

# Windsor News and Information



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- Thursday 29th February - Year 9 Parents Evening.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.

## School Uniform and Standards

**IMPORTANT**



Dear Parent/Carer

We have always been very proud of the high standards students at Windsor have consistently achieved as we all understand how important future employers value progress, effort, leadership, resilience, and appearance as essential qualities. We are also aware of the host of international research which demonstrates students who attend schools with the highest standards of uniform and behaviour attain higher levels academically. We therefore wish to continually strive for the highest standards with all students wearing full and correct uniform at all times in school.

**We will therefore be paying really focussed attention on uniform once again after half term, where children can expect to receive a detention if their uniform is not worn correctly, such as having their shirts untucked or wearing trainers.**

With this in mind, I would like to remind all at Windsor of our uniform expectations as found on our website and by following this link: <https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/school-uniform/?query=uniform>.

If you plan to replace missing items of uniform I would also raise awareness of our preloved website: [www.uniformd.co.uk/windsorhigh](http://www.uniformd.co.uk/windsorhigh). If the financial burden of replacing uniform items is a concern at this time for whatever reason, then please contact your child's Head of House and we will discreetly provide support accordingly.

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## Windsor Way Card



Please see attached to this newsletter, a letter explaining how we seek to celebrate students displaying the Windsor Way around school after half term.

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## Reminder: Lunch Accounts



Can you please ensure that you regularly check your child's lunch account online to ensure that they do not have a negative balance. Accounts can be topped up via ParentMail or by sending in enough money with your child. While we never wish to refuse a student food at lunchtime we cannot allow them to overspend on their accounts.

Please be aware that Year 11 students will not be allowed to enter a negative balance once we return from the Easter holidays and any monies owing on their account will need to be cleared prior to the holiday. If you wish to receive a copy of your child's lunch account, which shows what they have purchased and the amount spent, please contact Mrs Thompson, Pastoral Secretary who can arrange for this to be made available to you. If you are experiencing financial difficulty in what are challenging times, please contact your child's Head of House and we will explore suitable support.

### 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.

## Year 9 Parents' Evening: Thursday 29th February



Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on 29th February. Information regarding this will be shared with you shortly. You will then be alerted when the appointment booking system is live and will be able to select appointment times that are convenient to you. You can book appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Please note, one appointment per teacher per student can be made, therefore could families who live apart liaise with each other to arrange appointments. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Head of House.

### IMPORTANT

#### Arbor



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, after half term we will be using a new system called Arbor to mark student's attendance in school and lessons. Please find attached to this newsletter a letter containing more information on Arbor and a Parent / Carer guide on logging into, and using Arbor.



#### Dance News!

On Wednesday 7th February, our Year 9 dance students had an opportunity to participate in a workshop with Motionhouse.

Motionhouse create and tour a wide range of inspiring and powerful dance-circus productions to theatres and festivals in the UK and across the globe. Whilst working with Motionhouse, students showed a range of skills as well as being motivated and respectful, they were an absolute credit to the school!



Staff from Motionhouse were thoroughly impressed with their talent, enthusiasm and resilience. The workshop challenged them physically, mentally and creatively and the Dance department look forward to taking them to watch Motionhouse perform their work 'Starchitects' on the 28th February at Walsall Arena. Well done dancers and thank you to Motionhouse for an awesome experience for our students.



**WELL  
DONE**





## 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](mailto:info@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).



## Information regarding Measles from Vaccination UK



There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands. Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information about pop up clinics that are running.



### U13 Girls West Midlands Schools County Cup Semi Final

On Thursday 1st February our under 13 girl's football team took part in the West Midlands Schools County Cup Semi Final, held at Windsor High School and Sixth Form.

Their opponents were Wombourne High School. One of our students opened the scoring for Windsor and created a few good chances, but two quick breaks saw the Wombourne team score two goals just before half time.

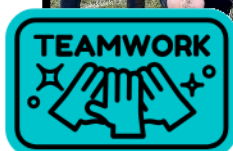
Windsor came out fighting and dominated much of the second half, coming close to scoring several times but Wombourne had one last chance at goal and they scored. The game finished 3-1.

The girls have played some great football throughout the competition and should be really proud of themselves for reaching the Semi Finals.

Well done girls! We are very proud of you.



Mrs Rhooms and the PE department.



### Girls GCSE PE Football Moderation



On Tuesday 6th February, Windsor High School and Sixth Form held their first Girls GCSE PE Football Moderation for Year 10 and Year 11 students.

The girls played against the Kingswinford School. The game was videoed for evidence and the girls taking GCSE PE were moderated for their performance within the game.



It was a very close game between the two schools but Windsor won 2-1. Well done to the team – you worked hard and showed excellent teamwork skills.

We are very proud of everything you have achieved.

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## Community Impact through Our Teacher Training Programme



**Do you want to make a difference in your community:** Our teacher training programme is deeply rooted in community development.

As a trainee teacher, you'll contribute to projects that significantly benefit local schools and the community. This approach enhances your skills and positions you as a leader in educational community initiatives.

If you're looking to make a meaningful career change into teaching, then visit our website to discover more:



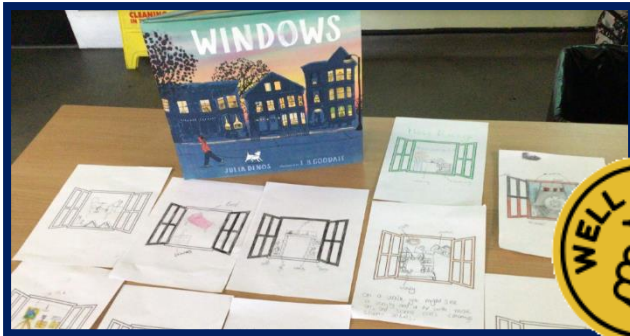
<https://www.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/our-people/professional-learning/teacher-training/>

Or contact us directly at [teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



### Year 7 Saturday School Sessions

In last week's Saturday Session, Year 7 students read 'Windows' and then designed their own window, and worked in teams to complete a maths treasure hunt! Well done everyone!



