

Windsor News and Information



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School will break up for half term on Friday 27th October. Autumn Term continues on Monday 6th November at 8.40am for all students.

Mobile Phone Reassertion



The below is taken from a recent publication and has stimulated a reassertion of our policy.

Mobile phone use to be banned in schools in England during the school day, including at break times, new guidance recommends.

Department for Education and **The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP** - Published 2nd October 2023.

Mobile phone use should be banned in schools across England to improve behaviour, the Education Secretary Gillian Keegan announced today. New guidance from the Department for Education will back head teachers in banning mobile phone use throughout the school day, including at break times, to tackle disruptive behaviour and online bullying while boosting attention during lessons. It aims to support the wider work the government is doing to raise standards in schools by increasing students' focus and reducing distractions.

The move will bring England in line with other countries that have already implemented a ban. It follows warnings from the United Nations on the risks of smartphones in schools and government data that found around a third (29%) of secondary school pupils reported mobile phones being used when they were not supposed to in most, or all, lessons. If schools fail to implement the new guidance, the government will consider legislating in the future to make the guidance statutory.

Windsor High School and Sixth Form Response

Following the above planned ban of mobile phones in all English schools, Windsor High School and Sixth Form wishes to make our position very clear for all students, parents, and carers.

There will be zero tolerance regarding mobile phones on our return from the half term holiday. Phones should not be seen or heard at all within the school gates.

This includes: at any time in the day including before and after school, anywhere on the school grounds/within the school gates – something we have described as phones not being allowed to be seen or heard anywhere from “gate to gate”.

When handing phones in for PE this is encouraged but if the phone is turned on it will be confiscated. Phones confiscated will be returned after school via Mr Morley but if it is repeatedly seen or heard and therefore confiscated parents/carers may need to collect the phone.

School Photographs



Our School Photographer has extended the **free shipping to school deadline** on all photograph orders. **The new deadline is Sunday 29th October.** After this time there will be a price increase and delivery will be to home address only. We hope you are able to take advantage of this extended deadline if you wish.

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.

- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Half Term
- Wednesday 8th November - Y7-11 Flu Immunisation



Activities Week and Pledge Week 2024 (15th – 19th July) – Exciting News!



Details of our Activities Week for Years 8 - 10 and Pledge Week for Year 7 have been sent out today via ParentMail and have also been shared in form time with our students. Details can also be found on the school website:

www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/extra-curricular-activities/extra-curricular-activities-and-clubs



Both Activities Week and Pledge Week are an integral and very much enjoyed part of our school year. Please refer to the booklet sent on Parentmail to find a copy of the Choices Form (Years 8-10) or Agreement Form (Year 7). A form must be submitted to school for each student by **Friday 10th November 2023**.

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

Reminder: Flu Immunisation - Years 7 to 11

Vaccination UK will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on **Wednesday 8th November 2023**.



You have been sent a parentmail with the relevant information and a link to the E consent form for you to complete. **Please complete the consent form even if you wish to decline the immunisation.**



A selection
of the
wonderful
Year 8 work
completed
this term on
the topic of
Ecosystems



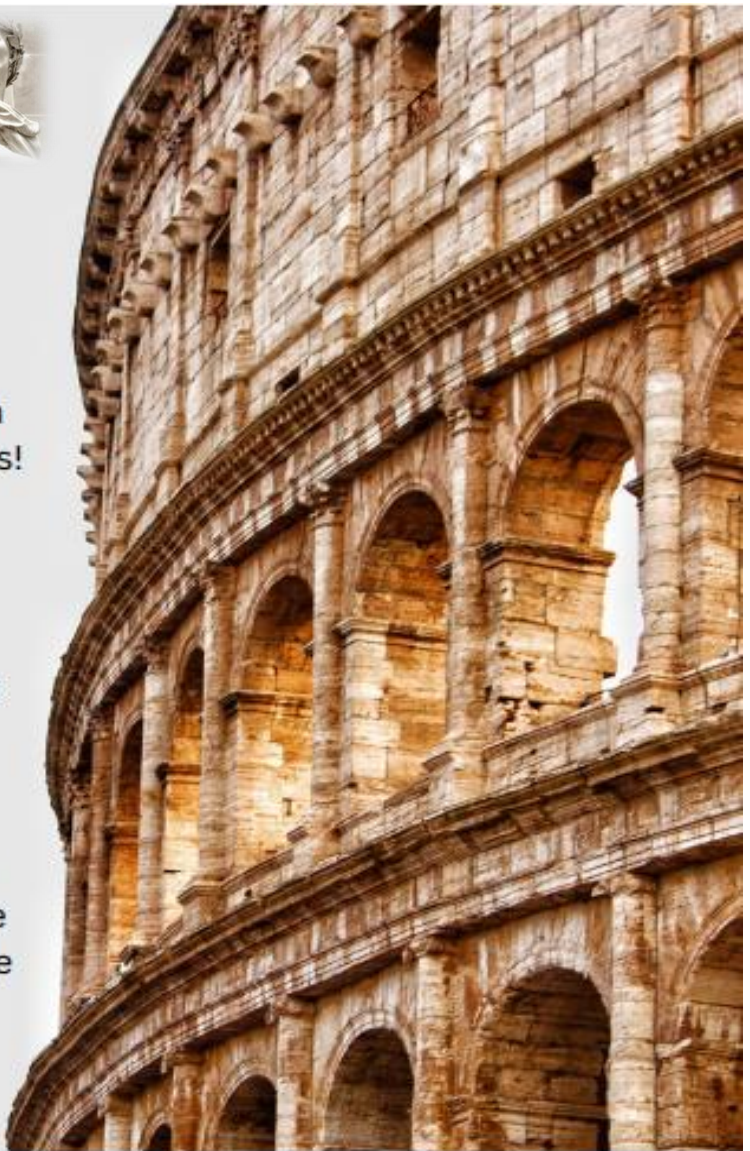
Spotlight on..... 'Ancient History Club'



