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Dates for your
diary

- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February - Half Term.
- Wednesday 26th February - Higher Education and Careers Fair.

Indoor Athletics Champions!



Some of our Year 9 boys and girls competed in the Dudley Indoor Athletics Championships last week, at Ellowes Hall. The students worked tremendously hard and showed fantastic agility, power, speed and endurance. And we are very proud to announce that our boys and girls won their indoor athletics competitions, meaning they were announced as overall winners!

Our students beat boys and girls from five other schools to become Dudley Indoor Athletics Champions and our school is the overall winning school, beating Ellowes Hall, Summerhill, Dormston, St James and Pegasus.

Plus special mentions go to Neve and Moses who were our most successful athletes on the day.

Well done all!
We are so proud of you and it's a fantastic result!



Mr Price and Mrs Rhooms

IMPORTANT

Summer 2024 Exam Certificates Collection



Year 11 and 13 exam certificates are ready for collection from the school reception. The exam certificates are legal documents that require a signature, so we are unable to post them to you.

Please bring a form of ID when collecting the certificates. If you are unable to collect your certificates this can be done by someone on your behalf, the allocated person must bring a signed letter with them stating that you give them your permission to collect your certificates, the person collecting must be named in the letter and bring ID.

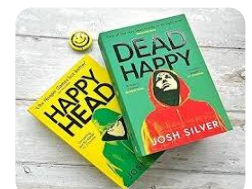
We only keep your certificates for one year, after this period they are destroyed.

Josh Silver - YA Author Visit - 13th February



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.

During his visit, Josh will be holding sessions on his books that will include presentations and a creative writing workshop. He will also talk after school about careers as a mental health professional. **Please see Mrs Wood for more information.**



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

Year 7 Girls' Halesowen and Stourbridge 7-a-Side Football League – Champions!



This week, our Windsor Year 7 girls' football team played at Leasowes on another cold and rainy evening. They competed in their final two league matches and one friendly match.

Results are as follows:

Windsor vs. Redhill A: Won 2-0
Windsor vs. Earls: Won 1-0
Windsor vs. Leasowes (friendly):
Won 2-1

In total, the team has now played 10 games, achieving nine wins, one draw, and zero losses!

They have scored 23 goals while conceding only three!



The girls have performed exceptionally well over the past three weeks, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience, and determination. Their hard work has paid off, as they finished as the champions of the Halesowen and Stourbridge Year 7 league!

Congratulations to the girls on being undefeated this year—a truly remarkable achievement! We are so proud of you! Mrs Rhooms and Mr Field

Polite Request: If your child is suffering from a cold etc. please ensure that they are carrying tissues in their bags/blazers to avoid them having to leave lessons and missing valuable learning time.



Under 14 Basketball Team



Our under 14 basketball team achieved a remarkable victory this week, defeating Leasowes by 53-46 in an exciting, high-tempo game. Our students showed impressive responsibility by demonstrating maturity in their ability to adapt to various styles and tactics.

They also exhibited resilience by winning several individual matchups against their opponents. Despite being down by nearly 20 points in the third quarter, Windsor managed to overcome the deficit and secure the win.

Well done to the team – I'm very proud of you!

There are also special mentions for: Jaiden, who delivered an excellent performance to earn the Man of the Match award.

Plus, Isaac and Taylor gave outstanding contributions during the game. Mr Price





Get Down and Boogie: Disco Inferno Sets the Stage Ablaze!



Windsor's stage just got a whole lot hotter! For three electrifying nights, our talented students transported audiences back to the groovy 70s with their spectacular production of *Disco Inferno*.

A staggering 66 students, a mix of actors/singers, dancers and technicians, poured their hearts and souls into bringing this high-energy musical to life. The dedication and hard work were evident in every perfectly executed step, every flawless lighting cue, and every infectious musical number. It was a true testament to the power of teamwork and the incredible talent we have here at Windsor. *Disco Inferno* wasn't just a performance; it was an experience.

Kate in Year 13, who played the lead role of Jane, said: "The production is always the highlight of my year! I love making new friends who are now a second family. *Disco Inferno* was so much fun, I loved every minute of it. Performing alongside such talented students and staff is so exciting and always makes me feel so happy and proud to be part of that experience. Performing live gives me such a rush! This show was the perfect ending to my seven years at Windsor."

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in *Disco Inferno*. Your hard work, dedication, and incredible talent shone brightly on stage, and you should all be immensely proud of what you accomplished. A special thanks also goes out to the dedicated teachers and staff who made this production possible. Your guidance and support were instrumental in bringing this disco dream to life.



Mr Jasper, Curriculum Leader for Music, said: "The Performing Arts and Production Team are incredibly proud of our students and the commitment they have shown over the past few months. Planning for the production began in July 2024, with rehearsals starting in September. Students have worked incredibly hard preparing for the show, giving up break times, lunch times, hours after school, and even Saturday mornings for rehearsals. Their hard work paid off and students did an incredible job putting on three evening shows and one afternoon matinee performance for some of our local primary schools. Seeing the friendships and bonds that have been made by students over the past few months and the sheer emotion of students on the closing night of the production makes all the hard work worthwhile; we are incredibly proud of them."

