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**Monday 27th November is an INSET day and school will be closed.
School reopens on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 8.40am for all students.**



- Monday 27th November - INSET Day.
- Monday 27th November - Sunday 3rd December - Virtual Book Fair Week.
- Wednesday 29th November - Year 7 Parents Evening.



Christmas Lunch

This year students will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch or hot turkey roll/hot vegetarian roll on Wednesday 20th December. Christmas lunch will consist of roast turkey and pigs in blankets or vegetarian Quorn roast, along with creamed potatoes, carrots, parsnips, sprouts, peas, sage and onion seasoning, and gravy.

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

- Traditional Christmas lunch and pudding will be available at Richmonds
- Hot turkey/vegetarian roll and pudding will be available 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 school kitchen to plan their menus. The cost will be £2.40.

Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter



This guidance offers a reminder to ensure consistent and efficient communication between parents/carers and school and will help us to continue our strong home-school relationship and clarify expectations to ensure that we are mindful of staff workload and wellbeing.

The Windsor Communication Charter can be found on our website by clicking this link:

[Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter](#)

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.

Youth Vaping

The Dudley Public Health team has provided some useful information for parents and carers around youth vaping which is attached to this newsletter.

If you would like further support you can contact the school nurse through info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or [Here4YOUth](#).

IMPORTANT



The Empress Theatre Trip

On Friday evening a group of 35 students from Years 9 to 12 enjoyed a fantastic production of Tanika Gupta's 'The Empress' at the RSC in Stratford. Students were exemplary throughout the evening and represented Windsor High School and Sixth Form with pride.

It was wonderful to hear discussions about the staging of the play and the theme of the play during the interval and on the journey home.

It was great to see the real excitement students felt visiting this iconic theatre and watching this important play. Well done to all the students who attended! And thank you to Miss Rauf, Mr Lawrence, Mrs Elfrey, and Miss Ravenscroft for supporting the trip!



Virtual Book Fair: Monday 27th November to Sunday 3rd December

We have a discounted virtual book fair which will run for one week, from Monday 27th November to Sunday 3rd December.

It is a great opportunity to purchase a wide range of books for all ages! All books are brand new and start from £2.99 each with free delivery to school. Here's a handy video guide:

[Virtual Book Fair Information for Parents](#)



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.

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.



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Spotlight on.....'Film Club'

Come and immerse yourself in a film! Film Club is held every Wednesday lunchtime in A26. You will have the chance to watch a film and then discuss what you liked or disliked about it.



You can also look at how films are made and what behind the scenes techniques are used. Plus, you can write a script and bring ideas to the club for your own short film! One student said "I enjoy film club because I love watching films and in Film Club you get to sit with your friends and watch films".

Another student said "Films are cool and it's interesting to find out how films – or different scenes are made". If you would like to join film club then hurry – there's only a few spaces left!



ATTENTION

Activities Week and Pledge Week

Allocation letters have been sent out on Parentmail. **Please review your child's allocation and confirm acceptance by Friday 8th December.** Some activities are oversubscribed so if places are not accepted by then, they may be offered to other students.

There are a **limited** number of places available on the following activities:-



Art and Fashion Week
Basketball Week
Daytripper Year 8
Daytripper Year 10
Football Week (onsite)
Football Week (Valencia)
Golf Week

Graphics Week
Jewellery and Craft Week
London Theatre Experience
Pledge Week (Year 7 only)
Tantalising Travel
Work Experience



Details of these activities can be found by clicking on this link: [Activities Week / Year 7 Pledge Week](#)

Should your child wish to participate in one of these, please let Mrs Edwards know as soon as possible. **Available spaces will now be offered on a first come first served basis.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Edwards.

Girls Cricket – Exciting Opportunity!

Girls in Years 7 to 9 can come and try indoor cricket on Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 13th December from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. If you would like to attend, please meet in the bottom girls changing room. Furthermore, we have entered a Year 7-8 and a Year 9 team into the Halesowen, Stourbridge and Dudley Schools Girls Indoor League which starts the week beginning 8th January and runs until the end of March.



After last year's amazing collection, we are keen to support the Black Country Toy Appeal again this year in collaboration with Halesowen BID. We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to make any kind of donation from the list below to send those items into school between now and 7th December, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID.



These items will help brighten local families Christmas so anything that you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Items can be taken to Mr Morley, Mr Jackson, Mrs Proctor, Sixth Form study room, Mr Lea or Miss Pedley before school or during morning registration. There will also be a box in the staff room.

What's needed: New unopened items only please (We cannot accept used items for health and safety reasons).

Food and toiletries: Any food items and toiletries including deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products.

We are also asking for: Toiletry sets for teens, new fleecy blankets to snuggle under, wrapping paper and gift bags.

Toys / Gifts / Sweet Treats: Books, Games, Toys, Colouring Books, Felt Tip Pens and Crayons, Crafty stuff e.g. Paints, Chocolates, Sweets, Selection Boxes or Boxes of Biscuits.

