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Issue: 8

School will break up for half term today - Friday 25th October. Autumn Term continues on Monday 4th November at 8.40am for all students.

Dates for your
diary

- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half Term.
- Tuesday 5th November - Year 7 to 11 Flu Vaccination Catch Up.
- Tuesday 5th November - Character Development Morning (P1 and 2).

IMPORTANT

Activities Week and Pledge Week 2025



Today we have shared details of Activities Week and Pledge Week 2025 (14th – 18th July) with the students. **Activities Week runs each year for students in Years 8 – 10. Pledge Week runs each year for students in Year 7.**

Both weeks offer students the opportunities to experience activities that are not able to be delivered during a traditional school week. Students tell us that they really enjoy these activities and the chance to make lasting memories with their friends.

Although the activities offered are outside of the usual curriculum, this week is an integral part of the school calendar so **all students are expected to participate and attend every day.**

Details of what's on offer and how to apply will be shared today via Arbor; please take some time over the half term holiday to read the information fully and discuss it with your child.

The same information can also be found on the School website:

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/extra-curricular-activities/extra-curricular-activities-and-clubs-2>

For anyone not yet set up on Arbor please let us know asap so that we can arrange this for you as all communication about Activities Week and Pledge Week will be shared via Arbor.

يمكن العثور على النسخة العربية من كتيب أسبوع التعهدات وأسبوع الأنشطة على الموقع الإلكتروني

Reminder: System for Lateness



A polite reminder that we introduced a new system last year regarding lateness. Lateness can be classed as:

- Students who arrive after 8:40am (they are officially late to school).
- Students who are arriving late to lessons (officially after the majority of other students have entered the classroom).

Students who arrive at school after 8:40am are required to sign in at the Science foyer between 8:40am and 9:10am. This will result in a 30 minute lunch-time detention.

Students who are late to two or more lessons in a day will attend a 30 minute detention after school on the same day. We appreciate your support in ensuring we maintain our high expectations.


Lost Property is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the tutor bulletin.

ART Theatre Trip

Students in Years 9 to 11 had a fantastic evening at the Belgrade Theatre last Friday, enjoying a hilarious performance of the play 'ART'.

Students commented on the fantastic acting, the staging and how cleverly humorous the play was. Students read the play prior to the trip.



All of the students were exemplary representatives of the school throughout. Well done! If you are interested in joining us for our next read and theatre trip, Romeo and Juliet, please see below or speak to Miss Grace / Miss Rauf for more information. 



About the play: Shakespeare and Rap. A love story. The original play, originally scored – with rap and R&B.

Some aspects of this new, innovative co-production of Romeo and Juliet aren't new at all. Everything that makes Shakespeare's play so well loved is here. The rich, feuding families. The intense, forbidden passion. And the flash of violence that tears the young lovers apart, sending them spiralling towards tragedy.

This is unmistakably Shakespeare's love story, unaltered in its original text. But it's not just Shakespeare's play. There is an important plus one: Rap. Our story shines with new, original elements of rap – as well as soul and R&B. Think everyday English as well as the Elizabethan variety. And add in the poetry of rap rhythms as well as perfect pentameters!

WHAT? Romeo and Juliet - read the play and enjoy the performance on stage!



WHEN/WHERE? Every **FRIDAY** after school in A23 from **Friday 8th November**, 3:15pm to 4:00pm. Plus a **theatre trip** to a new, modern interpretation of the play in February/March 2025.

WHO? With Miss Grace and Miss Rauf, open to students in **Years 9 to 13**.

WHY JOIN? If you enjoy reading, drama and theatre, discussions with biscuits included, and the opportunity to meet with other like-minded students then this is for you! You may also want to study English at A level - this is great opportunity to widen your reading. **For more information you can also visit the Belgrade Theatre website:** www.belgrade.co.uk/events/romeo-and-juliet

School Meals



Don't forget students can top up their accounts with cash at the pay stations in school. Students in receipt of **free school meals** automatically have their funds topped up daily.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and are not currently receiving them you can apply online through our website: www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/free-school-meals



Year 10 Netball



Well done to our Year 10 Netball team who won their first fixture against Redhill School on Thursday 17th October. The match finished Windsor 25, Redhill 6.

Well done to the students involved, I'm very proud of you! - Miss Donnelly



Apple Distinguished School Recognition



Please see attached a letter to parents/carers detailing our recent achievement of becoming an Apple Distinguished School.

U14 Girls County Cup



On Monday, our under-14 girls' football team made the long trip to Bishop Ullathorne School in Coventry to take part in a County Cup match.

Unfortunately, Windsor came away second best, losing 4-2. However, it was a very competitive game, and the team were very unlucky to lose! Our goal scorers were Sienna and Neve, and one of our students, Hattie, received the girl of the match award!

Well done to the students involved – you showed great resilience and teamwork, and worked hard until the final whistle – Mr Hickman



Building Emotional Resilience



Facing unpleasant feelings can be a challenge, even for adults – let alone for children and young people, whose minds are still developing. To many youngsters, a mistake in an exam, a hurtful word or even losing in a game can sometimes feel like the worst thing in the world, causing them to react accordingly.

However, this isn't always an effective way to deal with difficult emotions or life's setbacks, so it's important that parents and educators are able to impress a healthy approach to these feelings on the children in their care. The guide attached to this week's newsletter offers you expert tips on how to instil emotional resilience in young people, helping them to learn from unexpected feelings and situations – and to process them in a mature, effective manner.

Label Uniform and Equipment



A polite reminder to please ensure uniform and items brought into school have your child's name on. This is to help keep lost property to a minimum and ensure lost items are returned quickly.

See yourself as a Diplomat?

To become a successful diplomat, you will often need to know more than one language and be able to communicate effectively, both in writing and orally. You will also need to explore and understand different cultures and be able to connect with communities worldwide.



Learn a Language!



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7: Max W, Stacey M, Keegan A, Sam B, Pippa B, Maddie C, Leo G, Felicity H, Poppy H, Emma K, Aishah M, Freddie R, Hart R, Charlie S, Sophia W, Rupert Y.

Year 8: Ethan G, Louis A, Chloe S, Niah B, Jordan I, Jack D, Jack W, Tia R, Emily C, Mason S.

Year 9: Daniel C, Louis E, Daniel H, Chloe C, Max D.

Year 10: Emmie B, Ibrahim A, Eliza B, Wasim K, Saffron R.

Year 11: Darius A, Megan P, Piper H, Sadah K, Sahil R, Maisie R, Isabel T, Holly V, Sameer N.



Teacher Training Opportunities at Windsor Academy Trust

Please find further details on our Teacher Training Offer at Windsor Academy Trust in the flyer attached to this newsletter. Please scan the QR code on the flyer for more information.



Sparx Maths



Well done to all the students who have been using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly homework. We are now three weeks into our trial of this new homework platform. Homework is assigned every Thursday and is due in the following Wednesday at 9:00am.

Here is the praise from last week:
(Completion means completing 100% correct.)



Frequently Asked Questions: What are the book work checks and why do we have them?

Students should be writing down the question number and their workings out in the yellow books we have provided for them (any paper is fine though). This is because while this is an online platform, showing the workings out is very important. Please click this link to watch a clip that explains this in more detail: [Sparx Maths Homework: Bookwork Checks.](#)

Highest completion:
10a/Ma1 (87.1%)



Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:
10I/Ma5 45.0% (+30.0%)