### What Parents and Carers need to know about Monkey



Online video calling with random strangers, it's hardly a new internet phenomenon – but the recent demise of Omegle has prompted the creation of several similar platforms bidding to fill the vacuum.

One such contender is Monkey – a service that randomly connects its users for video calls, using their mobile numbers and Snapchat account details.

Monkey has surged in popularity since Omegle's shutdown in November 2023: visits to the site more than doubled within a month and have been climbing steadily ever since.

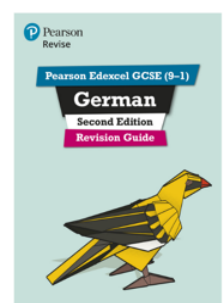
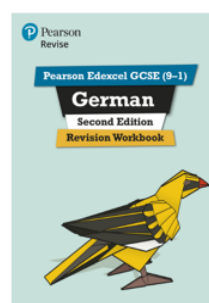
Regrettably, it also seems that Monkey suffers from many of the same pitfalls as its notorious predecessor – the guide attached to this newsletter highlights these possible risks to young people in more detail.

## GCSE GERMAN REVISION WORKBOOKS & GUIDES

Revision workbooks are an excellent way to prepare yourself for your exams. They include bespoke listening, speaking, writing, reading and translation questions.

If any Year 11 GCSE German students do not yet have a copy of the GCSE German Revision Guide or Workbook, copies are now available to purchase via ParentMail.

Please speak to Miss Adderley for more information







# WINDSOR SIXTH FORM

Higher Education and Careers Fair

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Years 9-13

Location: Sixth Form

6pm- 8.00pm

The event will include talks delivered by universities and apprenticeship-training providers

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REALISE AMBITIONS**

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## Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

Attached to this newsletter is the updated list of opportunities on offer for the new half term. With our wide range of extracurricular clubs, we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Clubs are free to join and students can try as many as they wish.

## THIS WEEK'S STARS IN MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year 7 – William S, Jackson S, Chloe S, Emily C.



Year 8 – Adam H, Theo S, Zaynab F, Catrin J.



Year 9 – Saffron R, Libby A, Ethan H.

Year 10 – Hollie T, Evie F.



Year 11 – Glenda C, Omaina S, Lamy A.



**Reminder: Plastic cups will not be provided in school**

A polite reminder that **we no longer issue students with plastic cups and therefore we 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. We had added additional water dispensers around school to accommodate this.



A range of drinks are still available to purchase from Richmond's.

Follow the Windsor High School and Sixth Form Twitter feed and Facebook page for all the latest information:

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## Y11 GERMAN WAVE 2 REVISION SESSIONS

### 11A/GN1

**SESSION 1 - WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

**SESSION 2 - WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

**SESSION 3 - WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH**

**IN A5 WITH MRS PARGETER DOWN 3.15PM-3.45PM**



### 11B/GN1

**SESSION 1 - TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**

**SESSION 2 - TUESDAY 5TH MARCH**

**SESSION 3 - TUESDAY 19TH MARCH**

**IN A3 WITH MISS ADDERLEY 3.15PM-3.45PM**



### 11C/GN1

**SESSION 1 - WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

**SESSION 2 - WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH**

**SESSION 3 - WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL**

**IN A3 WITH MISS ADDERLEY 3.15PM-3.45PM**



# Wellbeing

at Windsor High  
School and Sixth Form



**Weekly Wellbeing Tip - What have staff been doing this week to improve their wellbeing?**

Spend some time away from social media - Miss Freear has recently restarted Duolingo to try and improve her Spanish skills AND spend less time on social media!

Check back next week for our weekly Teacher Tip and important wellbeing resources!



Mrs Proctor has been delivering fantastic assemblies this week on Children's Mental Health Week - the theme this year is...



Your child's voice is **SO** important. If they are feeling down or not themselves it is really important to share how they're feeling. This could be with family, friends or their Go To Teacher. Their voice is important to **EVERYONE**.

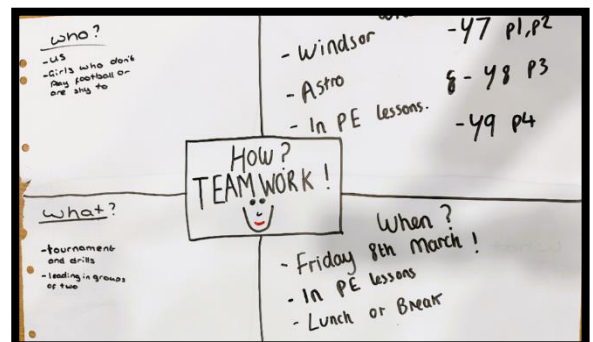


## Go Lead Conference at Chase Leisure Centre

Yesterday, nine girls from Year's 8 and 9 attended the Go Lead Conference at Chase Leisure Centre, hosted by two Youth Sport Trust Tutors. There were 100 girls in attendance from 10 schools across Stafford, Cannock, Kingswinford and Halesowen.

The girls received training in the morning, followed by practical delivery preparation for The Biggest Girls Football Day on Friday 8th March.

Well done girls, you were a credit to the school! Mrs Rhooms and the PE department.



# FOOTBALL YOUR WAY

