

Windsor News and Information



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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](#)

The importance of testing and reporting in secondary schools and colleges

Below is from the DFE and highlights just how important the continuation of Lateral Flow Testing is. Only this week it has successfully identified an asymptomatic case meaning a child with Covid 19 self isolated therefore not spreading it to others, for which we are really grateful.

“Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus (COVID-19). Staff should continue to test themselves and report results whilst encouraging secondary school and college students to do likewise.”

Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly (*our system is Test register and is incredibly easy to use* <https://testregister.co.uk/login>) from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but assists our understanding of community rates of infection.

To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, we have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

Students have been offered their lateral flow testing kits this week.

The Prime Minister has said: "I want to thank everybody for continuing to follow the guidance, and to thank parents and families for the incredible work you're doing to help test students through the Easter holidays and to encourage you to keep testing them twice a week as schools return."

Face coverings - The wearing of face coverings for students in classrooms, corridors and communal areas in school where social distancing is not possible is **mandatory**. Anyone who is exempt should now have been provided a lanyard to indicate this is the case which should be with them at all times. **Students who are not wearing face masks and do not have an exemption lanyard can expect to be questioned by staff and potentially face a sanction.**

Please assist your child with their planning for the day and ensure that a face covering is part of this. Where possible students should have a reusable face covering and a resealable plastic bag (or container) to keep the face covering in when it is not in use. Students should be wearing their face covering as soon as they enter the school building.

Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online.

Parents/Carers of those who are exempt should write a note to this effect in their child's planner.

Your support with this is appreciated

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 19 May 2021

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our parent 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

Over the next few weeks, at the start of a PE lesson, students will be asked to complete an online questionnaire to gauge their thoughts on PE.

This is the start of a Sport England project that aims to improve students' experiences in PE and increase the amount of physical activity they do.

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/windsor-high> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by 6th June 2021.**



Year 11 school photographs – 10th May

This will be the last chance to have a school photograph, can parents therefore ensure that their sons or daughters wear full uniform on this day. If they have PE that day, they should bring a shirt and tie, to change into and ensure they bring their blazer!

There will also be a chance not only to purchase an individual photo but a composite group photo. This will consist of just the head shots of all year 11 students, which is the only safe way of doing a group photo presently with social distancing.

Students will be informed of plans nearer to the day

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

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.

Vaccination date

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

Safeguarding update

In January, the Government launched a new strategy to tackle child sexual abuse and in the following months there has been a host of stories about the experiences of young people across the country. To ensure we do all we can to keep our students safe we have reviewed and further strengthened our policy and practice, provided additional training for staff and asked students to think about this area through votes for schools.

The safety of your child(ren) is our priority and I hope you are aware of our 8 Safeguarding leads in school and that if you have any concerns you would contact the school and most likely your child's Form Tutor or Head of House in the first instance. This can be done via our phone number 0121 550 1452 or email info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

In case you are unclear, our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Morley

Ms Rogers

Mr Leathem-Pugh

Mrs Boran

Miss Sparrow

Mrs Dhanoya

Mr Buckley

Mr Jackson

In addition I also want to make you aware of the below helpline which is also available.

NEW Dedicated NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663

This new helpline has been created to provide both children and adults who are potential victims of sexual abuse in schools with the appropriate support and advice. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents.

SHOUT-OUTS

The Year 7 Great Debate - Year 7 students have recently participated in the Great Debate during their English lessons, developing their oracy skills, confidence and creativity through inter-class debates on the motion 'This House believes we are destroying the world we live in.' All classes performed superbly and the semi-finals then saw students represent their class to be proclaimed the winning Windsor Debate Team!

It was very difficult to choose a winner but we are delighted to announce **7S1 represented by Charlie and Hollie were the winners and will now represent Windsor against Kingswinford in the next round.**

Well done to all our fantastic Year 7 debaters and in particular the students below who represented their class in the semi-finals:

- 7S1 - Charlie, Hollie
- 7L1 - Owen, Isha
- 7T1 - Jess, James
- 7S2 - Maisie, Lucy
- 7L2 - Eleanor, Thomas
- 7T2 - Braydn, Alexa



