

Windsor News and Information



Website: www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

2nd April 2021 Issue: 27

As a reminder, all our safety advice, organisational details and information for parents and students can be located in one place in the weekly newsletters section of our website. [Windsor High School and Sixth Form Teaching and Learning](#) information can also be found at [Windsor Academy Trust](#)

To all students, parents, carers and friends of Windsor who will be fasting during Ramadan, I wish you an easy fast and happy month!
Ramadan Mubarak رمضان مبارك

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme via our Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), it is really important to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

We would therefore pass on the Government's request that we:

- Test twice a week at home from now on (for all those who are able to)
- Report result via TestRegister to both school and then the NHS as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping the Government to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country. You will receive an email reminder from TestRegister on Monday and Thursday mornings.
- Continue to test twice weekly **over the Easter holidays**
- Test before returning to school for the summer term (Monday 19th April), either Sunday night before or Monday morning.

Your support with this has been amazing.
Thank you

Please remember over the Easter holiday to keep as safe as possible, following Hands, Face, Space still, but also now remembering that Fresh Air has been added as another safety mechanism as Covid 19 particles blow away according to the Government's latest safety briefings and ad campaign.

As restrictions ease, please also remember that if you meet others, continue to follow the guidelines of only doing so outdoors and keeping your distance.



School uniform and standards

As you will be aware, we have been patient and worked collaboratively with families over the lockdown and full school reopening periods in all areas of school life and particularly regarding school uniform.

Whilst most students have been able to wear full and exemplary uniform we have worked with families where finance or availability of uniform items has been an issue.

Our return from the Easter holidays will mark 7 weeks after schools full reopening and 1 week after shops reopen.

We expect students to be once again in full and exemplary school uniform. If you believe this is not possible for your child, please contact their form tutor as soon as possible and we will seek to support wherever possible to ensure full uniform is worn by all our students.

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/about-us/school-uniform/>

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 Parents' Evening – Thursday 29 April 2021

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our parents' evening as a face to face meeting as normal, so we will run the evening via video appointments using a system called School Cloud. This is a web based system and does not require an APP to be downloaded. Parents will be invited to make an appointment and then will join a video call with the member of staff on the evening at the appropriate time.

Details of the system have been sent to parents via Parentmail to explain how to book appointments and access the new system.

Mr Morley

Kooth.com is a **free, safe** and **anonymous** online mental wellbeing community for children and young people aged 11+.

They have a range of different features that support our service users, including:

- Articles written by Kooth users (children and young people)
- Discussion boards and live forums
- Mini activity hub
- My goals tracker
- Personal journal
- Chats (text based) with our friendly team of qualified professionals up to 10pm each night, 365 days per year.



Kooth is easily accessible and young people can sign up to the service at www.kooth.com

They are still running their **#DontDoltAlone** Campaign and you can find the full video alongside campaign resources [HERE](#)

Kooth will continue to operate as normal during the Bank Holidays and Easter break.

Upcoming Live Forums which may be of interest:

- **Monday 5th April** – Tackling Loneliness Together
- **Friday 16th April** – Paw-sitive Powers of Pets
- **Wednesday 21st April** – Our Planet: Celebrating Earth Day
- **Monday 26th April** – Looking After Our Communities

Live forums can be found in the discussion boards and go online at 7.30pm on the evening they are planned.

They are moderated in real time until 9.00pm.

The below link is for Parents/Carers who may wish to find out more about Kooth. There are 4 sessions and booking a ticket is free.

[Parent/Carer Kooth Session - Booking Link](#)

To support your son/daughter to be prepared for learning each day, we are now offering an essential stationery kit that can be purchased from school during term time.

The kit contains:

3 x glue sticks	5 x white board pens
5 x black biros	5 x pencils
1 x 15cm plastic ruler	Cost is £3.00

If you would like to purchase this kit you can do so **via ParentMail by clicking 'Payment' and viewing your 'Shop'**.



Menu of Mindfulness

Looking after our Mental Health is so important.
What can you *actually* do if you are struggling?
The Menu of Mindfulness will recommend some ways to help yourself, and others around you, with the help of some of our staff!

Five ways to wellbeing:

Connect
Be Active
Learn
Take Notice
Give

Menu of Mindfulness has been shared with students today ... link to the document on our website:

[Menu of Mindfulness](#)



SPANISH COOKING CLASS
1st April 2021 after school day!

Dear year 9 students,
You are invited to cook along with us and make your own Torrijas,
a famous Spanish dish traditionally eaten during Easter!

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

The poster features illustrations of two female chefs, a chef's hat, crossed cutlery, a bowl of food, and a Spanish flag.

