

Windsor News and Information



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School will break up for Easter next Friday, 8th April at 2.20pm. We wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday.

Summer Term begins on Monday 25th April at 8.40am for all students.

Dear Parent / Carer

We have always been very proud of the high standards students at Windsor have consistently achieved. We all understand how importantly future employers value progress, effort, leadership, resilience and appearance as essential qualities. We are also aware of the host of international research which demonstrates students who attend schools with the highest standards of uniform and behaviour attain higher levels academically. We therefore need to address the issue of all students wearing full and correct uniform.

With this in mind I would like to remind all at Windsor of our uniform expectations as found on our website and in planners. All students need appropriate school shoes which are black leather, formal school shoes. All girls choosing to wear skirts must ensure they are of suitable length, which we deem to be to the knee. Boys and girls trousers should be black and tailored (skinny jeans, leggings or tight trousers are not acceptable or suitable). If you are unsure please consult the website or planner or call for advice.

Other than a plain stud earring, piercings are not allowed in school, hoodies should not be worn in school at all and head scarfs should be plain black. False eyelashes and nails are not permitted.

As a school we keep a stock of school issue clothing which we loan to students without the correct uniform. Shoes, skirts, trousers, blazers and ties are available so that students meet the high standards set for all. I would like to therefore ask that parents and carers use the Easter holiday to check if your child's uniform continues to meet these essential standards, replacing any missing items ready for the final 3 months of the school year.

Any students without the correct uniform will be expected to borrow the correct uniform. If they choose not to, they will be required to work in our refocus room.

If there are any financial issues which may prevent a family from meeting this request then please contact the school to speak with your child's Head of House and we will discretely explore options to support you.

Kind regards
Mr Morley

Information for Y11 Students

From 1st April the provision to allow Year 11 students to enter a negative balance on their school dining hall account will be removed to ensure they do not leave at the end of term with funds outstanding.

Please ensure you top up your child's lunch account via ParentMail

Thank you for your support.

Finance Team

Free School Meal Vouchers

As per the Government directive, Free School Meal vouchers have been issued to families for the two week Easter break and these were sent out to eligible students on the 30 March 2022. You will have received the vouchers either by email or text, as previously.

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

Thanks
Mr Morley

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 8 Animation

Well done Year 8 with the continuation of their animation workshop with visiting artist Sophie Burrows.

Students have worked together in teams on the theme climate change and created fantastic David Attenborough characters and scenery backgrounds for their short clips. Looking forward to them filming these over the next couple of weeks.



Spanish Stars of the Week

Year 7	Megan M, Zach E, Tyler S, Noah P, Isaac B, Carys A
Year 8	Haneen B, Braydn D, Zia W, Freya L
Year 9	Isla R, Issy H, Zachary B, Tristan R
Year 10	Ashton P, Poppy K, Lamyh A, Aiden G
Year 11	Amy R, Erin H, Elie C, Liam D



French Stars of the Week

Year 7	Mya M, Rosie L, Nathaniel HB
Year 8	Eleanor S, Lacey M, Willow A
Year 9	Nico V, Andreas V, Harvey L, Ben W
Year 10	Yasmin L



Congratulations to Amelia M, Willow A, Ruby H who have gained Word Millionaire this week. Keep reading and quizzing.

Who will be next?



Follow the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Twitter feed [@windsor_tweets](https://twitter.com/windsor_tweets) for all the latest information including exciting updates of activities and any possible future school closures.

You can also locate our Twitter feed via the school website <http://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk> At the bottom of the home page you will see recent Tweets just click on one to view the Windsor Twitter feed.

Remember, if you follow us [@windsor_tweets](https://twitter.com/windsor_tweets) directly, you will receive information instantly!

What's on Kooth in April

Please see below 'What's on Kooth... in April'. The upcoming Live Forums on Kooth for young people to access during April are as follows:

Monday 4th April

Technology: Top tips for switching off

Friday 15th April

Let's talk about Autism

Wednesday 20th April

Exams: getting prepared

It is also Stress Awareness Month, so click on to Kooth for more resources.



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Stress Awareness Month
No problem is too small at Kooth

Visit [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) to find **free, safe** and **anonymous** emotional wellbeing and mental health support.

