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- Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February - School Production - 'Disco Inferno'.
- Tuesday 4th February - Character Development - Periods 3 and 4

Thank You Message from Head of School – Miss Raindi



Dear Parent/Carer

January has been a jam-packed month at Windsor High School and Sixth Form and we have had much to celebrate! This week alone 1074 students have received over five credits which is a fantastic achievement and recognition of our students meeting our six key indicators of success; attendance, punctuality, uniform, organisation, homework and etiquette.

I thoroughly enjoyed delivering my new year assemblies to students, emphasising my pride in their achievements, our collective power as a school community to fulfil our purpose of unlocking academic and personal potential. When I wrote to you in December, I mentioned our continued focus on attendance and punctuality this half-term. I am delighted to therefore announce the first of many competitions in school to reward students for excellent attendance.

In assemblies this week, myself and Mr Lanckham have launched a competition where all students who receive 100% attendance in the next two weeks will be entered into a prize draw. We will draw seven golden tickets on the last day of term for these students and those golden ticket winners will receive a prize! We are very much looking forward to seeing who wins the prizes and thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day and on time.

Next week we look forward to seeing many of you at our school production of Disco Inferno; students and staff have worked tirelessly to produce what looks to be a masterpiece, and I for one cannot wait to watch the opening performance! We wish all of the cast the best of luck as they prepare to dance the night away.

Wishing you all a restful weekend - Miss Raindi



Josh Silver - YA Author Visit - 13th February 2025



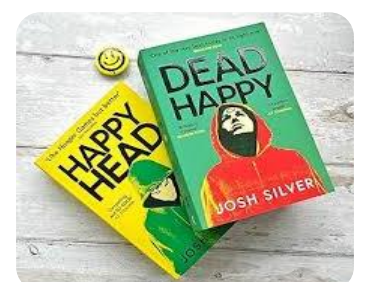
On Thursday 13th February, author Josh Silver will be visiting Windsor High School and Sixth Form. Originally trained at RADA as an actor, Josh has performed in the West End and on Broadway. He then decided to change careers and began training as a mental health nurse.



Whilst doing this he started writing his first book Happy Head. This was a huge success, and was soon followed by the sequel Dead Happy. During his visit, Josh will be:

- Holding sessions on his books that will include presentations.
- Holding a creative writing workshop.
- Giving a talk after school about careers as a mental health professional.

Please see Mrs Wood for more information or if you would like to take part. Books can be ordered in for you to read.



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



**Windsor High School
and Sixth Form
presents...**



DISCO INFERNO
Book by Justin Sepple

Musical arrangements by Brett Foster and Jim Coyle.
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music
Theatre International on behalf of David Spicer Productions. All
authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

**Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and
Wednesday 5th February 2025,
6.00pm in the school hall.
(Doors open 5:30pm)**

**Tickets on sale via Arbor
Shop: £4.00 per ticket.**

“Get ready to hit that floor and burn, baby, burn”.

It's the summer of 1976... it's as hot outside as the
fashion, hits and passion are on the dance floor and
Jack is about to celebrate a 21st birthday he will
never forget in this 'devilish' new 70's musical
comedy.



**Work Experience Reminder –
Deadline for placements is in two weeks!**



A reminder to Year 10 students taking on work experience during Activities Week (14th-18th July 2025):

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

Students taking part in work experience also need to ensure that they and their parents/carers have read the work experience email sent to them on Arbor, and completed the EV6 form (link to that form is at the bottom of the work experience email).

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

The deadline for requesting approval for work experience placements is Friday 14th February 2025.

If your child can no longer take part in work experience please inform Mrs Brookes and Mrs Edwards ASAP, as although Activities Week is outside of the normal curriculum, this week is an integral part of the school calendar and there is an expectation that every student will participate and attend daily.

Good luck in finding your placements and please remember that placement details must be entered onto Unifrog. – Mrs Brookes

Student Progress Reports



From 2025 ALL student progress reports will be sent to parents/carers via email. Please make sure the school holds a current up to date email address and notify the school of any changes by emailing: info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Initial Teacher Training at Windsor Academy Trust



As part of Windsor Academy Trust's (WAT) partnership with the National Institute of Teaching (NioT) as an Associate College, applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our September 2025 intake.

Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school-centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 15 schools.

Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school. Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week.



All of our teacher training courses lead to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and 60 Master's Level credits. Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#). You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NioT at WAT.

To find out more, please email us at teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Is WhatsApp safe for my child?

