

# Windsor News and Information



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- Wednesday 13th November - Year 11 Parents Revision Evening (6.00-7.00pm).
- Wednesday 20th November - School Photographs.

## 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:  
[https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/assets/Windsor-Communication\\_Parent-Charter-Oct-2024-v2.pdf](https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/assets/Windsor-Communication_Parent-Charter-Oct-2024-v2.pdf)

## Children in Need: Friday 15th November



On Friday 15th November we will be supporting Children in Need. **Students can donate £1.00 and wear one item of yellow clothing i.e. yellow socks, 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 15th November. Those students who have PE on Friday will still need to bring their PE kit into school.



## Windsor High School and Sixth Form – Christmas Card Competition



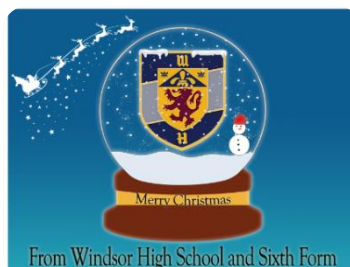
The Graphics and Art department would like students to submit **A4 design** entries for this year's Windsor High School and Sixth Form Christmas card. The design should celebrate Christmas and the season's greetings. **There will be two categories: KS3 and KS4/5. There will be a prize for the winner of each category and an overall winner of the competition. All entries will gain credits for your House.**

The overall winning card will be printed and sent out as this year's Windsor High School and Sixth Form official Christmas Card. You can be as creative as you like with the designs and use a range of techniques. Digital designs created in Photoshop, and Sketchbook can be used as well as drawing, painting or collage if that is your area of skill. The text should read **Merry Christmas from Windsor High School and Sixth Form**. You can create the text or, just the images and we can add the text later. **Please be aware you cannot use any copyright material e.g. Mickey Mouse in a Santa costume! So ensure you create the imagery yourself.**

Please email entries ([kclifford@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:kclifford@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)) or hand them in, to Mrs Clifford by **Monday 25th November** and make sure they are high quality photos or Photoshop files if digital.



Past Entries:



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



## DofE Deadline: 16th November



# YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

We're recruiting for this year's DofE! It's a fantastic opportunity to develop skills and make yourself stand out. The Duke of Edinburgh Award has three levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

To complete each level, students need to take part in different activities, e.g. helping the community or completing an expedition.

All parents/carers of Year 9 students and up, have been sent information on signing up via Arbor. **Please note, the deadline for students to sign up is 16th November.**



For more information on DofE please speak to Mr Lowe.



## Inter School Book Quiz

On Monday 21st October, 10 of our Year 7 and Year 8 students visited Dormston High School to compete in the Dudley Inter-Schools book quiz. Our students performed brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

One of our students, Freya, has written a short article about the trip:

*Students from both Year 7 and Year 8 went to Dormston High School and competed in the Dudley Inter-Schools book quiz. We had all read four books: 'Squire', 'Away with Words', 'Resist' and 'House Trap'.*



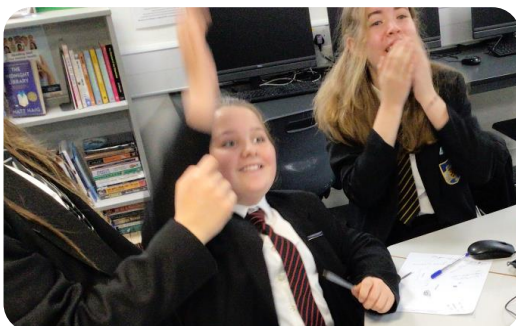
*There were 10 questions about each book and we all worked as a team to answer them. We had a lot of fun visiting a new school and working as a team in a fun but competitive competition!*

*The results were fantastic! Our Year 7 students came second, and our Year 8 students came third. We were so happy that both our teams were in the top three. Our Year 7 students missed out on being first by half a point!*

*We will all definitely be competing again next year and aim to get that top spot!*



# WELL DONE





## National Cup (Year 11 Football Team)

Our Year 11 boys football team played in a National Cup game before breaking up for half term.

The team travelled to Burton Borough School in Telford and won 5-0!

Well done to the team – you showed excellent teamwork skills and we are very proud of you!

– Mr Bevan and Mr Hickman



## West Midlands County Cup (Year 8 Football Team)

Our Year 8 Football team played in a West Midlands County Cup fixture before half term. They won 4-1 against Gospel Oak!

It was another fantastic performance in which Windsor dominated the game and deserved to progress through to the next round.

Dwayne scored 2 goals, with Seb and Taylor scoring the other goals. Seb was also awarded man of the match for his outstanding box to box midfield play.

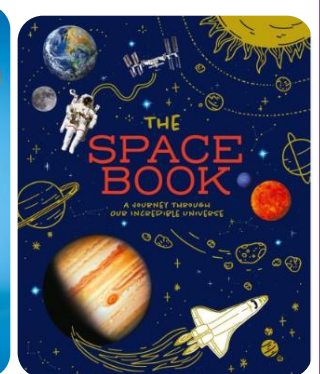
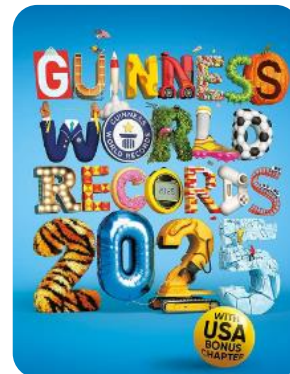
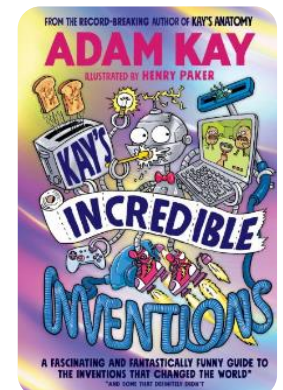
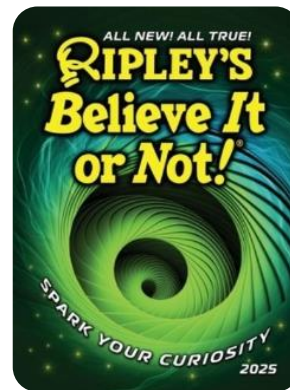
Well done to the team. I am very proud of you! – Mr Price



## National Non-Fiction Month: November

National Non-Fiction November is an annual celebration of all things factual.

