

Windsor News and Information



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Reminder: School will be closed on Monday 27th June for an INSET day

Dear Parent/Carer

You will have seen that yesterday I wrote to you with the excellent outcome from our recent Ofsted inspection. If you missed it, the letter can be found on our website [here](#) and the link to the full report found [here](#). It is a fantastic outcome for our school and a testament to the hard work and dedication shown by staff and the excellent relationships that are evident among our students.

We will use the Ofsted report alongside our internal evaluations to keep up the constant quest to produce the very best education for the students that attend here.

One consideration that we have to improve our school is to slightly alter the organisation and timing of the school day.

The government has recently produced a white paper identifying that schools should deliver at least 32.5 hours of education a week. Whilst this has always been the case at Windsor, it has instigated a review into our school week where we have analysed various models that might stimulate increased efficiency and improved school standards.

It is well documented that students appear to have increased educational needs following the pandemic. This may be the need to accelerate learning in key topics or require additional pastoral support in school. Consequently, we aim to move the 10 minute afternoon registration period and add it to the period of time we have for Form time in the morning. This allows for a greater degree of intervention with learning or increased time for pastoral staff to meet the needs of our students at the start of the day.

In addition, we have analysed the student experience at lunchtime. We are aware that it can take a long time to serve all 1,700 students and, at times, queues are longer than we would like. Consequently, we aim to increase the amount of food serving points across our site. This will allow us to serve food more swiftly and efficiently and reduce lunchtime by 10 minutes. The school day will therefore finish slightly earlier at 3.10pm. The proposed school day can be seen below:

Timings for the new school day	
8.40am	School starts with Form time
9.10am	Lesson 1
10.00am	Lesson 2
10.50am	Break - 20 minutes
11.10am	Lesson 3
12.00pm	Lesson 4
12.50pm	Lunch - 40 minutes for all students
1.30pm	Lesson 5 (to include registration for afternoon mark)
2.20pm	Lesson 6
3.10pm	End of day - Twilight sessions and extra-curricular begins

Should you have any comments, views or opinions about the proposed new structure please let us know by emailing us at: schoolday@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk. The email will remain live until Friday 8th July, when we will review all comments.

Thank you for the time and support in our drive to make Windsor the best school possible for our young people.

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/>

Windsor students lead the way for a new European language learning app

As part of our prestigious collaboration with **PASCH**, many Windsor language learners have recently been fortunate enough to take part in a European research study (in conjunction with Reading University) about online learning. The study is funded by the European Erasmus+ project and is entitled **Knights of the European Grail**- a computer-based game to support language learning.

On Monday 20th June, our school was visited by two representatives from the Goethe Institut and the European Commission, to undertake testing and feedback on the use of the app on trial, with 10 of our Year 10 Germanists.

During the testing, the Year 10 learners completed a German vocabulary test and undertook the challenge of "solving the puzzle", followed by a questionnaire. Our visitors were very impressed by our students' level of German, determination and helpful feedback.

As it is still in development, the game itself is not yet available for the general public - the prototype has only been tested by a few select schools worldwide, including Windsor.

Once available, however, the app will provide learners of English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese with a new and innovative way to learn languages in several European countries. Another great accolade for our school and the languages department.

Well done Windsor Germanists!

Miss Adderley and Mrs Pargeter- Down



Non-school uniform day on Friday 8th July

As a thank you and celebration of our students' incredible efforts, hard work and commitment to The Windsor Way during the Ofsted process and across the year, we will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 8th July.

A £1 contribution is requested with the charity yet to be finalised.

Clothing needs to be suitable and appropriate for school and students will still need to bring their PE kit.

Thank you and well done!

Mr Morley

Rounder's Results

Tuesday 21st June - Windsor V The Link (away)

U13 - Windsor Won 21.5-8.5 - Player of the match: Lilly

U15 - Windsor Won 13-8 with only 7 players - Player of the match: Keith

The U13 team have won all their games in League A and will go through to the Rounder's Finals Evening on Tuesday 5th July at Windsor. Good Luck girls!