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Please click this link to view guidance regarding children using WhatsApp from the NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/

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Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi



This week's "Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi" session was a resounding success, bringing together some of Windsor's most accomplished and engaged students. The top point-scorers from each House, along with students nominated by their Head of House for their fantastic contributions, gathered for a productive discussion.

Mugs of steaming hot chocolate in hand, the students shared their recent accomplishments, celebrating successes both big and small. The highlight of the session was undoubtedly the students' insightful and creative suggestions for making our school even better. The ideas ranged from extra dance clubs to timetabled revision sessions.

Miss Raindi was joined this week by Mr. Hussain, Head of Stuart House, and Miss Kempson, Assistant SENCO, both of whom were impressed by the students' thoughtful contributions. A huge well done to all the students who attended!

Their passion, creativity, and commitment to Windsor are truly inspiring.

We look forward to exploring their ideas further and continuing to build a school where every student can thrive.



See yourself as a

Travel Blogger?

Having a second language under your belt will unlock your potential to explore the world as a travel blogger, where you will meet people of various cultures and use your developed communication skills to form new connections.

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THIS WEEK'S STARS ★ IN MODERN ★ FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7: Hannah C, Jeff C, Freya H, Faith M, Joseph T, Joe R.

Year 8: Seb W, Safiyah H, Suayl S, Miller B, Quinn B.



Year 9: Amgad A, Ahmed B, Ekaterina B, Jessica H, Chloe J, Maya H, Charlotte L, Malak A.

Year 10: George P, Temilayo A, Zach E, Sophie C, Danai G, Elenia H, Charlotte S.

Year 11: Edie F, Ruby B, Sophie L, Montathar N, Jack L, Alfie G, Matilda W.



Year 7 Girls Halesowen and Stourbridge 7 a Side Football League



On Tuesday 28th January, our Year 7 girls' team played three matches on a cold and wet evening at Leasowes.

The team delivered an amazing performance overall, showing excellent defending and goal scoring.

Here are the results:

Windsor vs. Leasowes: Won 1-0

Windsor vs. Redhill B: Won 4-0

Windsor vs. Hagley: Won 3-0



In total, the team has played seven matches, winning six, drawing one, and losing none. They have scored 18 goals while conceding only two! Well done, girls!

We are so proud of you! And good luck in your last three games next Tuesday! Mrs Rhooms and Mr Field



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities – Amended List for Spring Term



Please find attached to this newsletter, our updated list of Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities for the Spring term. Please note, some new PE clubs have been added.

We hope that there is something for everyone to enjoy and that gives students the opportunity to try something new. **Clubs are free to join and students can try as many as they wish to.**

Extra-Curricular clubs provide a great deal of enrichment for our students so we would encourage all students to take advantage of the array of activities on offer.



Windsor High School and Sixth Form Featured in Global Apple Case Study



We are delighted to announce that Windsor High School and Sixth Form has been featured in a prestigious case study on Apple's global website, highlighting Windsor Academy Trust's EmpowerED Digital Strategy.

This recognition further solidifies our position as an Apple Distinguished School and showcases how technology is unlocking potential for our students while supporting staff with more efficient processes.

Last Thursday, our Trust CEO, Dawn Haywood, joined Apple's Dominic Liechti, Senior Director of Worldwide Product Marketing, at BETT 2025 to celebrate this achievement.



Windsor High School was one of just three schools featured in the case study, reflecting the outstanding work of our students and staff. **Read more and watch the video [here](#).** We are so proud of everyone who contributed to this extraordinary achievement!

IMPORTANT

Students Feeling Unwell During The Day



Can parents/carers please inform your child that if they feel ill during the day they need to tell a teacher. The teacher will arrange for your child to go to or be escorted to Pastoral where they will be assessed by a member of staff.

Students should **not** be contacting parents directly to ask to go home. If the school feels your child is unwell a member of staff will contact you to arrange for them to be collected.

Emotional Literacy



Sadness when losing a game. Frustration when struggling in class. All children will experience challenging feelings.

Emotions are a natural part of life, and while youngsters should be allowed to express themselves, it's important they also learn how to process these emotions in a mindful way.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a guide offering expert advice on supporting youngsters to develop emotional literacy.



Higher Education and Careers Fair: Date for your diary!



We are pleased to invite students and parents from Years 9-13 to the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Higher Education and Careers Fair.

The fair takes place on Wednesday 26th February, 6.00-8.00pm in the Sixth Form Sports Hall where you will be able to meet staff from universities and apprenticeship training providers.



This will be a useful event for students to look at options for post 16 and post 18 study and work. A link to register attendance will be sent out shortly.