

## Principal's Message

As we start the new term we look forward to our Open Day this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am to 1pm. Further details can be found later in this newsletter and I am sure it will be a fun opportunity for parents, grandparents and young people alike to come along and see what we have to offer.

Congratulations go to Finn and Reed Lydon, who sat their GCSE Mandarin Speaking and Listening exam just after the Easter break - another **Winstanley** first and we wish them every success.

Congratulations also go to Mr Joyce who has secured Government funding of an additional £460,000 in order to refurbish the windows on the English block and the roofs on the French, admin and swimming pool blocks. Work will take place where possible over the summer break in order to minimise disruption to lessons, although the roof project is scheduled to take 15 weeks.

Our World War I Legacy Day was a moving event and the students reflected very maturely on what the war has meant for us over the years. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for organising the day as well as staff for leading the activities. As I write, the GCSE Art group has just returned from its trip to London and I am sure news of the visit will feature in a later newsletter.

Finally, you may be aware that the Local Authority is currently displaying its plans for the new primary school on the old Holmfield site; it should have made a decision about who will run the school in Mid June.

**Mr Russell**  
Principal, Winstanley Community College

## WW1 Legacy Day

We all had a wonderful, thought provoking day here at **Winstanley** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We had form time in the morning which was based around the theme remembrance - all forms made an acrostic banner of the word remembrance.

Periods 1 to 4 were themed lessons. All the lessons were really fabulous. Some really positive ones were:

**Maths** - cryptology / deciphering codes which went down really well with all the pupils and was fun too.

**Respect** - very active and thought provoking lesson on what it was like to be involved in the war.

**Science** - making and using chlorine gas.

**Art / DT** - made fantastic collaborative art piece and also periscopes. Textiles made a beautiful and poignant floral tribute and felt wreath.

**PE** - fighting a war of attrition simulation.

**Humanities** - looked at the story of 306 deserters who were executed during the war and evaluated the validity of their crime.

There was a football match at lunchtime to

celebrate the Christmas football truce.

Then in the afternoon all forms made a poppy tribute. They are stunning and will be displayed in Room H4 for the Open Day on 25<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Maths Challenge

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 myself, Archie Pick, Fergus O'Brien and Gabriella Melbourne took part in the regional final of the UK Maths Team Challenge at Ratcliffe College, competing against schools from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. There were a lot of teams from private schools and at first we were very nervous. We soon settled down and came 19<sup>th</sup> out of 30.

**Oliver Lewis**



*Archie Pick and Oliver Lewis with their certificates.*

## Making a Splash for a Good Cause



Well done to Ethan Kotecha in Year 9 who swam a mile to raise £101 for his younger brother's scout group. Ethan spent his PE lesson on the last day of term swimming 64 lengths of our pool here at **Winstanley**. We are all very proud of his achievement and I'm sure that the 2<sup>nd</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Scout Group will be grateful for his kind

donation and his hard work in raising the money.

## Rugby News!

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April our Year 8 Rugby Team competed in the Lancaster Schools Invitational ES Orton tournament. Overall **Winstanley** finished joint fourth out of nine with Ivanhoe in the tournament. The overall winners were Soar Valley. Every player tried exceptionally hard throughout the tournament and gave an impressive performance which shows signs of an exciting rugby season next year. Here are the results of the games:

### Round 1

Lancaster School 12 - 0 Winstanley

Winstanley narrowly lost to a Lancaster side that we had previously beaten in the county plate quarter finals. The team started slowly but battled hard, making good runs and defending well.

Leysland 0 - 28 Winstanley

Winstanley improved to score four tries against an inexperienced Leysland rugby team. Magnificent progress in the scrum (their first ever competitive scrum game!) and strong running was too much for the opposition.

Winstanley progressed to the runners up pool after coming second in the group.

### Round 2

Winstanley 21 - 21 Ivanhoe

Both teams were well matched in the game, battling to a 21 - 21 draw. Some extremely brave tackling stopped a couple of try scoring opportunities and helped Winstanley to secure a draw.

Winstanley - 28 - 5 Brockington

Winstanley thrashed Brockington with four tries and four conversions! Some amazing individual runs from David Akinola, Michael Harding and Will Wells helped Winstanley cross the line with a fine team performance.



## Cake Making Heroes!

In preparation for the WW1 Legacy Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, the students who attend Oasis Club at lunchtime each day decided that they wanted to sell cakes at break and lunchtime to help raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

Thanks to the Inclusion staff there was a delightful array of cakes to sell. The cake sale was a massive success and made in excess of £50. I'd like to thank our very supportive students and staff for making this a successful event.

**Mrs Wright**



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## Opening our Doors!

Winstanley Community College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April which will be an opportunity for everyone to come and have a look around our school. We have made many major developments to our school over the last twelve months and this will be a great opportunity to showcase these and the fantastic work that our staff and students do here.

All areas in the school will be hosting activities and workshops from having fun with exciting Science experiments to playing table tennis against a robot. The Police and Fire Service will also be here for anyone who wants to come along and meet them, there will be a group of Civil War Enthusiasts who will be bringing history to life, as well as the official opening of our new Maths Block by Braunstone Town Mayor, Shabbir Aslam which will take place at 11am.

Other activities which children of all ages can take part in are drumming, trampolining, drama, poetry, art, languages and first aid.



Winstanley  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Spring Open Day

**Saturday 25th April 2015**  
**10am until 1pm**  
At Winstanley Community College,  
Kingsway North, Leicester, LE3 3BD

- Official Opening of our **NEW** Maths Block
- Workshops
- Demonstrations
- Displays of Students Work
- Guided tours of our excellent facilities
- FREE** Hog Roast
- Fire Brigade
- Police
- FREE** Prize Draw

Teachers at Winstanley are always happy to see us and make sure our lessons involve lots of learning.  
*Year 8 Student*

Winstanley helped me to understand what career path I would pursue but also helped me develop as an individual. *Ex-Pupil*

**Come along and see what we have to offer**

 

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## FIRST AID COURSE

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Emergency First Aid**



**9.30am - 3.30pm**

**£60**

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## Upcoming Events

25<sup>th</sup> April - Spring Open Day

11<sup>th</sup> June - Curriculum Awards Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Summer Sports Day

## Summer Term 2015

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term

10<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

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