Ancient History Club meets every two weeks on a Wednesday in A27 from 12:50pm to 1:20pm. You can sit and have your lunch whilst discussing various topics in archaeology and the ancient world, ranging from Greek/Roman civilisation and ancient myths, to dinosaurs!

Often the students lead the sessions based on what interests them, but the club has recently had a University of Birmingham student who studies Ancient History visit and be a guest speaker.

One student who has led some of the lunchtime sessions said "I like coming to Ancient History Club as I enjoy making the slides to show the other students and I like helping to teach other students about Ancient History".



Another student said "I love Ancient History Club because there's lots of computer games influenced by it.

I am a massive fan of human history, but I also like to tie it into paleo history, which I am also a big fan of."

As the Ancient History Club meets every two weeks the next club will be on Wednesday 15th November. Everyone is welcome to come!



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.



House Event: Christmas card competition

The Art and Graphics department would like you to enter a design for this years Windsor High School and Sixth Form Christmas card. They will also be entered into James Morris MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis Christmas card competition, where the winning design will be made into a card and sent to the Prime Minister and other members of the constituency, charitable organisations, local and national press.

We would like you to create an A4 design that celebrates Christmas and the season's greetings. There will be 2 categories; KS3 and KS4/5. There will be a prize for the winner of each category and an overall winner of the competition. All entries will gain credits for your House.

You can be as creative as you like with the designs and use a range of techniques from drawing, painting, collage, Photoshop, sketchbook app, using any media like pencil, crayon, pen or a mixture of media. Be aware you can not use copyright material e.g. Mickey Mouse in a santa costume! See left for some of our previous entries, runners up and winning designs to show the standard we are looking for and inspiration.

Please email digital entries to sjefferies@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or hand them in to Miss Jefferies or Miss Dovey in M1/M2 by **Tuesday 7th November 2023**, just after half term. They must be of a high quality as they will be representing the school. We look forward to seeing your entries, good luck!



CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

Friday 3rd November 2023

Drop in any time between 10am and 3pm

Location:

Mark Round Room, Dudley Library,
St James's Road, DY1 1HR

Parking Information:

- Street parking available near venue
- Stafford Street Car Park
- Duncan Leisure Centre, Free for 2 hours



Fostering in the Dudley Borough

Dudley MBC are looking to recruit foster carers across the Dudley Borough. Foster care plays a vital part in so many children's and young people's lives. In Dudley, the need for foster carers is greater than ever.



Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter regarding taking the first steps into becoming a foster carer.

Well done to our Enterprise Stars of the Week!

Well done to Rithvik S and Ahmed K in Year 10 and to Noah S and Harrison B in Year 11 for their excellent effort in Enterprise this half term!

Keep up the great work!



Business, Economics
and Enterprise

Reminder: Plastic cups are no longer available



A polite reminder that **we will no longer issue students with plastic cups**. We encourage all students to bring a reusable water bottle into school, which can be refilled at the water dispensers. A range of drinks are still available to purchase from Richmond's.



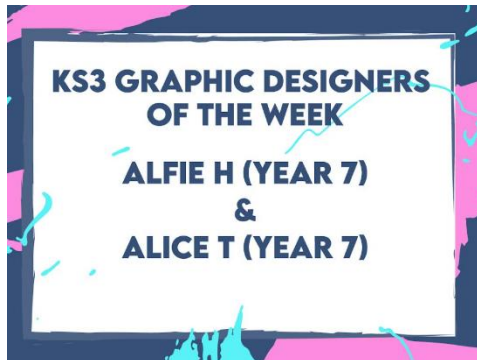
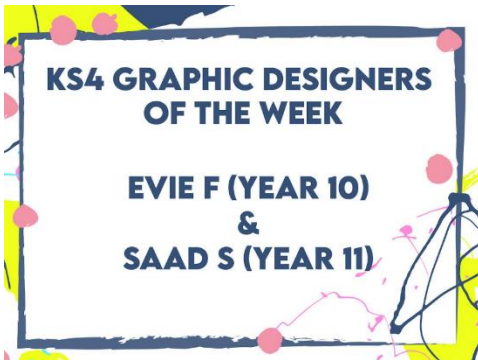
U12/U13 Girls' Football Team

The U12/U13 girls' football team got off to a great start in the County Cup this week. They won 6-0 at Gospel Oak Academy. The girls showed excellent teamwork skills, attacked clinically and showed confidence.