Vaccination dates

22nd and 23rd June
Yr 9 DTP & Men ACWY

2nd July - (2nd dose - moved from 7th June)
Yr 8 HPV

5th and 7th July
Yr 10 DTP & Men ACWY



Information for Y11 Students - From 19th

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

Thank you for your support, Catering Team

Replacement Planners - If your child has lost their school planner or needs a replacement you can purchase one from school at a cost of £2.50 **via ParentMail**.

Please select KS3 replacement planner (Years 7,8,9) or KS4 replacement planner (Years 10 and 11) in the shop. Once payment is received, we are notified and the planner will be given to your child.

Success for Windsor High School in Aston University Francophonie competition

This month, French students in Years 10 and 12 entered a 'French around the world' competition launched by Aston University. They designed beautiful presentations on French speaking countries all over the world.

Dr Henry Jones, lecturer in Translation, has commended WHS students for their "brilliant creativity and French-language skills demonstrated in the presentations".

A big well done and "bravo" goes to Sara S (Y12), Noah (Y10) for their excellent presentations and with awards for 'Outstanding Contributions' going to Lucy P (Y12), James T (Y12) and Skye C (Y10).

We are so very proud of you all!



Update of student details

Please remember to update us of any changes to:

- Your emergency contact details
- Home address
- Your child's medical needs

Please send notes of any amendments to student reception via your child.

Alternatively you can email info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk for the attention of Pastoral Administration.

You may notice that ParentMail has been rebranded and renamed to **IRIS ParentMail**. The desktop and app functionality hasn't changed, only the logo and colour scheme has been updated to reflect IRIS branding.

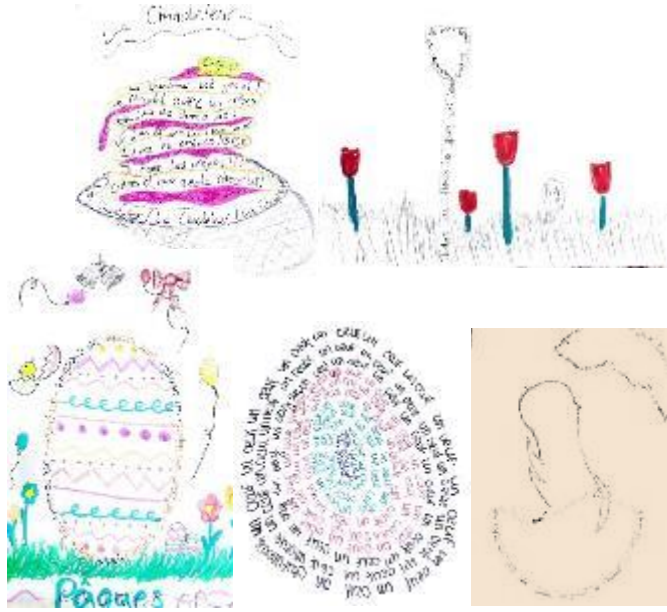


By IRIS

SHOUT-OUTS

Year 8 French have been working hard on Calligramme poems with Mrs Payton this week- where the shape of the poem matches the theme. Our theme was Easter and Springtime in France.

Special mention to Joshua N, Kelsie C, Ellie J, Ethan C and Imogen C for their wonderful poems.



Spanish linguist of the week. Well done!

- Y7:** Faye M/ Max C
- Y8:** Tristan R/ Regan C
- Y9:** Isaac S/ Sophie D
- Y10:** Nojus N/ Amy R

German Easter Superstars:

- Y7-** Isobel T, Keeley G, Mia G, Emily S, Darius A
- Y8-** Gwen A, Ben G, Omaima S
- Y9-** Jacob C, Jake E, Farida E, Joel R, Aleezah N
- Y10-** Liz C, Oliver B, Ruby C
- Y11-** Abbie C, Rhian R, Brad H



Des Acrostiches

Yr 8 students were creative with their revision this week and produced some fabulous French acrostic poems.

C'est magnifique, n'est-ce pas?
Mme Dunn



Windsor High School students scoop all 3 top prizes in the WAT MFL iPad Storybook competition!

This term, Year 7 linguists were asked to develop their skills using their iPads in MFL lessons by creating their own personalised storybooks about school (this was their Cycle 2 topic).

We are thrilled to announce that students from WHS were judged as the best in ALL 3 language categories!

Well done to Eleanor (for French), Hollie (for German) and Alexa (for Spanish) for your fantastic storybooks about Windsor High School and Sixth Form.

French
Eleanor S

Le Gagnant est...



German winner
Holly T



Spanish winner
Alexa H

Ganador

