

Windsor News and Information



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The calendar of events for this academic year can be viewed by clicking this link:
<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/term-dates-and-school-calendar/>



- Monday 25th September - Open Evening (6:00 - 8:30pm)
- Tuesday 26th September - Open Morning
- Wednesday 27th September - School Photographs and Open Evening (6:00 - 8:30pm)
- Thursday 28th September - Open Morning

School Uniform (Shoes)



As you will be aware, standards are exceptionally important to us at Windsor High School and Sixth Form and we are always keen to improve in every area. The quality of our school uniform is an important feature of school life.

We communicated before the summer of our desire to have uniform of the highest possible level and detailed items which are not acceptable.

We always work closely with the school community to ensure we collaborate with students and families to achieve our high standards.

As a reminder, shoes should be black, leather (or leather effect) and can be polished.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported this aim and to those who have been in contact and helped to achieve this.

Some items are still not acceptable and will need to be rectified by Monday as previously stated.

Such items of uniform to be avoided are (not an exhaustive list):

- Sports branded footwear such as Nike, Puma, Adidas
- Canvas style shoes that are not leather (leather effect) footwear
- Footwear that is part leather/part canvas
- Skirts which do not reach the knee
- Very tight skirts
- Tight fitting trousers

If you are struggling to make such changes, please contact your child's Head of House and we will seek to support you accordingly.

Your help and cooperation has been hugely appreciated and we are delighted to start such an exciting new academic year at Windsor.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Mr Morley

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.



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.

Reminder: System and process for Lateness



A polite reminder that we introduced a new system in March regarding lateness. Lateness can be classed as:

- Students who arrive after 8:40am (they are officially late to school)
- Students who are arriving late to lessons (officially after the majority of other students have entered the classroom).



Students who arrive at school after 8:40am are required to sign in at the Science foyer between 8:40am and 9:10am. This will result in a 30 minute lunch-time detention.

Students who are late to two or more lessons in a day will attend a 30 minute detention after school on the same day.

We appreciate your support in ensuring we maintain our high standards and expectations.

Mr Campbell-Roberts

Attendance

The DFE and Government have asked schools to share the below link with all parents to further highlight the importance of school attendance for every child's wellbeing, academic and personal potential.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attending school regularly is so important and we are really enjoying seeing our students back in school more and more regularly since the pandemic.



Information regarding attendance can also be found on our website:

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/attendance/>

Sharing Photos Online

In 2021, the NCA cited that 42% of parents/carers in the UK share pictures of their children online - half of them doing so at least once a month.

Memories we create are something to be celebrated and chronicled: in an ideal world, at least.

In reality, the topic has become increasingly complex – with respect for other people's children who might also be in the photos *and* our own child's future feelings among the considerations. Please see the guide attached to this newsletter providing information on assessing the potential pitfalls of publicly posting our pics.



Preventing and Countering Extremism in Young People



Please find attached to this newsletter a guide from the Government providing information regarding extremism in young people. This guidance explains the importance and relevance of Prevent, Channel and Counter-Extremism efforts to parents and carers of young people.

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities



We are excited to once again launch our comprehensive range of Extracurricular Clubs and Activities most of which will run from **Monday 11th September**.



Clubs, **which are free to join**, will run either before or after school or during lunchtime and students can try as many different activities as they wish to.

Our students tell us that they benefit from these clubs and really enjoy them so we hope to see all our students taking advantage of these opportunities which allow them to meet new friends, try new activities, and gain new skills.



Please see the list attached to this newsletter for full details. Details can also be found on the [school website](#). There may be some additions to this list or changes throughout the school year so we will keep you updated as applicable.



Collecting Your Child and Parking Safely



We appreciate that parents and carers may wish to park close to school; however we ask that all parents and carers are respectful of the local community. Therefore, may we remind you:

- Not to park directly outside the main school gates or Sixth Form entrance, or across the zebra crossing as it is busy, dangerous and illegal to do so.
- Please only park in safe areas which do not obstruct footpaths or driveways and therefore avoid double yellow lines.
- Our exit onto Sunbury Road is into a narrow cul-de-sac, please be mindful when dropping off and collecting students from school.
- Slims Gate is for residents parking **only** and should not be used to drop off or pick up under any circumstances.

Please also refrain from parking in reserved spaces on the school car park. Thank you.

Year 11 Maths Papers Society

Lunchtime on Fridays in C7 and C9

GCSE papers and snacks provided.

Bring your lunch and do some practice.

Get help when you need it.

A paper a week will help to boost your GCSE grade.



Chess Club

Come and learn or practise playing chess.

Can you checkmate your maths teacher?



Monday after school
3:10pm - 3:50pm in P3.

Ask Miss Horsewell or Mr Winfield for more information.



School Meals

Don't forget students can top up their accounts with cash at the pay stations in school.

Students in receipt of **free school meals** automatically have their funds topped up daily. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and are not currently receiving them you can apply online through our website:

<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/free-school-meals/>



Update of Student Details

Please update us of any changes to:

- Your emergency contact details
- Home address
- Email address
- Your child's medical needs



Please send notes of any student amendments to student reception via your child.

Alternatively you can email:
info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Please ensure the email is sent for the attention of the Pastoral Administration staff.

Administering Medicine in School Reminder - Important information for Parents and Carers

Only prescribed medication will be overseen by First Aid staff for students in school. If your child needs medication during the school day, please follow the steps below:

- Parent/Carer should complete a Medical Form which is available from Reception.
- Parent/Carer is required to bring the medication to school in the original packaging (as administered by a chemist) with the child's name and dosage on the packaging.
- The side effect leaflet should also accompany the medication whenever possible.
- Please only bring into school the required amount of tablets to be administered.

