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**Friday 8th December is an INSET day and school will be closed.
School reopens on Monday 11th December 2023 at 8.40am for all students.**



- Friday 8th December - School Closed - INSET Day
- Monday 11th December - Carol Service
- Monday 18th December - Winter Music Concert

Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children – 22nd December

On Friday 22nd December, students can wear a Christmas jumper, a festive shirt, Santa trousers or whatever they feel is suitable and will not be required to wear any of their school uniform if they are taking part. We ask for a donation of 50p - £1 (to be paid to their form tutor) where possible and look forward to a colourful day raising lots of money for Save the Children.

Those students doing PE will still need their PE kit.

EFL Utilita Girls U13 Cup

Yesterday we took part in the EFL Utilita Girls U13, seven a side cup. 18 schools took part from Dudley, Birmingham, and Sandwell and we were placed in group D.



These are the results of our matches: Windsor vs. Gospel Oak won 3-0, Windsor vs. Shireland won 3-0 and Windsor vs. Sandwell Academy drew 0-0. Windsor finished 1st in our league and played the runners up from league A in the Quarter Final. We played against Bishop Milner, and won 1-0, with our goalkeeper saving a penalty!

In the semi-final we played against Q3 Academy Langley and drew 0-0. It then came down to penalties! It was 1-1 after the first three. We then took part in sudden death and..... Windsor Won!

In the final, we played against Holyhead and drew 0-0. It came down to penalties again, which resulted in 1-1 after three we taken.

After sudden death... we finished as runners up.

The girls were amazing throughout, showing excellent teamwork skills, resilience and respect at all times. I am so proud of their achievement – to come 2nd out of 18 schools is amazing.

Mrs Rhooms

GO TEAM!



Friday 22nd December – Early Finish



As Friday 22nd December will be the last day of term, students will be finishing at 12.30pm.

Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr A. Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.



Spotlight on 'Reading Group – Year 9'

Reading Group is a chance for Year 9 students to meet up once a month to share a love of books and reading. The titles are more challenging senior fiction and Young Adult items.

In most meetings the group discuss what books they have read and what they liked or disliked about the book, its characters and structure.

This group also shadows book awards including the prestigious Carnegie Award. One student said "I enjoy coming to reading group because we can also recommend books to each other and you then find out about other authors or books you may not read. And also I love to come for the custard cream biscuits!"

The group gets together in the Library on the first Thursday of every month from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.



Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently and you are now in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit and Income Support, then you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child. Even if your circumstances have only changed for the short term, you still have the right to apply.



Please scan this QR code for more information on Dudley Councils website. The QR code also has a link for the application form. If you require assistance or would like support completing the form, please contact us directly by email info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

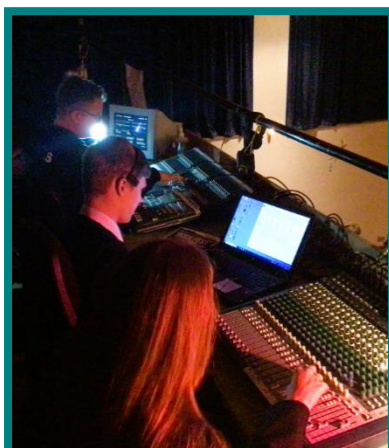
Winter Dance Production

On Monday 4th December, 140 students from Years 7 to 13 took part in this year's Winter Dance Production – 'Rock Fest'. Taking place at Halesowen Town Hall, the dancers performed dance pieces created during their extra-curricular clubs, or before and after school groups. Students also worked on their routines during PE lessons, GCSE, BTEC and A level Dance lessons.

We also had three student technicians who helped out with sound and lighting and were a credit to the school.

Well done to all the students involved, we are very proud of you!

The Dance Department



Wellbeing Advice and Support for Parents / Carers



We have created a wellbeing page on our website where we will regularly add support materials for parent / carers to access. Please click the link at the bottom of this article to look at this guidance for mental health concerns.

Recommended Parent Resource

Young Minds have produced a fantastic parent wellbeing section on their website. If you click on the site below, and then click on the "I am a parent" section, it will take you to a variety of resources that can offer support.



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



<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/student-welfare-and-personal-development/wellbeing/>



Activities Week and Pledge Week - Deadline Approaching

Allocation letters have been sent out on Parentmail. **Please review your child's allocation and confirm acceptance by tomorrow, Friday 8th December.**

Some activities are oversubscribed so places not accepted by then may be offered to other students. There are a limited number of places available on the following activities:-



Art and Fashion Week
Basketball Week
Daytripper Year 8
Daytripper Year 10
Football Week (onsite)
Football Week (Valencia)
Golf Week

Graphics Week
Jewellery and Craft Week
London Theatre Experience
Pledge Week (Year 7 only)
Tantalising Travel
Work Experience (Year 10 only)



Should you have any queries about Activities and Pledge Week please contact Mrs Edwards.

Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter



This guidance offers a reminder to ensure consistent and efficient communication between parents, carers and school and will help us to continue our strong home-school relationship and clarify expectations to ensure that we are mindful of staff workload and wellbeing.

The Windsor Communication Charter can be found on our website by clicking this link:

[Windsor Communications Parent/Carer Charter](#)



Girls Football Results (U14 and U16 Leagues)

Please see the tables below showing where our girls' teams came in the under 14 and under 16 football leagues. We are very proud of all the girls – they showed great resilience, and teamwork skills.