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What's on Kooth in April

Friday 1st April

Kooth Podcast:

Let's talk about: Marvel, Mental Health & Disability

Join in for a new Kooth podcast featuring a former Marvel writer! From the X-Men to Daredevil and the Fantastic Four, Anne is sharing her thoughts and tips on superheroes, disability representations, and how to create your very own character.

Saturday 2nd April

Discussion Board

Ramadan Mubarak!

Ramadan starts today and we'd love to hear how you'll be marking this special month in the Muslim calendar. If it's not something you celebrate, stop by and learn about some of the traditions and festivities!

Monday 4th April 7:30pm-9pm

Live Forum: Technology: Top tips for "switching-off?"

Join our live forum to share your top tips for turning off your tech!

Tuesday 5th April

Discussion Board

Get Together for Less Stress!

This month is Stress Awareness month, and the theme is 'Community'. Join our conversation about the power of being with others to reduce our stress levels.

Friday 15th April 7:30pm-9pm

Live Forum: Let's Talk About Autism

This week's forum is all about autism. Come and share your stories and maybe learn something new about neurodiversity!

Wednesday 20th April 7.30pm-9pm

Live Forum: Exams, getting prepared

Ahead of exam season, come and share your thoughts, worries and tips about how to prep for those upcoming tests.

Thursday 21st April

Discussion Board

Our World and Our Wellbeing

We all have a part to play in working towards a healthier world, but sometimes it can feel like an overwhelming task. To mark International Mother Earth Day, join our space and share the ways we can take care of our planet, whilst also looking after of our own wellbeing.

Find out all of this & much more on [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Several Times On Purpose (STOP)

It is the basic entitlement of all students at Windsor High School and Sixth Form that they receive their education free from humiliation, oppression and abuse and in a caring and secure atmosphere where differences and needs are valued. We are a telling school. On the very rare occasion bullying occurs, all students should be able to tell and be reassured that incidents will be dealt with properly and effectively. Our STOP policy is very clear and straightforward, where students and parents are involved in the process to resolve and support incidents if they occur. Students can report anything anonymously via the Sharp System, details are on the attached poster.

Higher Education and Careers Fair

Year 9 – 13 students were invited to our annual Higher Education and Careers Fair which took place on Wednesday 23rd March in the Sixth Form. We had an array of exhibitors, from universities across the country, to apprenticeship providers and also some of our own alumni. The event was really well attended by students and parents/carers, who found the chance to talk to institutions about their future career path really useful.

Many thanks to the institutions who attended, especially those who gave a talk to students and parents/carers, including Durham University, University of Plymouth, University of South Wales, University of Essex and Amazing Apprenticeships.



Year 8 Saturday School Student celebration



We were bowled over by the teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm shown by our Year 8 Saturday School students on the programme! Great fun was had by all in the lanes and arcade on Wednesday to celebrate their success - thank you Mr Ali and Mr Langford for supporting!



Love2Dance Showcase, Walsall Arena

A huge congratulations to the Year 12 Dancers for successfully running this year's 'Love2Dance Showcase' for all of the Windsor Academy Trust schools in Walsall. The Year 12 dancers/leaders looked after 160 dancers from across four schools at Walsall Arena on Thursday 24th March.

Along with running front of house, backstage, technical rehearsals they also performed three performances and danced beautifully.



Dance Leadership

Year 13 BTEC/A Level dancers have been teaching in two local Primary Academies as part of their skill development and BTEC course. Pupils at Manor Way and Tenterfields Primary Academy reception classes enjoyed being entertained and educated on animal habitats and the solar system as part of two different workshops. The Year 13 dancers were excellent teachers and role models, well done girls!

