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Monday 9th December 2024 is an INSET day and school will be closed. School reopens on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 8.40am for all students.

IMPORTANT

Absence Reporting



We would like to remind parent/carers that reporting student absence is a **statutory requirement**. Please ensure you report your child's absence as early as possible and **by 8.40am** (before morning registration).

From January 2025 ALL student absences must be reported via the Arbor App. Please click this link for more information on how to log absences on Arbor: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and 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.



Student Reception

ATTENTION

A reminder that student reception is **closed during lesson times** other than for those students who require **urgent** medical attention or need to leave the school site for an agreed appointment. If we hold medication in school for your child this should be taken **during the student reception opening times** below unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Student reception will be open at the following times:

Before School: 8.30am – 9.10am **Break:** 10.50am – 11.05am
Lunch: 12.50pm – 1.25pm **After School:** 3.10pm – 4.15pm



Students who are unwell or injured: Students who are ill should go to their Head of House or the Pastoral Office to decide whether they need to go home or remain in school. Students often self-present for first aid with a bump/bruise which will hurt initially but doesn't require first aid treatment. **Due to the volume of students we treat, we will triage and send students to lessons if it is felt they do not require first aid treatment.**

Student Timetables: Student Reception **will no longer be printing out** timetables for students. Student timetables are available on Arbor on their iPads.

Cups: We do not issue students with cups and therefore **do not expect any students to make this request**. All students should bring a reusable water bottle into school, which can be refilled at the one of the several water dispensers. Drinks are also available to purchase from Richmond's.

IMPORTANT

Student Progress Reports



From December 2024, ALL student progress reports will be sent to parents/carers via email. Please ensure the school holds a current, up to date email address for parents/carers and notify the school of any changes by emailing: info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

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

Mental Health and Wellbeing Apps

According to findings from the NHS, 1 in 5 children in England suffer from a probable mental health issue, with 420,000 treated for such problems every month.



With such high numbers of young people in need of mental health support, it's perhaps unsurprising that plenty of them have turned to using apps intended to help them through these kinds of challenges. Unfortunately, there are plenty of risks associated with these services, from data collection to a potentially unhelpful, impersonal experience.

It can be difficult to know how to keep young users safe as they navigate these services, but the guide attached to this week's newsletter provides expert advice on how to do exactly that, while also breaking down the specific safety concerns of mental health and wellbeing apps.

Springboard FutureChef



Two of our students recently progressed to the local heats of the Springboard FutureChef competition, held at the Xcelerate Regional Skills and Community Training Hub in Edgbaston Stadium.

During this local heat, our students who had won the school heat, competed against 12 other participants in a cooking challenge.

Their task was to prepare a main meal dish for two people, with a budget of £5.00, using a state of the art kitchen and being judged by professional chefs.

The dishes our students chose to make were Ardei Umpluți (Romanian Stuffed Peppers) and "Christmas on a Plate."

Although they did not advance to the next stage, both students demonstrated hard work and creativity throughout the day.

Well done to both students! I am very proud of you – Ms Powell



WELL DONE





12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This Christmas season, let's spread the joy by participating in a Reverse Food Bank! Over the next 12 days, we encourage everyone in their forms to bring in one non-perishable food item or toiletry each day. These contributions will be collected and donated to our local food bank, ensuring families in need have a brighter holiday.

Tinned Vegetables



Breakfast Cereal



**Long Life Milk
(1 Litre Cartons)**



Toilet Rolls



**Hot Chocolate
- Made With
Water**



Deodorant



**Tinned Chilli,
Mac and Cheese,
Curry, Meatballs**



**Bars of
Soap**



**Tinned Meat
(Stewing
Steak,
Corned
Beef, Ham)**



Bags of Rice



**Shower Gel
Shampoo**



**Tinned Fruit
(in juice)**



TEAMWORK



Dates for your
diary

- Monday 9th December: INSET Day.
- Wednesday 11th December: Year 7 Parent's Evening (4.00pm to 7.00pm).



THIS WEEK'S STARS

★ IN MODERN ★ FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7: Yusuf N, Eva M, Thomas B, Jamie-Leigh T, Elsa F, Jayden J, Stacy M, Elliot H, Noah S.



Year 8: Finley B, Isla D, Oliver C, Rofah A, Huriya A.



Year 9: Imaan A, Kian H, Daniel C, Maria N.



Year 10: Em W, Maisy T.



Polite Request



If your child is suffering from a cold, hayfever, etc. please ensure that they are carrying tissues in their bags or blazers.

This is to avoid them having to leave lessons to get a tissue and therefore missing valuable learning time.



Learn a Language!



Studying a language in school will stand you in great stead to become a translator in the future, as you will have developed both your language and cultural knowledge.

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Sparx Maths



Well done to the following classes:
(Completion in SPARX maths means answering every question correctly.)