Disco Inferno was a resounding success, a testament to the power of the performing arts to bring people together and create unforgettable memories. We can't wait to see what our talented students will bring to the stage next!

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ATTENTION

**Work Experience Reminder –
Deadline for placements is in one week!**

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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



**Higher Education and
Careers Fair**



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.

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.

Scams and Fake News

'Fake news' is a widespread issue in the digital world, and it's overwhelmingly likely that both children and adults will be exposed to it online. While some fake news is shared mistakenly by well-meaning individuals, it's also shared by scammers and other cyber-criminals to lend legitimacy to their con.



While this presents a clear risk to children and young people online, the question remains as to how we can protect them against such tactics. The guide attached to this week's newsletter offers expert advice on the specific ways scammers use misinformation and how to safeguard younger users against these techniques.

Windsor Stars Shine at Worcestershire County Rugby Trials



We're incredibly proud to announce the outstanding achievements of two of our talented Year 10 rugby players, Faegen and Alasdair. Before Christmas, both boys were nominated for Worcestershire County U15s Rugby trials, a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport.

Despite an initial setback with the postponement of the original trial date due to inclement weather, Faegen and Alasdair's perseverance paid off. They were both selected for the prestigious 23-man match day squad representing Worcestershire at the North Midlands RFU U15s 4 County festival held at Kidderminster RFC.

The festival provided a fantastic opportunity for the boys to test their skills against top-level competition. Worcestershire faced representative teams from Shropshire, Greater Birmingham, and Herefordshire in three hard-fought 30-minute matches.

The results were as follows:

- Match 1: Worcestershire 0 - Shropshire 0
- Match 2: Worcestershire 21 - Greater Birmingham 7
- Match 3: Worcestershire 5 - Herefordshire 12



What's even more impressive is that both Faegen and Alasdair secured starting positions in the Worcestershire team and played every single minute of all three matches!

Their commitment and stamina were truly remarkable.

Faegen, playing at Number 8, took on the added responsibility of captaining the team. He led by example, delivering an amazing performance and scoring two tries across the three matches. His contribution was invaluable to the team's efforts.

Alasdair also shone in his role as Openside Flanker, proving brilliant at the breakdown. His tenacity and skill in these crucial areas were a key asset to the team.



Congratulations to Faegen and Alasdair on this fantastic achievement. Representing the county is a significant honour, and their performances clearly demonstrated their talent and dedication. We look forward to following their continued success on the rugby field! Well done, boys!



Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi



Hot Chocolate with Miss Raindi was buzzing with ideas this week! Students shared their thoughts on everything from the rewards program and the recent Disco Inferno production to how we can make Windsor even better. Well done to all students!

Head of House nominations:

Riley 9H1
Holly 11L1
Ayaarn 7S2
Paige 11T2
Beth 7Y1

Most points on Arbor:

Tom 11H2
Eleanor 11L2
Megan 11S2
Alishbah 7T2
Harrison 11Y2



Free School Meal Vouchers



As per the Government directive Free School Meal vouchers are to be issued to families for the February half term break. The vouchers are for £10 for the week, therefore you will be receiving a voucher for £10 per eligible child.

The process is unchanged and vouchers will be sent for eligible students on **Wednesday 12th February 2025**.

If you are new to receiving Free School Meals the process is as follows:

Step 1 - Click on the link received from evouchers.com.

Step 2 - Enter your email address or mobile number to claim your voucher.

Step 3 - Confirm your details if you are new to Evouchers, to create your account.

Step 4 - You will then be sent a secure login link to your email address to verify your email.

Step 5 - Click on the link within your email.

Step 6 - Choose the retailer you would like your voucher for. **Please note - once selected this cannot be changed.**

Step 7 - Click 'View Voucher'.

Step 8 - You now have your voucher to be spent in your supermarket of choice.



Initial Teacher Training at Windsor Academy Trust



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

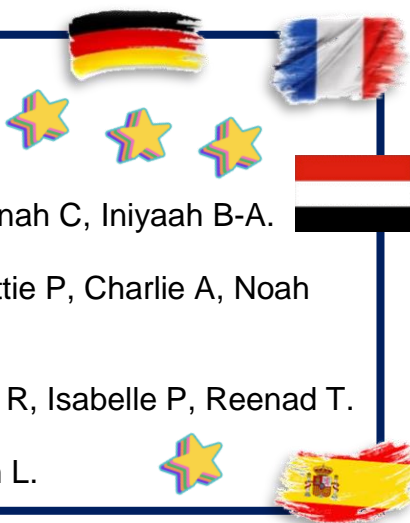
Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school-centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 15 schools.

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



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Year 7: Maria G, Fearne W, Hannah C, Iniyaah B-A.

Year 8: Mason B, Hannah M, Lottie P, Charlie A, Noah W.

Year 9: Akarsha P, Rio I, Danyal R, Isabelle P, Reenad T.

Year 10: Aaron R, Maisy T, Zach L.

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