By doing all of this they had ensured they were 4-0 up at half time, with all the goals scored by different members of the team! Everyone in the team showed maturity and performed impressively to maintain a clean sheet.



The girls are now through to the final eight in the U13 West Midlands County Cup Game (Quarter Finals), which should be played at home after half term. Well done to everyone involved!



Remember to follow Windsor High School and Sixth Form on Twitter and Facebook for all the latest information!



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Five Nights at Freddy's

To chime with Halloween, this week sees the release of a cinematic adaptation of Five Night's at Freddy's (FNaF) – a suspenseful series of horror games which, despite their 12+ age rating, have gained significant popularity with younger children.



With one gaming journalist describing the franchise's original entry as "hands down ... the most terrifying game I have played in my life", FNaF blends an unsettling atmosphere with jump scares and creepy characters. Please read the National Online Safety guide attached to this newsletter for more information.

Green Careers Week: 6th - 11th November

The week back after half term is Green Careers Week, and each week in November we will be highlighting different Green Careers information to get our students talking about why sustainability is important in the workplace!

In fact, we are going to be celebrating sustainability all month with lots of exciting opportunities for our students!



Please see the link below for a parent/carers guide to Green Careers Week to encourage discussions about Green Careers at home: nationalcareersweek.com/gcwpg

Mrs Brookes (Careers Leader) and Mr Hussain (Sustainability Lead)





As part of our ongoing commitment to our local community, we are excited to announce a new initiative that we believe will make a significant impact in our local area.

Starting from today until Friday, 10th November, we will be collecting donations for our local food bank, The Black Country Food Bank. This wonderful organisation plays a crucial role in providing essential support to families and individuals facing food insecurity in our community.

Shopping list - Items that can be donated:

- Milk UHT (Long life)
- Cereal (preferably non-sugared)
- Tinned Soup/Fruit
- Fruit Juice (Carton long life)
- Pasta/Cooking Sauces
- Baked Beans/Spaghetti
- Rice/sponge pudding (Tin)
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Tinned Vegetables (Carrots, Sweetcorn, peas, mixed)
- Tea bags (40's/80's), Coffee (Small)
- Instant Mash or Tinned potatoes
- Tinned meat/fish
- Sugar (500g/1kg)
- Biscuits, Crackers, Crispbreads
- Marmalade
- Washing up liquid
- Shower gel
- Laundry tablets

Drop-off points for donations will be set up in school. If students are able to, we would welcome their generosity, which will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you in advance for your contributions. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mr Campbell-Roberts

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Exciting opportunity - Trip to the RSC! - For Year's 9 to 13

We have some spaces available on our trip to see 'The Empress' at the RSC on Friday 17th November: <https://www.rsc.org.uk/the-empress/>

If you are interested in joining this trip, students can come and see Miss Grace/Miss Rauf or parents/carers can email:

hgrace@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk and we will send you more information and details on how to confirm a place on the trip.



Year 7 – Niah B, Haleema A, Tia R, Mason C, Jackson S, Ellison L, Isaac T, Xander B, Lois M, Ella W, William T, Marley W, Lana A, Philippa W, Eddison H, Olivia F, Aaron L, Gigi J, Eliza L, Haider A, Chloe S, Coby W, Emma G, Jalal A, Evie H, Ian-Timi E, Ryan-Temi E.

Year 8 – Flo S, Scarlett H, Ellie B, Izzy D, Emily G, Teni O, Bryan C, Zahra P, William F, Tatyana V, Vicky C, Harry L, Cerys J, Esther C, Charlotte S, Emily M, Jaiden H, Ariyam H, Freya S, Elisa I, Nadr Z, Amber L.

Year 9 – Lucy H, Q'ue P, Tom V, Eliza H, Florence A, Ethan G, Nathaniel H, Lyndon S, Oscar T, Rosie L, Grace N, Sophie P, Kylan H, Bella T, George C, Zach E, Mairah Z, Sophie C, Tulip M.

Year 10 – Owen H, Darius A, Harry M, Ethan B, Hollie B, Jun Xi C, Harry W, Evan C, Isaiah P, Rithvik S, Daria B, Braydn D, Phoebe B, Poppy F, Jessica B, Matilda W, Eleanor S, William B, Sally A, Mohamad K, Zaidan H.

Year 11 – Sana A, Zac B, Alicia C, Regan A, Luke D, Tom H, Lily R, Hannah B, Brandon C, Gwen A, Zakir K, Sabila B, Harvey L, Mikey T, Ben W, Holly D, Mohammed A, Ranad H, Mohammed Y.

THIS WEEK'S STARS
★ IN MODERN ★
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