Mrs Rhooms, Mrs Boden, Mrs Whitehouse & Miss Paskin

Activities Week and Pledge Week

On Thursday 7th July, we will be holding meetings for students to advise them of the final details for their chosen activities for Pledge Week and Activities Week (18th – 21st July). Students will leave school at the usual time. Some students will be given forms which will need to be completed. Please ask your child if they have been given any forms and if so, please complete these and return them to school on Monday 10th July.

Over the coming weeks, we will send home details of the timings of Pledge Week and Activities Week. Please look out for these on Parentmail.

If you have queries about either Pledge Week or Activities Week, please contact Mrs Edwards



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 30th June – Arena
Theatre Dance Showcase**

Friday 1st July – Sports Day

**Monday 4th July to Friday 8th July –
Primary Transition Week**

**Tuesday 5th July – Primary
Transition Day**

**Thursday 7th July – Transition
Parents Evening**

DANCE

Student reaches National Finals for Freestyle Dance

We are really pleased to share that one of our Year 8 students, Daisy, has reached the National Finals for Freestyle Dance in Blackpool. The finals will take place in November. On Sunday 19th June in the IDTA regional qualifiers, she came 1st in pairs with her partner and 1st in rock 'n' roll with her partner.

Congratulations Daisy!

And good luck for November.

Please let us know how you get on.

Miss Harris



MAKE MUSIC DAY UK

21 JUNE

Music Groups at Windsor

Vocal Group have been preparing an 'Express Yourself' Medley

E22 Rock band have been covering famous Rock songs from different decades

Students in music this week have been celebrating 'make Music'.

Year 7's have been doing their own arrangements of Frere Jacques on the keyboards.

Year 8's and 9's have been composing an African Drumming piece using percussion instruments.

Year 10's have been writing their own songs within lesson time.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED! MR JASPER AND MRS RICHARDS ARE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED.

Year 9 Sports Leaders

This week, Miss Harris took the Year 9 Sports Leaders to Tenterfields Primary Academy to help them run their Sports Day. The leaders were 'fantastic, a real credit to the school...we couldn't have run the event without them' says Ms Tidman Poole – PE lead at Tenterfields. The leaders enjoyed an ice cream afterwards as it was so hot!

The leaders have worked as part of the Leadership Academy this year, delivering sessions to their peers and in local primary schools. We are SO proud of you! Well done.

Mrs Jones and Miss Harris



Girls U14 & U16 County Football Trials

Under 14 Girls Trials (Years 8 and 9 in Sept 2022)

The trial will be held on Monday 4th July at Castle Vale Stadium Farnborough Road, Birmingham, B35 7LQ. Players will need to make their own way to the trial and arrive by 4.30pm, as the trial is from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Players will need to arrive in their playing kit with a drink and tracksuit top. Bibs will be provided. The trials may be played on a grass or artificial pitch so please bring moulded studded boots.

West Midlands Metropolitan County Schools' Football Association County Trial 2022 - 2023: Under 16 Girls (Years 10 and 11 in Sept 2022)

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Any girls who would like to attend these County Football Trials please see Mrs Rhooms asap for more information.

French Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Sara A, Jayden LH, Zoya M, Rosie L, Imogen B

Year 8 – Hollie B, Jun Xi C, Rithvik S

Year 9 – George M, Maisie E, Sabila B, Katie W, Blaine T

Year 10 – Well done to all our Year 10 French students for their amazing efforts in their French mock exams this week!



Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Imogen G, George P, Idris G, Bobbie H, Sophie C, Megan M,

Year 8 – Florence H, Laiba J, Alisha S, Lily B

Year 9 – Hannah A, Milly S, Benn R, Aaniya S

Year 10 – Rohan B, Jess S, Fallon B, Amaan G



German Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Sid E, Eloise E, Saffron R

Year 8 – Darius A, Evie C

Year 9 – Leena D, Eliana S, Gwen A

