

## Covid-19 Vaccinations and Testing

Please see attached a letter from The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

The link below will take you to a Frequently Asked Questions page from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation at the UK Health Security Agency which you may find useful.

LINK: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



## Year 7 Recognition

It is worthy of recognition of just how well our new Year 7 students have started on what will hopefully be a 7 year journey here at Windsor High School and Sixth Form. They have made a fantastic impression on all of their teachers and have amassed an incredible 9242 individual achievements at the time of writing this, which is absolutely amazing!

Year 7 Finish Time:

With this positive start in mind, we feel confident that all of Year 7 can now finish at the normal end of school time of **3:20pm** every day. This will start after half term on Monday<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> November.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

The government has recently announced that FSM holiday vouchers will continue for October, Christmas, February and Easter breaks. The process is unchanged and vouchers will be sent via text/email by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



## Wanted Student Art Technician



The Art department are looking for students to help with preparing resources/making displays/creating examples afterschool on Mondays.

You will receive leadership experience in return.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, send an email to Miss Dovey by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October explaining why you think it's the job for you: [ldovey@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:ldovey@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



## Artists of the Week

Year 8 made an amazing start to their pencil crayon insects last week as part of their Ecosystems project.

Did you know that in the UK 7million disposable cups are used every day? However, 4<sup>th</sup> October marked 'No Disposable Cup Day', so why not participate now and avoid using disposable cups when possible to bring that number down.



## Students Encouraged to Join Eco Club!

We meet every Wednesday at lunchtime in room A1.

## 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/>

## Dan Freedman Virtual Author Event

A virtual event with author Dan Freedman has been arranged for all Year 8 students on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and will be delivered during their English lesson. The event will focus on his latest book 'Unstoppable' which is on our 'Must Have Reads' list, and is immensely popular and won the Dudley Children's Book Award 2019.



Before becoming an author, Dan worked as a Managing Editor with the Football Association and travelled with the England squad to two World Cups. He is an ambassador for The Premier League and The Youth Sport Trust. He uses his passion for the sport and his interviews with Messi and Ronaldo to inspire his novels.

Books are available in the school library and can be reserved via the Library WebApp [Welcome | Accessit Library Web App](#)



## Year 10 Fruit Pies

This week Year 10 Food students made fruit pies with handmade pastry. Well done to all of them for creating stunning food!



## Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Special

Helping your child with modern foreign languages:

1. Ask them about their learning
2. Encourage their curiosity
3. Learn with them (join *Duolingo* together, or learn the new vocabulary with them)
4. Have fun listening to some French/Spanish/German music or catch a subtitled film on Netflix.



### French

Well done to:

- ★ **Sophie P in Year 7** for an independent piece of research, creating animal fact sheets in French - it was amazing!
- ★ **Shyla F in Year 9** for using her fantastic IT skills to produce her French work in class last week.

### Spanish



Memrise winners of the week:

- ★ Year 8: Lucca C, Poppy F, Zia W
- ★ Year 7: Elenia H, Omar T, Noah P

Prizes can be collected from Mrs Newton.

### MFL Clubs

Keep an eye out for our **MFL clubs**. Here is a brief reminder:

- ★ Duolingo Club, Monday after school. Join us to share tips.
- ★ Spanish Club - Year 7 Beginners, Monday after school. For any Year 7 student who wants to learn Spanish even if they are doing a different language in school.
- ★ Film afternoon with Mrs Payton: Year 10, 11 and A-Level French students are invited to a film afternoon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Bring some snacks!

Year 11 students worked really well on Wednesday during their accelerated learning and then had time to eat some Spanish churros!!

Well done Year 11!!!



## Netball Opening Matches

It's been a tricky start back to netball this season with a brand new Year 9 team consisting of Gwen, Zara, Katie, Eliana, Freya, Grace and Shanay. With a devastating loss against Crestwood in their first match last week they were feeling nervous, however this week saw the Year 9 Windsor team come back ready to show what they are made of against Redhill. The match started strong with Windsor in the lead until the last quarter when Redhill managed to equalise making the final score 5-5. Overall, a much stronger match and the team are looking forward to playing together again next week against Pedmore.

*Report by Eliana*

## The month of October is Black History Month

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



This year's Black History Month theme is 'Proud To Be...' and at Windsor Academy Trust we invite you to use this as a catalyst for the celebration of Black and Asian British heritage throughout the year and across your studies. We understand there are many challenges faced by Black, Asian and ethnic minority communities in Britain, but through creativity we will acknowledge this adversity and also **celebrate and be proud of the contribution made by these groups to Britain, its history and culture.**

## Trust-wide Competition

Through the ASPIRE Character Value of 'I am respectful and creative' and the learning skill of 'I can communicate clearly' we are inviting students across the Windsor Academy Trust family of schools to take part in a **competition** that celebrates the vibrant communities of Black, Asian and dual heritage communities.



You have a choice of how you explain why these groups should be proud of their culture and achievements. This could be artists, authors, musicians, sporting heroes, campaigners for change, or something that you think of. For example, you might focus on a famous black author - why should Benjamin Zephaniah be proud to be black and British in 2021?

## Your entry can...

### 1. Use literacy to explore cultural and heritage achievement...

One way to explore key events from history is through literature. For example, you could produce your own piece of creative writing or poem to describe why Black and Asian soldiers in WW1 should be proud of their achievements, or how Justin Fashanu transformed the world of football and why he should be proud of that.

### 2. Use art and craft to create...

For example, patterns and images from the Notting Hill Carnival or other major Black and Asian events to creatively show why these groups are proud of their culture.

### 3. Use video to record and showcase..

For example, a dance based on African culture or a play that demonstrates the achievements of a British Black or Asian hero and why they should be proud of these.

Send your entries to: [character@windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:character@windsoracademytrust.org.uk) including your name, age and school.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**