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Friday 29th November 2024 is an INSET day and school will be closed. School reopens on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 8.40am for all students.



- Friday 29th November: INSET Day.
- Monday 2nd December: Carol Service, St Margaret's (7.00-8.15pm).
- Monday 9th December: INSET Day.

IMPORTANT

Reporting Student Absence



From January 2025 ALL student absences must be reported via the Arbor App. This will help us improve our processes and ensure all absence messages are received and coded appropriately. If you need a link to register for the Arbor App please send an email (stating your child's name and tutor group) to: arbor@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Your support with this is much appreciated - Pastoral Team.

Future Writers House Competition Winners



In September, we announced a writing competition for future writers organised by Birmingham City University (BCU) in collaboration with Benjamin Zephaniah's family. The theme for the competition was inspired by Benjamin's poem "People Need People."

Students were invited to submit poems/short stories focusing on their friends, family, peers, and others in their lives and communities with whom they have connections or rely upon.

We received a wide range of excellent entries for this competition. Our judges, Ms Grant and Ms Hoban-Rose, thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the original and creative submissions. We extend our gratitude to them for taking the time to evaluate each entry and select the winners.

We are excited to now announce our two winners:
KS3 Winner: Melissa, KS4 Winner: James.

Both winners will receive House points for their respective Houses, as well as a copy of a book by Benjamin Zephaniah. Our runners-up are Ivy M and Rayan A.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and a special congratulations to Melissa and James!

(Melissa's poem "With It" is attached to this newsletter for everyone to read.)



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



**Monday 2nd December 2024 – 7.00pm to 8.15pm
(Doors open to audience members from 6.30pm)**

Everyone is welcome!

ATTENTION



**GCSE Poetry Live: 21st
January 2025**

**Parents/carers of Year 11
students who have
expressed an interest in
attending GCSE Poetry Live
on 21st January 2025:**

The trip details have been
sent out to via Arbor.

Please check the letter and
sign your child up if they wish
to attend this excellent
opportunity to improve their
poetry exam responses.

**The deadline to sign up
(form and part or full
payment on Arbor app) is
Monday 9th December.**

Students who didn't express
an interest can see Ms Grace
to arrange for a letter to be
sent home, as there are
places still available for this
excellent opportunity to boost
your English Literature
responses!



Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair has now arrived at school
and will be here for one week.

Please visit the Library to browse the books that are
available. Online payments are welcome via the link
below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1404426>



Snapchat

Recent user numbers for the messaging app Snapchat currently sit at approximately 800 million and figures from the data gathering company Statista, indicate that roughly 20% of those users are under 18.



That's a lot of young people participating in this sprawling social media platform, many of whom are potentially unaware of the associated risks. The guide attached to this week's newsletter advises on how to safeguard younger users on Snapchat.

IMPORTANT

Work Experience Reminder!



Just a reminder to Year 10 students taking on work experience during activities week (14th-18th July 2025):

You need to start looking for and securing placements! Please start by speaking to family, friends and people around you - it might be that someone you know can take you on for work experience.

Once you have found a placement that has agreed to have you then log onto Unifrog with your school email address and reset your password if necessary. Once logged in, find the grey 'placements' tile to complete your initial work experience form.

Good luck in finding placements and if you need support or ideas, please see Mrs Brookes.



Ronald McDonald Charity



This year we will be collecting selection boxes for the Ronald McDonald Charity in collaboration with Halesowen BID. These selection boxes will be distributed by the charity to children who may not otherwise receive a selection box this Christmas. We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to donate a selection box to send them into school between **now and 11th December**, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID.

Selection boxes can be taken to the offices of Mrs Hannan, Mr Evans, Miss Freear or Sixth Form Reception before school or during morning registration. Many thanks as always for your support for this worthy initiative.



Ronald McDonald
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ATTENTION

Activities Week and Pledge Week



All activity week offer letters have been sent out via email. **Please ensure you accept your child's place by 8th December at the latest.** Many activities have been oversubscribed so your early response is appreciated. **Responses not received by 8th December may result in your child's place being offered to another student.**

For Year 7 students who have opted to do Pledge Week, please note that there is no requirement to accept a place. If you have received a confirmation email, your child's place on Pledge is secured.

For anyone who has not yet requested a specific activity, there are limited spaces available on the following activities. Please refer to the email sent on 25th October and again on the 8th November for details on how to apply.

Pledge Week (Year 7 only)
For students in Years 8 - 10:



Alternative Sports Week
Basketball Week (Years 9 and 10 only)
Daytripper (Year 10 only)
Football Residential to Inter Milan
Graphics and Photography Week
Harry Potter Week

Liverpool Explorer Week
Sewing Craft and Jewellery Making
Tantalising Travel
Warhammer Week
Work Experience (Year 10 only)

We are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful activities week where our students will make lasting memories.



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7: Rupert Y, Hart R, Emma K, Ibrahim I, Seb H, Leo G, Sam B, Yara A, Alaana B, Leah H, Alfie S, Charlie S, Lucia O'B, Charlotte J, Maddie C.

Year 8: Chloe S, Jackson S, Tia R, Joel T, Jack W, Mohammed A, Niah B, Emily C, Max C, Jack D, Omayma G, Jordan I, Toby M, Matthew L, Harriet H, Elsie F, Ruby B, Hannah M, Sophie M, Safiyah H, Freddy T, Lauren R.

Year 9: Daniel H, Chloe C, Max D, Aamina A, Danyal R, Mae T, Louie E.

Year 10: Wasim K, Saffron R, Eliza H, Maisy T, Ibrahim A, Lois R, Carys A, Bobbie H, Joseph P, Imogen L, Claudia H.

Year 11: Max C, Poppy F, Dexter P, Jessica B, Evie M, Sophie L.



Girls Football



Our girls under 14, seven a side football team played matches this week at Leasowes.

Results are as follows:

Windsor v Leasowes Won 1-0
Windsor v Redhill B won 2-0
Windsor v Hagley Drew 0-0

**WELL
DONE**

Congratulations to the squad on those results and good luck with next week's matches!

This now makes **SEVEN UNBEATEN** matches for our girls under 14, seven a side football team (four wins, three draws) and **ZERO** goals conceded!

We are so proud of you! Well done! – Mrs Rhooms and Mr Field

IMPORTANT

Tudor House



The Pastoral team are delighted to announce Mrs Jeavons will be supporting the students in Tudor House.

Mrs Jeavons is an incredibly experienced member of the Pastoral team and we are really excited to have her on-board to support our young people.

This comes as a result of Ms Jones departure which students were informed of by Miss Freear in assembly on Wednesday morning.

If you have any concerns regarding your child and they are in Tudor House please do contact Mrs Jeavons.

Mrs Hannan

Label Uniform and Equipment



A polite reminder to please ensure uniform and any items brought into school have your child's name on.

This is to help keep lost property to a minimum and ensure any lost items are returned to their owner quickly.



Thank you.

Year 10 Jekyll and Hyde English Trip



There are still spaces available for Year 10 students to see the Jekyll and Hyde play on Friday 14th February 2025, at The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham.

The trip will close **once the 65 spaces are taken and paid for on Arbor**. Please can parents and carers who are signing up their child to go and see the play, ensure:

- 1) You have completed the Google permission form (click the link within the letter sent to your email).
- 2) Payment is received via the Arbor app as both a completed Google form and payment are required for students to attend this play.

Please speak to Ms Grace if you have any questions.

