

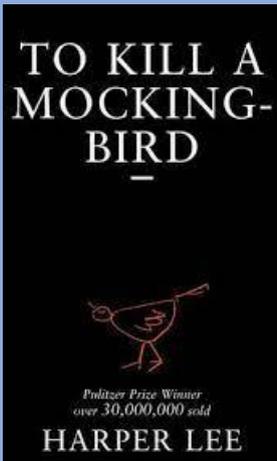
Windsor News and Information



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Recommended Read

Windsor recognises the importance of reading and to continue to raise the status of reading in school. We have asked staff to share their recommended reads with students and staff.

The Year 11 Linguistic Exploration and Reading for pleasure group would like to recommend "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

To Kill a Mockingbird is both a young girl's coming-of-age story and a darker drama about the roots and consequences of racism and prejudice, probing how good and evil can co-exist within a single community or individual.



Exam Invigilator vacancy at Windsor

We are looking to appoint Exam Invigilators to assist in the smooth running of GCSE, A Level and BTEC exams throughout the academic year, but predominantly May to the end of June. You can find the full details of this role, plus our other vacancies, on our website [here](#).

Free School Meal Vouchers

As per the Government directive, Free School Meal vouchers are being issued to families for the two week Easter break and these will be sent out to eligible students on the 30th March 2022.

You will receive the vouchers either by email or text as you have done previously.

Please be aware that the vouchers must be redeemed by the end of April 2022.

Thanks
Mr B Morley



Author visit

We are lucky enough to have been offered a virtual visit by award-winning and best-selling author, Sophie Anderson, on the day that her new book, The Thief Who Sang Storms is published, Thursday 31st March.

As well as hearing about her own work as a writer, the students will be able to work with her to create their own fantasy land in a special workshop. Year 7 students have been chosen by English staff as a reward for their hard work and will be invited to the Library during period 6 to take part in this event. Please look out for a Parentmail if your child is involved.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Wednesday 30 March	Easter Dance
Monday 4 April	360° Cycle 3 Begins
Tuesday 5 April	Year 7/8/9 progress reports to parents
Friday 8 April	End of Spring Term

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/>

Year 7 Food Club

Year 7 students in Food Club have been making Easter nests this week. Well done to them all!



Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 8	James H, Jayden B
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French Stars of the Week

Year 7	Oscar T, Lyndon S, Waheeb M, Keira M
Year 8	Cristina F, Isobel A, Lexie W, Hollie B, Ethan H
Year 9	Blaine T, Millie H, Holly C, Ellena J
Year 10	Anya W, Lily T, Aminah F, Ellie R, Ellie S
Year 11	All Y11 French students for their hard work preparing speaking mocks this week



German Stars of the Week

Year 7	Summer J, Oliver H, George P, Saffron R, Eloise E
Year 8	Katie W, Harry M, Alex S, Emily S
Year 9	Gwen A, Eliana S, Jorga B, Dylan W
Year 10	Millie H, Megane B, Sophie G, Jacob C, Oliver T
Year 11	ALL Y11 for their amazing effort with their speaking mock exams this week

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE PARK CONSIDERATELY

Collecting your child and parking safely

We appreciate that parents may wish to park close to school, however we ask that all parents are respectful of the local community and always avoid parking on double yellow lines and private parking area for local residents.

May we remind you that the parking area on the BP Garage on Stourbridge Road is for customers only.

Please ensure we drive, park and interact with the respect and responsibility we ask of our students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mr Morley

ACTIVITIES WEEK and PLEDGE WEEK

18 – 21 July 2022

As we approach Activities and Pledge Weeks, we will be sending various letters containing important information about the upcoming trips. We will also be asking you to complete some forms. Please look out for these letters and where applicable, please complete the required forms fully. With Activities and Pledge Weeks not that far away now, it is important that we have all required information to ensure that the trips can go ahead safely.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will send you a Parental Consent form (EV6). This will need to be completed fully once it is received. Any student without a fully completed EV6 will not be able to go on the trip.

If you have any questions about any aspect of Activities or Pledge Weeks or have any queries about how to complete any forms, please get in touch with Mrs Edwards.

UK Literacy Association Book Awards

Six members of Windsor staff have been judges for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards since September. Last Saturday they travelled to the University of Birmingham School to shortlist the 15 books they have been reading into the final six. Although the chosen shortlists aren't yet announced to the public, the books they helped to



judge will now be a part of our school library. Mr Hamilton, Miss Stevens, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Tinson, Miss Grace and Miss Rauf are now all looking forward to the final awards ceremony on the 1st July! To look at the longlisted books they helped to judge, please click [here](#).



NSPCC Resources

Children have grown up surrounded by technology and the internet. For them there isn't a difference between 'online' and 'offline', going online is just part of their everyday life.

[Talking to your child](#) regularly about what they're doing online is a good way to open up the conversation around how you can help to keep them safe. It also reminds them that you're there to support them if anything goes wrong. But we also know it can be hard to know where to start!

The NSPCC has developed a range of resources and activities to help you have these important conversations with your child. There are top tips to help keep your child safe online, a quiz to get you talking, and a word search. There's also a family agreement template to help the whole family be involved in making appropriate choices for online use. We know some conversations are going to be more difficult than others, but it's so important to have these open and honest conversations. You can use them to help your child with any worries or issues they might be facing online. [Read our tips on difficult conversations](#). Click to [use our resources today](#)

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Action for Happiness



If you click the link in the "Recommended Website" section, it will take you to the 10 Days of Happiness programme that is free to join. The programme guides you through daily actions for happier living. The programme only takes a few minutes each day.