Homework is set every Thursday and is due the following Wednesday at 9am. Homework contains some tasks they will have studied within the last week and then will also revisit some topics from the previous weeks.

You will get an email from SPARX on a Sunday to give you an update on the homework from that week.

Highest completion:
7Y/Ma1 (83.9%)



Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:
9YMa6 40.0% (+20.0%)

Highest average XP per student:
8X/Ma1 (707 XP)



Under 14 Basketball



Last week, our under 14 basketball team played against Kinver High. The students demonstrated fantastic teamwork, showcasing their skills and determination in both attacking and defending.

One of our students, Taylor, was named 'Man of the Match.' Well done to all the students involved. I am proud of you! – Mr Price



ATTENTION



**Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20th December
(In aid of Save the
Children)**

On Friday 20th December we will be supporting Save the Children and their Christmas Jumper Day.

Students can donate £1.00 and wear a Christmas jumper, shirt or tie, however they must be wearing the rest of their uniform correctly – **it is not a non uniform day.**

Money should be handed to their form tutor during AM registration on Friday 20th December.

Those students who have PE on Friday will still need to bring their PE kit into school.

Thank you, Mrs Hannan



Y11 GERMAN

PAST PAPER COMPETITION



**ALL Y11 GCSE GERMAN STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO
TAKE PART IN AN ONGOING REVISION
COMPETITION!**

**EACH MONTH, STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A READING AND
LISTENING PAST PAPER TO COMPLETE.**

**ALL MATERIALS AND MARK SCHEMES HAVE BEEN POSTED ON
GOOGLE CLASSROOMS FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE AND
MARK AT HOME.**

**STUDENTS CAN BRING THEIR MARKED PAST PAPERS TO
THEIR GERMAN TEACHERS TO BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE
DRAW EACH MONTH.**



**DECEMBER - SAMS PAPER
JANUARY - 2018 PAPER
FEBRUARY - 2019 PAPER
MARCH - 2020 PAPER
APRIL - 2021 PAPER**



ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL ALSO RECEIVE CREDITS!

Arts and Crafts Club



KS3 Arts and Crafts club helped to create a wonderful wintery scene last week on the Monet windows.

Thank you to all those that helped, it looks amazing!! - Ms Dovey



ATTENTION

Year 7 Boys and Girls House Football Competition!



On **Monday 16th December**, Year 7 students can take part in a House Football competition. This competition will take place after school on our astro or playing field, depending on the weather and number of students taking part. This will be led by our CTEC Sport students who attend our Sixth Form.

The tournament will run from **3.10pm to 4.30pm**. This will be a minimum of a seven-a-side tournament with the option of substitutes.

Students will need to bring the following: football boots and trainers, school PE kit, shin pads (if you have them) and please remember to bring a drink e.g. water.

Our CTEC Sport students will be visiting your tutor groups soon to let you know more.

We look forward to seeing lots of our Year 7 boys and girls supporting their House by joining in with this competition.

May the best house win!



Winter Dance Production

On Wednesday evening, 131 Windsor High School and Sixth Form students took part in the Winter Dance Production at Halesowen Town Hall.

They performed a range of dance styles to music from across the decades.

The students were amazing and we are so proud of their performances but also all the hard work and commitment they put in during the weeks before the show.



Well done to all the dancers! And thank you to the student technicians who did a brilliant job of helping with sound and lighting. - Miss Harris, Mrs Edgar, Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Woolman



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair. We have obtained £86 worth of free books for the library.

Here are some of the books we have chosen:

One student was so happy to have his book from the book fair, he said "I'm so happy my heart could burst".



Remembrance Day House Competition Winners



We received a range of incredibly powerful and moving entries for this competition. Thank you to Mr Quigley for taking the time to judge the entries. He was very impressed by the quality and care taken to write these poems.

And we can now announce our winner....(drum roll please....) **Juwairiyah!** Her poem is below for you to enjoy.

She will receive a copy of 'Poems from the First World War'. Well done Juwairiyah!

In second place is Lottie P, and in third place is Elliot C. Well done Lottie and Elliot!

We also have to give special recognition to the students below as their entries were very impressive:

Haider Z, Megan N, Akarshana P, Alfie F.

Well done to everyone who took part! – Ms Grace.

**WELL
DONE**



**A moment paused, a solemn sigh,
A tribute paid to those who died.
A poppy worn, a tear that falls,
Remembrance echoes through the halls.**

**A nation's heart, with grief entwined,
A debt of gratitude, mankind.
We honor those who gave their all,
Lest we forget, both great and small.**

**The fallen heroes, brave and true,
Their sacrifice, forever new.
In silent prayer, we bow our heads,
To honor them, both living and dead.**

**Let's keep their memory ever bright,
A beacon shining, pure and light.
With grateful hearts, we pledge our vow,
To never let their memory bow.**