

Windsor News and Information



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As a reminder, all our safety advice, organisational details and information for parents and students is 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](#)

School Update

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year with a fantastic atmosphere in school as we have returned to more normal school life, which has been enjoyed by staff and students alike. We continue to monitor COVID-19 cases locally and in school and you will be aware that like all schools we do have some cases currently. We continue to risk assess as you would expect and are doing everything we possibly can to keep the school population safe and well in close liaison with all key parties.

With this in mind, I would like to highlight some of the key ways we ensure your child's safety in school and ask that you discuss these with your child(ren) and reiterate the importance of this.

- Regular hand cleaning or sanitisation is essential. We have hand sanitisers positioned at multiple points all across the school meaning it is very easy to sanitise throughout the school day and this is particularly important at the start of the day, before and after lunch.
- The school is well ventilated throughout and we have a team of cleaners who work before, during and after school to ensure Windsor is as clean as possible with all regular touch points being cleaned throughout the day.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the highlighted COVID-19 symptoms of a persistent cough, a temperature or loss of taste/smell and instead contact school to inform us whilst arranging a PCR test.
- We continue to assess the situation in school and do not currently need to reintroduce face coverings in school but we are aware that some local schools have made this decision. Face coverings remain optional within school.

Lateral Flow Testing has proven an essential part of our safety plan, with the vast majority of cases in school being detected via home LFT of asymptomatic children meaning those positive cases are kept out of school, keeping us all safe. I would once again urge all of our community to test regularly, ideally on a Sunday evening/Monday morning and again on a Wednesday evening/Thursday morning with all results reported via [Test Register - to record LFT results](#)

The government has recently stated that home testing will continue beyond September and we will therefore distribute additional LFT kits next week and we would urge you to ask your child to bring these home and continue or resume testing regularly.

16 and 17 year olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

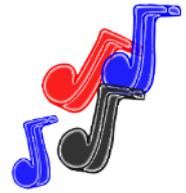
Special points of interest:

- **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/>



Music Stars of the Week

Amy B – Y10
 Jaedyn C – Y10
 Kate P – Year 10
 Daniel B – Year 11
 Tom F – Year 11
 Ruby C – Year 11
 Robert B – Year 11



Thank you and well done for all your excellent performances at open evenings.

You really inspired the children looking around Windsor!

Spanish Linguists of the week - ¡Excelente!



Year 7	Aaron R, Isabelle S, Bobbie H, Claudia H, Daisy R, George P		
Year 8	Hira A, Daniel G, Isabel D, Zahra B	Year 10	Louie G, Grace J, Lamyh A, Ryan G
Year 9	Renee R, Luke J, Kyle W, Jemimah B	Year 11	Ella B, Liam D, Millie H

Spanish after school club. Make sure your child joins our Spanish club! See ParentMail for more information.



HOUSE COMPETITION

European Day of Languages 2022: Design a T-shirt for Next Year's Event

A new competition has been added to Google Classroom to celebrate European Day of Languages. Students are invited to design a t-shirt for next year's event.

The design should show the importance of embracing different languages and cultures.

Please keep in mind:

1. The design should be about languages, not countries, so please don't use flags or similar.
2. You can use up to 3 colours.
3. We need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details; this will increase printing quality.
4. The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt; it must be placed on the front. The maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm.
5. The design cannot contain third party copyright logos or material,
6. By sending us your design, you agree that we can use it free of charge on our websites, on the t-shirts and on promotional media (such as Twitter, Facebook or flyers). We will always add your name to it.
7. Submission deadline: Please add your name and tutor group to your design and send email to Mrs Payton by **Friday 8th October 2021**
tpayton@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk



The winner and 2 runners up will receive a prize.

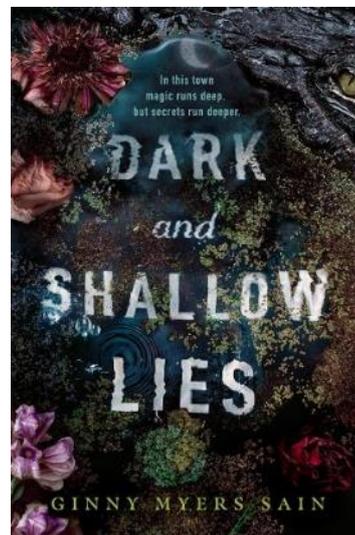
Do you love reading?