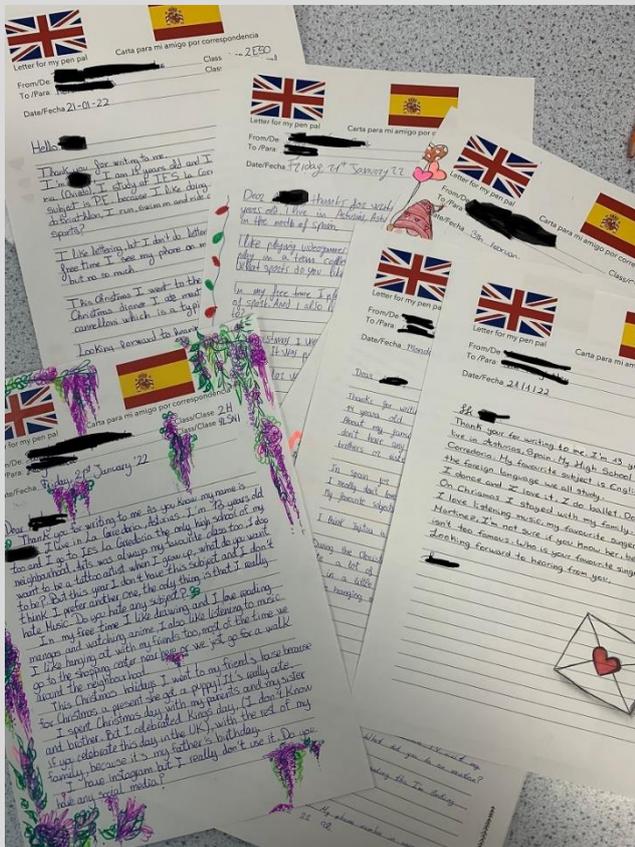


Year 8 and 9 Spanish Pen Pals

This week our students in Year 8 and 9 received their letters from their pen pal friends in Spain.

They were all very excited to know more about their new Spanish friends and they are working very hard in replying the letters to keep the contact with them.

Bravo chicos y chicas!

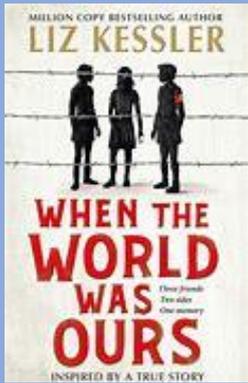




Rounder's Practice

Girls Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Rounder's Practice will start straight after Easter on Tuesday 26th April and Thursday 28th April from 3.20-4.20pm. Meet in the bottom girls changing room to change into your school PE kit and the practice will take place either on the field, the astro or gym, depending on the weather. Everyone is welcome and must attend as we only have three weeks to practice before your first game on 17th May.

Thanks - Mrs Rhooms, Mrs Boden, Mrs Whitehouse & Miss Paskin



Recommended Read

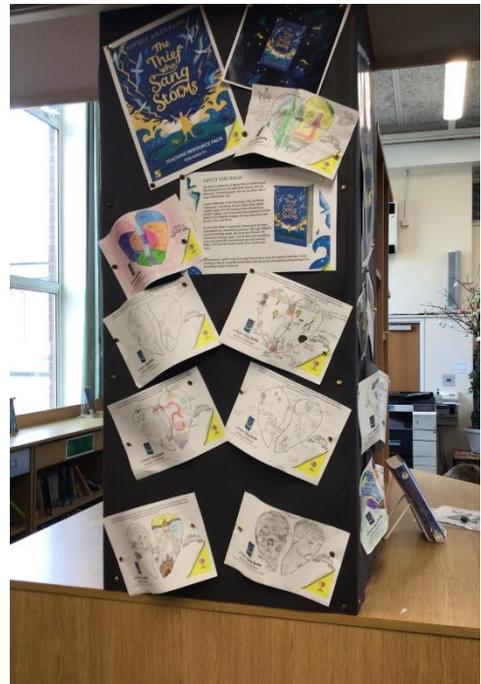
Windsor recognises the importance of reading and to continue to raise the status of reading in school. We have asked staff to share their recommended reads with students and staff.

This week's recommendation is When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler and is from the teachers at Windsor who are UKLA book award judges.

Based on a true story, it is a poignant and harrowing story of three young friends whose fates are intertwined during the devastation of the Holocaust.

Virtual Book Launch

A group of Year 7 students enjoying hearing from Sophie Anderson about her new book 'A Thief who Sang Storms'. This was a special reward for their hard work in English, they were nominated by their teachers. They also enjoyed designing their own magical islands and hearing Sophie talk about her writing influences. Excellent creativity and respect shown by all! Come and explore Sophie's new book which is available in the Library from today!



Upcoming dates for your diary

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