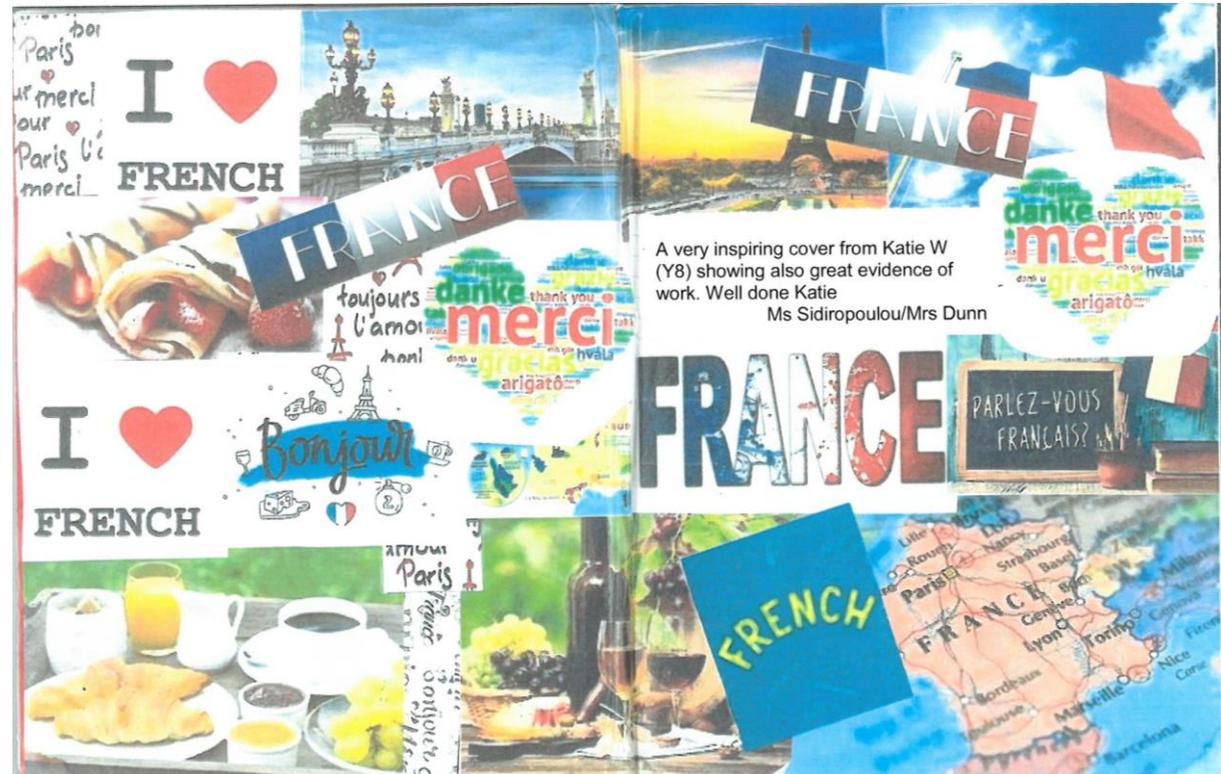
German stars

- Year 7 Kainan S, Vanessa K, Harry M
- Year 8 Koushik S, Harrison C, Sophie M, Chloe H, George H, William T, Joseph H, Ellis C, Kinza Z and Ben G
- Year 9 Jake E, Alesha R
- Year 10 Hollie B
- Year 11 Cerys A



French Stars

- Year 7 Tom W, Ashraf S
- Year 8 Owen F, Hamzah A, Safa M, Millie H, Ethan C
- Year 9 Lilly T, Freya T, Anya W
- Year 10 Saarah S, Lauren S
- Year 11 Faizah R, Tom F



National Share a Story Month 2021 is in May. This year the theme is Myths, Magic and Mayhem.

Students will participate in activities to celebrate this during the month of May.



Extra Curricular clubs - As advised in recent Parentmails, we are pleased to now be able to offer a number of Extra Curricular clubs for our students to enjoy.

On the following page is a summary of those clubs and activities, all of which are run within current government guidelines. Should your son/daughter wish to participate in a club that they have not previously attended, please let us know, either by completing the form that was sent out on Parentmail; by email (info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) or by telephone (0121 550 1452).

We look forward to seeing our students at these clubs very soon!
Ms Sparrow

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities 3rd – 28th May Clubs run from 3.15 – 4.15pm – unless stated

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Monday	Football – Astro Mrs Whitehouse Rounders – Field Mrs Boden Dance - Dance Studio Miss Harris	Maths homework club (please bring your homework with you) P3 3.20pm - 3.50pm Miss Rayson		<p>Each club will be running a league competition each week so ask friends in your year group and make a team!</p> <p><i>Remember that you must be in your Windsor PE kit to play</i></p>
Tuesday	Book Talk - D2 3.20pm - 4pm Mrs Wood	The Arty Lens (Art & Photography) M2 Miss Rees What Would You Do? An interesting discussion on current affairs linked to Social Sciences - P3 3.10pm - 4pm Mr Hussain Football – Astro Mr Ebbage Rounders – Field Mrs Whitehouse Dance - Dance Studio Mrs McLaughlin	Beginners' Mandarin S2 3.20pm - 4pm Mr Jackson	
Wednesday	Beginners' Mandarin A3 3.10pm - 4pm Mr Jackson Spanish Games! No Spanish needed A1 - 3.10pm - 3.50pm Ms Gonzalez-Alvarez	Enterprise - Google Classroom (work will be uploaded each week for students to do at home) Mrs Brookes	Diversity in Science S4 3.30pm - 4.15pm Miss Roberts Spanish Gimkit Challenge S24 3.20pm - 4.00pm Ms Gonzalez-Alvarez Python Coding S22 3.20pm - 4.00pm Miss Allsop	
Thursday	Keyboard Club - E21 3.15pm - 4pm Mrs Richards		Football – Astro Mr Ebbage Rounders Field Mrs Rhooms Dance Dance Studio Mrs Edgar	
Friday				
				<p>Linguistic Exploration C1 11.50am - 12.20pm Mrs Tinson GCSE French/ German/ Spanish C4 3.00pm - 3.50pm Ms Sidiropoulou</p>
				<p>Football Astro Mr Deeks Rounders Field Miss Paskin Dance Dance Studio Mrs Edgar</p>