by 28th February**. Reminders have been issued via Parentmail.

It is important that payments are made on time so that we can secure our venues and suppliers.

Please ensure your payments are up to date. If you have any queries or concerns please let Mrs Edwards know.

The following trips have availability, on a first-come, first-served basis:-

Arts and Fashion Week, Basketball, Daytrippers Year 8, 9, 10, Golf Week, Graphics Week, London Theatre Experience, Onsite Football Week, and Tantalising Travel.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

There have been some amendments to the Netball Clubs for this half term. A new list is attached to this newsletter.



Year 7 Food Club

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 7 Food Club have been very busy! Before we broke up for half term, they used their creative skills to make pancakes and cupcakes for Valentine's Day.

Well done to all the Year 7 students who took part and a big thank you to all the food ambassadors that help to lead this club! - Miss Powell.

DELICIOUS



Spotlight on 'Fun Friday Club'

Fun Friday Club runs every Friday lunchtime (from 1.05pm to 1.25pm) in the Top Gym. This club is for Year 7 girls to come to, and decide what activity/sport they want to try. This way Year 7 girls can get more involved in PE and get to try a variety of sports including basketball, dodgeball, and benchball.

There are also Year 9 students who help out with this club as evidence to go towards their DofE awards. One student said "I enjoy coming to Fun Friday Club as you get to decide what sport you would like to try and you can pick from a range of sports".



10 Top Tips on Supporting Children with Self-Regulation.

The ability to manage our feelings, thoughts and behaviours in effective ways daily – known as self-regulation – is gained gradually through childhood and into adolescence. It's acknowledged as a pivotal element in young people's development but can prove trickier for some children to master than others. In the guide attached to this week's newsletter, you'll find expert suggestions on ways of supporting children as they build their ability to self-regulate.



WAT Swimming Gala

On Friday 9th February, 16 students from Years 7 and 8 went to Cheslyn Hay to compete in the WAT swimming gala. Everyone performed brilliantly enabling Windsor to finish second overall.

Well done everyone! Ms Bird and the PE Department.



Year 7 Girls Football League

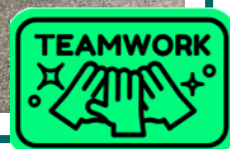
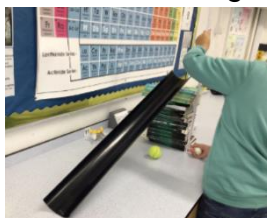
After competing in 7 a side matches at Leasowes School, against teams from Earls High, Hagley, Kinver, Leasowes, and OSH to name just a few, we can announce our Year 7 girls 7 a side football team finished third out of 10 schools in the Year 7 girls football league. Well done to all involved!