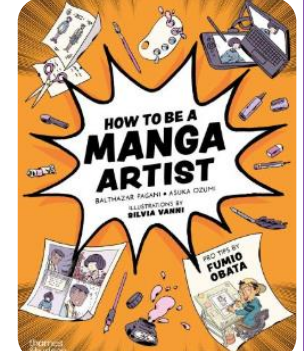
Students who read the information books below during November will be awarded reading credits.



## Activities Week and Pledge Week

A response for Activities Week (Years 8 - 10) and Pledge Week (Year 7) is **required by the end of today, Friday 8th November for all students.**

Please check your usual email inbox (incl. junk/spam folders) from 25th October as this is when forms were sent out. Please note, these trips are not yet on Arbor.





## West Midlands County Cup (Year 9 Football Team)



Before the half-term break, our Year 9 football team travelled to Cardinal Wiseman School to compete in a West Midlands County Cup match.

Congratulations to our Year 9 football team for winning the match against Cardinal Wiseman, 2-1.

The boys displayed remarkable resilience by coming back after being 1-0 down.

And Dylan scored two composed penalties, leading to a hard fought victory.

Well done to the students involved, I am very proud of you! – Mr Yafai



## IMPORTANT

### Fortnight Focus on Punctuality



From Monday 11th November we will be having a fortnight of focusing on punctuality, both to school and to lessons. When a student is late to school and/or lessons they are missing valuable learning time.

**Therefore, from Monday 11th November the number of minutes a student is late to school and/or lesson will be added up and a detention served for that time at the end of the school day.**

The student will be expected to attend the detention the same day unless a valid reason is received from the parent/carer to explain their lateness. As Year 11 students have accelerated learning Monday - Thursday they will do their detentions on a Friday after school.

Mrs Hannan



### KS3 Dance Trip

On Wednesday 23rd October, 40 students from Windsor's various dance clubs attended a theatre trip to see the West End show Aladdin at The Birmingham Hippodrome.

Students loved the high energy, colourful performance that also included lots of dance!

The trip was planned to raise aspirations and also allow students to look at the importance of performance quality!



### Polite Request

If your child is suffering from a cold, hayfever, etc. can you 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.



## What Parents and Carers need to know about Fortnite



If you have children in your care, or you're a gamer yourself, there's a decent chance you've heard of Fortnite already. It's a free-to-play 'battle royale' title that pits up to 100 players against each other in a fight to be the last one standing.

With an average of 1.1 million people logging into Fortnite each day, plenty of players meet on this game for what will hopefully be a good-natured competition. However, Fortnite isn't without its own hazards to plenty of users – especially young gamers – and it can be difficult to know exactly where these lie, or how to address them effectively

The guide attached to this week's newsletter gives you expert advice on both the risks associated with the game and how to keep children and young people safe as they go for that Victory Royale!



## Sparx Maths



Homework is set every Thursday and is due the following Wednesday at 9:00am. Homework contains some tasks they will have studied within the last week and then will also revisit some topics from the previous weeks.



Here's a parent/carer guide to Sparx maths that may be useful: <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/> %

## Choose Respect



Monday 11th November marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Choose Respect". Statistics from this week's experts – the Anti-Bullying Alliance – reveal that 40% of children in the UK have suffered some form of bullying within the last year, with the most common experience being name-calling and verbal abuse.

While it can have several causes, this kind of behaviour is commonly seen when a disagreement between two youngsters gets out of hand and emotions take over.

Many children are still learning how to conduct themselves, and it can be difficult for them to know how to act when faced with someone who disagrees with them, or otherwise find themselves in conflict with another person.

It can also be tricky for parents and educators to teach them how to resolve disputes in a mature and healthy manner.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a guide offering expert advice on encouraging children to choose respect.



# THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

**Year 7:** Ivan B, Jeff C, Alishbah H, Soraya M.

**Year 8:** Charlie A, Isla D, Sienna F.

**Year 9:** Taylor W, Isabelle P, Amgad A, Lilly C.

**Year 10:** Isaac B, Aaron R, Danai G, Ruby H, Imogen L, Noah P.

**Year 11:** Shae M, Matthew S, Ethan J, Khalisa H, Braydn D, Phoebe B.



**Character Development  
Morning - British Army Visit**



See yourself as a  
**Detective?**

Problem-solving and critical thinking skills are essential to become a great detective, as is the ability to communicate with members of your community in their native language. Active listening will also allow for you to pick up on details in interviews and reports.

**Learn a Language!**

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A young woman in a police uniform is looking at a document held by a young man. They are in a room with posters on the wall.

On Character Development morning this week, the British Army provided an engaging presentation about careers in the forces, addressed misconceptions about the Army and discussed the values of all Armed Forces personnel for our Year 11 students.

Our students were then able to have one to one chats with the soldiers about their careers and what a career in the Army might look like.

A fantastic engaging session!