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<https://10daysofhappiness.org/#joinform>

We have created a wellbeing page on our website where we will regularly add support materials for parent / carers to access. Please click the link at the bottom of this article to look at this guidance for mental health concerns.

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/student-welfare-and-personal-development/wellbeing/>

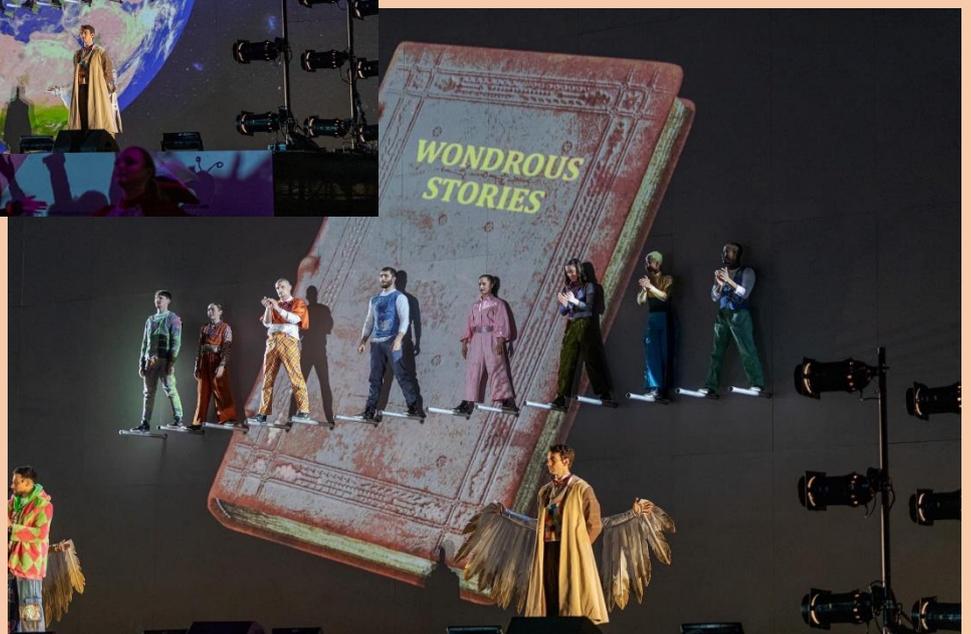
Comic Relief

Thank you to all the students who came in non-school uniform on Friday last week and donated money to do so. We managed to raise an amazing £1,500! £750 will be going to Comic Relief and the other £750 will be going to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal to help refugees and people fleeing the war. Well done to everyone!



Windsor Students at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Cultural Festival

A very special well done to some of our talented dancers in Years 8, 9 and 10. Olivia D, Lia H, Lucy S, Lucy P, Milly H, Poppy H and Isla P performed along with their Timmins Academy friends, at the opening of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Cultural Festival last weekend in Centenary Square. They performed with world class dancers from Thursday to Sunday, dancing two shows a night. Well done girls!



Year 7 Enterprise Club

Raising money for Cancer Research



Sweet Cones - £1

These sweet cones are perfect treat for anyone with a sweet tooth!

Marshmallows, shrimps, haribo, flying saucers, jelly snake, lolly pop

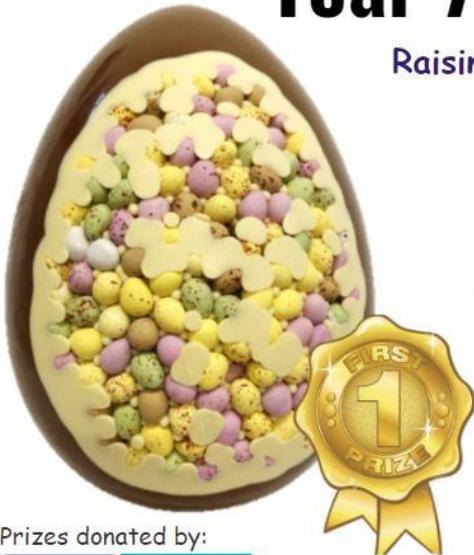
Sweets on sale:

Tuesday 29th March, Year 7 Lunch
Canopy outside Dawin / Field



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Easter Egg Raffle - £1 a ticket

This WHOPPER of an Easter Egg is a showstopper!
2.5kg of delicious chocolate with a mini egg sweet inclusion.
It's the prize for a choco-holic or to share with the whole family!
Height: 33cm approx.
Weight: 2.5kg approx.

Tickets on sale during Form Time

Winners will be announced 8th April

Prizes donated by:



The Halesowen Orchestra presents – A celebration of Dance - a family friendly concert

Saturday 26th March at 6pm
Cornbow Hall, Halesowen

Tickets £10 (free for under 18's) available on the door, at
www.halesowenorchestra.co.uk/tickets

See attached poster for more details.



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session on Sunday 3rd April

A quick reminder that students who wish to participate in the NHS Allied Work Experience session on Sunday 3rd April have until Friday 31st March to register.

The programme is available for students in year groups 10-12.

You can register students via this link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

All students will be awarded a Work Experience Certificate for participating in the day. This is something that they can include in their UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications.

The Work Experience day on Sunday 3rd April will cover the following healthcare careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Pharmacy

This will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from 10am-5pm, following 2 patients from accident to recovery.

Students will see these patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals listed above so that they develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team as well as insights into their own chosen career.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with the healthcare professionals via a LIVE Chat and polls throughout the day!

The cost to attend is £10/student per session. This is an administrative cost to cover the set-up of individual portals, personalised certificates, safeguarding, and technology on the day, such as our servers and chat functions.

If you have any questions about the programme, please give our team a call on 01530 417299 and we will happily get back to you with a swift response.

We look forward to welcoming all potential healthcare students onto this national virtual work experience programme!