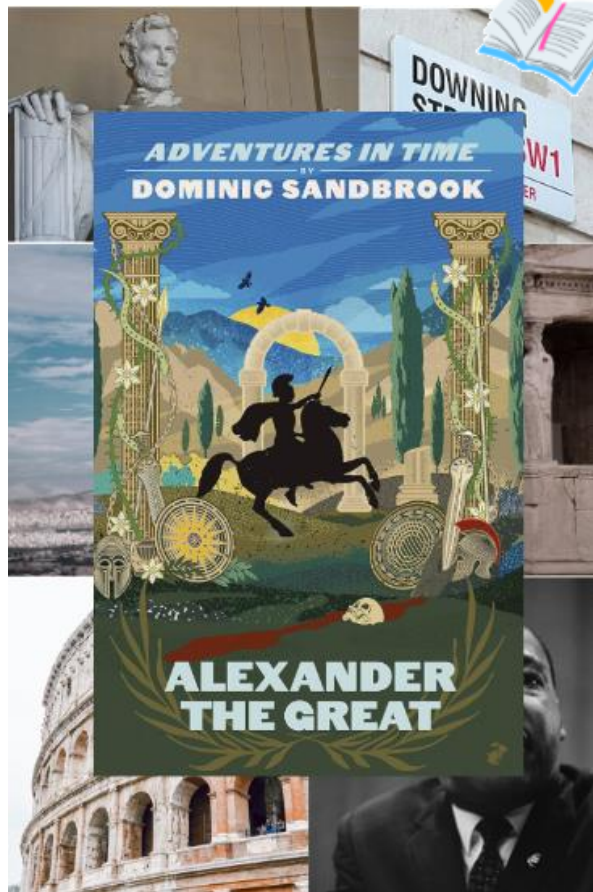
Year 7 Saturday Sessions

On Saturday 10th February, Year 7 students who were taking part in Saturday sessions completed a science experiment. The experiment was to measure speed at different heights using tennis balls and golf balls. The students even made a giant run for the tennis and golf balls.

Great team work everyone! And a special thank you to Mrs Hampton for leading the science session!



History Book Plug



Whilst learning about History, we come across some brilliant books that really engage readers and that help bring History to life! Here is this week's recommendation:

'Adventures in Time' by Dominic Sandbrook. This story is based on Alexander's life and explains how he got his epithet: the Great. Alexander has one, wild dream: to rule the world. And with his childhood friends and his beloved horse Bucephalas, he sets out from his home in Ancient Greece to do just that.

With historian Dominic Sandbrook as our guide, join Alexander on his incredible journey through the deserts of Egypt and over the snow-capped mountains of Persia all the way to India, defeating all who stand in his way. For anything is possible with the help of the gods...

At Windsor, we teach GCSE Ancient History and there is a unit on Alexander the Great. For more information regarding our GCSE Ancient History course please click on the link below:



[GCSE Ancient History](#)



There is also a brand new film, part documentary, on Netflix called "Alexander: The Making of a God".

'Adventures in Time' is available in the School Library.



French News!

Attached to this newsletter is some information regarding our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department – specifically French.

THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7 – Chloe S, Jenson J, Jack B.

Year 8 – Adam H, Theo S, Catrin J, Will F.

Year 9 – Lucy H, Kaylee M, Amir M, Kelly P.

Year 10 – Kainas S, Katie W, Rukman R, Elizabeth S, Emily S, Darius A, Ethan B, Holly V.

Year 11 – Eliana S, Ellis C, Katie W, Omaina S, Freddie T, Emily W, Kieran R, Joe H, James H.



Under 13 and Under 14 Girls Netball

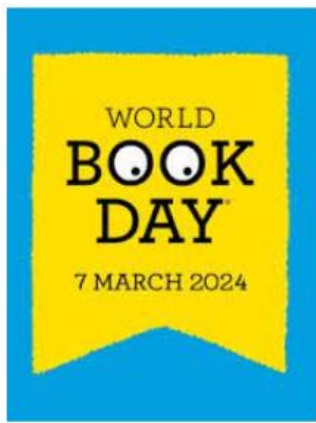
On Wednesday, our under 13 and under 14 girls played netball against OSH. Both teams showed lots of resilience and put their all into both games! Results are as follows:

Under 13 Team vs OSH - OSH won 16-1



Under 14 Team vs OSH - OSH won 22-11





HAVE A WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March



Events in School include:

- Spot staff dressed as Literature characters.
- Student/staff competitions.
- WBD 2024 Student House Competition (for more information see the article below).
- All KS3 students will get a book.
- Book quiz at lunchtime in the library.

BUY A BOOK!

Swap your £1 token
for a book at your
local bookshop...



World Book Day 2024 Student House Competition

To enter, just be creative!

- ★ Design a Windsor bookmark, the winning design will be printed and handed out in the library.
- ★ Windsor Bake Off - Bake or decorate a book themed cake.

**Hand entries into the library by
lunchtime on Thursday 7th March.**



WORLD BOOK DAY Windsor Book Bake Off

Bake or decorate book
related cakes .
Bring your entries to the
library at lunchtime on
Thursday 7th March
to be judged.



Personal and Professional Growth in Our Teacher Training Programme

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Our teacher training programme offers a transformative journey of personal and professional growth. With a nurturing environment, personalised mentorship, and an emphasis on reflective practice, we ensure you become the best teacher you can be. This programme is perfect for parents aspiring to evolve professionally while balancing family life.

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