Students are invited to come and visit the school library and ask for some reading recommendations.

Other opportunities....

Teen Book Club at Waterstones Merry Hill on Sunday 3rd October, 3.00-4.00pm. This is the first meeting and they hope to meet each month. If you are aged 14 or over then why not give it a go?

Contact the store on 01384 755155 and ask for Claire if you have any questions.



The Importance of Reading

We can all play a role in helping our students to gain those skills needed to become independent, confident and fluent readers.

Never has there been a more important time to stress the importance of reading; it can offer comfort, relaxation, and fun. Reading together provides opportunities for families to bond, encourages communication, and develops confidence in areas such as writing, listening and speaking. These essential skills allow us to achieve success, not only in the classroom, but in life beyond school.

A central goal of our curriculum is to establish independent and confident readers who read regularly and apply this acquired knowledge and skill in all aspects of their life. Through independent reading assignments, we want to develop reading fluency and stamina, which result in increased reading rates and thus, help students develop confidence, build vocabulary, and improve writing. It is our hope that we can work together with parents to ignite and sustain the pleasure and passion of young readers as well as to instil a comfortable confidence in students as they build stamina for reading in preparation for sixth form, university and future careers.

By choosing a book to read, students are more likely to read rather than search the internet for summaries. By choosing a book, students can see that a good book is more than an assignment. It can open minds and provide experiences that they would otherwise never come to know: "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.... The man who never reads lives only one" (George R.R. Martin).

If students would like to reserve a particular book or would like to ask for book recommendations then they can email Mrs Wood the School Librarian at awood@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org or ask their English teacher. They can also browse and reserve books using the following address: <https://uk.accessit.online/wnd00/#!landingPage>.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs K Tinson
Lead practitioner of English and Head of Whole school Literacy



Sporting Success

Nathan in Year 8 helped Worcestershire Youth Darts team beat Warwickshire Youth Darts team 9-4 on Sunday 26th September, by winning his game 3-1. This was the first County Youth match for 18 months following the Covid-19 lockdown.

Well done Nathan!





Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

In addition to our current extra-curricular offering, students now also have the following opportunities:

- **ECO Club** - Years 8-11. This will run in A1, Thursday lunchtimes with Ms Newton.
- **Origami and Craft for Wellbeing** - Years 8-11. Mondays, 12.55pm - 1.25pm with Miss Grace in the library.
- **Year 7 Drama Club change** - this will now run with our Year 8 and 9 Drama Club, every Tuesday from 3.20pm - 4.20pm with Ms McAlinden

There is no need to sign up for these clubs. All are welcome.



A 60-second power-up for our economic knowledge!
Thank you to James T (Year 13) for this regular bulletin, which helps us make sense of the economic issues appearing in recent news.

Taxes: What actually are they and what do they mean for our economy?

We hear it all the time: taxes are rising, and us young people will have to pay the price and bear the burden for years to come (especially since the COVID-19 pandemic), but **what exactly is a tax??** Well, tax is essentially just money that people have to pay to the government, yet it comes in many forms. The three main groups of tax are:

- Taxes on your **earnings**
- Taxes on your **purchases**
- Taxes on **what you own**

If your parents are complaining about taxes, chances are they're talking about **income tax**. This is an amount of money that is taken away from your earnings from work and is used to fund public services/ government projects. Because it is taken out of wages automatically, it is known as a **direct tax**.



Businesses are not safe from these fees and, unfortunately for them, they also have to pay taxes. Due to the financial crisis created as a result of coronavirus, rates of **corporation tax** have skyrocketed to pay for the many schemes the government introduced in order to protect workers and firms (such as the furlough scheme).

Enough about businesses, what about you and me?

A common tax almost all of us will have paid at some point is **Value Added Tax** (often referred to as VAT). This is a fee placed on almost all goods and services in the economy and, contrary to income tax, is known as an **indirect tax**. If you were to go to the supermarket and buy a drink, a sandwich, or a bar of chocolate? You guessed it, you'll be paying VAT on all those products. Luckily for us in the UK, VAT is included in the price beforehand, so there's no need to add it on at the till.



Want to find out more?

Check out the BBC Bitesize page on **Government Taxation:**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrwtmfr/revision/6>