U14 league

Winners: OSH A
2nd: Hagley
3rd: Windsor
4th: Leasowes
5th: Redhill
6th: Earls A
7th: Kinver
8th: Earls B
9th: OSH B
10th: Pedmore

U16 league

Winners: Earls
2nd: Redhill
3rd: Leasowes
4th: Windsor
5th: Pedmore



THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



Year 7 – Quinn B, Aeryn G, Taaha K, Bilal K.

Year 8 – Mona A, Maya H, Chloe J, Charlotte L.



Year 9 – Charlotte S, Heidi F-B, Helena F-B, Maisy T.



Year 10 – Braydn D, Daria B, Dexter P.



Year 11 – All Y11 for their hard work in their mock speaking exams.

After last year's amazing collection, we are keen to support the Black Country Toy Appeal again this year in collaboration with Halesowen BID. We would therefore like to ask that anyone who is able to make any kind of donation from the list below to send those items into school between now and Monday 11th December, after which point we will transport them to Halesowen BID.

These items will help brighten local families Christmas so anything that you can spare would be greatly appreciated.



Items can be taken to Mr Morley, Mr Jackson, Mrs Proctor, Sixth Form study room, Mr Lea or Mrs Pedley before school or during morning registration. There will also be a box in the staff room.

What's needed: New unopened items only please (We cannot accept used items for health and safety reasons).

Food and toiletries: Any food items and toiletries including deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products.

We are also asking for: Toiletry sets for teens, new fleecy blankets to snuggle under, wrapping paper and gift bags.

Toys / Gifts / Sweet Treats: Books, Games, Toys, Colouring Books, Felt Tip Pens and Crayons, Crafty stuff e.g. Paints, Chocolates, Sweets, Selection Boxes or Boxes of Biscuits.

School Stuff: School Trousers / Skirts, School Jumpers, School Shirts or Polo Shirts, School Bags, Sports Kit Bags, Notebooks / School Stationery.

Clothing 0-18 Years: Pyjamas or Dressing Gowns, Slippers, Pants, Socks, Vests, Coats, Jumpers, Cardigans, Jeans, Leggings, Trousers, Shoes, Boots or Trainers.



History Book Plug



Whilst learning about History, we come across some brilliant books that really engage readers and that help bring History to life! Below are some of our recommendations:



Respect, by Michaela Morgan

Walter Tull was a true hero. He had to fight against racism on the pitch as one of the first black professional footballers in the UK. Then he faced the greatest fight of his life on the battlefield during the First World War.

The Battle of Cable Street, by Tanya Landman

When Adolf Hitler was rising to power in Germany in the 1930s, the world was going through the Great Depression: mass unemployment across the world meant people were desperate.

Hitler promised jobs...but for German people only, and began spreading hatred against immigrants and Jewish people.

The Battle of Cable Street is set in London in the 1930s. It's about the rise of Oswald Moseley, a friend of Hitler, told through the eyes of Elsie, an Irish immigrant child. Would Britain go the same way as Nazi Germany, or would the British stand up and fight against hatred?

Both books are available in the School Library.

"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." – Winston Churchill.

What Parents and Carers need to know about Disney+

With more than 150 million subscribers worldwide, Disney+ has enjoyed a steady rise in popularity since launching four years ago: the platform's deep library of treasured old-school animated favourites, modern classics and original series means that it can offer a rich seam of engrossing content that caters for young and not-so-young users alike.

Of course, a consequence of this approach is the presence of the sort of age-inappropriate material one might not expect to find on the platform, given Disney's fabled status as a purveyor of family entertainment.

Therefore, please find attached to this newsletter a handy guide from National Safety Online that provides more information about what pitfalls to avoid on Disney+.





Monday 11th December 2023 - St Margaret's Church, Hasbury.
7.00pm - 8.00pm (Doors open to audience members at 6.30pm). Everybody is welcome!



Pre-Loved Uniform

Due to our successful pre-loved uniform collaboration with UniformD Marketplace we are asking parents/carers to consider donating any **clean** school uniform that no longer fits your child.

Please ensure that the uniform is the **current** uniform, or **current** PE kit.



And that it is in a **clean and acceptable condition**, you have removed any name tags of your child and that a size is visible for the item. Any donated uniform can be brought into school reception.

Spanish Year 11 GCSE - Additional Speaking Exam Booster Sessions

These sessions will take place every week in A1 on **Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes** with Ms Newton. These sessions are to help with homework and to practice speaking Spanish.

There will also be a session on **Fridays after school, from 3:15pm to 4:00pm** with Ms Dunn. This session is to focus on the Speaking Exam.

Please note, the above sessions are **IN ADDITION** to the whole school revision programme.

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Reminder: Plastic cups are no longer available

A polite reminder that **we will no longer issue students with plastic cups.**



We encourage all students to bring a reusable water bottle into school, which can be refilled at the water dispensers. A range of drinks are still available to purchase from Richmond's.

KS3 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

**AVA- MAE T (YEAR 7)
&
SARA A (YEAR 9)**

KS4 GRAPHIC DESIGNERS OF THE WEEK

**HARRY PA (YEAR 10)
&
ISRA H (YEAR 11)**