School Stuff: School Trousers / Skirts, School Jumpers, School Shirts or Polo Shirts, School Bags, Sports Kit Bags, Notebooks / School Stationery.

Clothing 0-18 Years: Pyjamas or Dressing Gowns, Slippers, Pants, Socks, Vests, Coats, Jumpers, Cardigans, Jeans, Leggings, Trousers, Shoes, Boots or Trainers.



- bring your own battle deck
- learn the rules
- fair & friendly trades welcome
- challenge each other

ASK MR. MIR FOR MORE INFORMATION

U14 boys Basketball Fixture



Our U14 Basketballers showed amazing resilience on Thursday 16th November. They battled back from being 21-2 down to drawing the game 33-33.

The players never gave up and demonstrated amazing quality to turn the game around. Well done to all involved, keep it up!



The PE Department



Remembrance Poetry Creative Writing Competition

We were so impressed by the range of creative, reflective and moving poems entered for our house competition for Remembrance Day.

The top five (chosen by Mr Quigley) were: In first place is Ethan W (Year 7) – You can read his poem below.

In second place is Ibrahim A (Year 9). In third place is Sophie M (Year 11). And fourth and fifth places go to Jessica F (Year 7) and Lottie P (Year 7). Thank you to Mr Quigley for judging this competition and well done to our wonderful poets.

Echoes of Conflict: An Ode to Peace by Ethan



Windsor High School
and Sixth Form

In the shadows of humanity's dark hour,
A tale of strife and conflict, I'll impart,
A poem of war, a solemn, sombre power,
Where lives are torn, and peace departs.

Amidst the chaos, warriors take their stand,
In fields and trenches, deserts, and the sea,
A world engulfed in violence, far and wide,
As nations clash, in sorrow's symphony.

The drums of war, they beat a mournful cadence,
Echoing through the hearts of those who fight,
Families torn apart by cruel circumstance,
In the never-ending day and endless night.

Yet in the midst of strife, heroes do emerge,
Their courage and compassion shining bright,
They heal the wounds, bring solace to the hurt,
Guiding us through the darkest, starless night.

But let us pray for peace to finally reign,
For swords to turn to ploughshares, once and for all,
May nations find a way to break the chain,
And let the dove of peace forever call.

For war, though it may be a part of our past,
Should never be our future's guiding star,
Let love and understanding be steadfast,
So peace and unity can stretch near and far.



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National Online Safety Guide – Black Friday / Cyber Monday



Black Friday and Cyber Monday have ballooned in popularity during the past few years, as prices on almost everything are slashed for a few precious days.

However, Black Friday and Cyber Monday are also peak season for scammers, who bet on a sense of urgency blinding shoppers to the red flags in their 'offers'.

The guide attached to this newsletter highlights some common warning signs to help you bag the goods without being left out of pocket.



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 the QR code in this article 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.



SCAN ME

Halesowen & Stourbridge U16 Girls Football

On Thursday 16th November our girls under 16 team (seven a side) took part in matches against various different schools.

Congratulations to the girls who played three matches in total – winning two and losing one match, results are below. The girls showed brilliant teamwork skills.

Windsor v Leasowes Won 1-0
Windsor v Pedmore Won 2-0
Windsor v Redhill Lost 1-0

GO TEAM!



Hockey

Last week Windsor High School and Sixth Form took part in four hockey matches against Old Swinford Hospital School. We came away with three draws and one win:

Windsor A Team vs OSH A 0-0
Windsor B Team vs OSH B 0-0
Windsor B Team vs OSH A 0-0
Windsor A Team vs OSH B 4-0

Well done to the students who took part. You showed a fantastic work ethic and everyone in the PE department is proud of you!



Year 12 Dancers visit Newfield Primary School

Our Year 12 BTEC dance students went to Newfield Park Primary School this week. They had been invited by the leader of EYFS to deliver a workshop and performance for their reception children based on their current topic of 'Space'.

The students have been choreographing a piece based on 'a mission to the moon' using a storybook called 'On the Moon' as their inspiration.

The students decided to use lots of visual props to help enhance the children's learning and the reception children thoroughly enjoyed it along with the workshop led by our students on how aliens move.

Well done to the students who took part.

They worked very hard leading up to and on the day of the trip.

The Dance Department



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7 – Jack W, Mason C, Amelie S, Aiyana C, Ethan W, Jack D, Tia R, Billy E, Oliver B, Finley B, Savannah B, Chloe C.



Year 8 – Bryan C, Ousainou G, Emily C, Scarlett H, Gurnek S, Izzy D, Poppy H, Joshua H, Troy J, Holly C.

Year 9 – Aaron R, Harry D, Daniel H, Isabelle S, Jessica A, Poppy B.



Year 10 – Phoebe W, Freya L, Harry G, Daniel G, Sophie G, Zahra B, Hollie T, Dutch H.

Year 11 – Summer W, Blaine T, Luke D, Lanya A, Eliana S, Freddie T.

