

Winstanley!' - 15th June 2015

Principal's Message

I was most pleased to see such a high number of year 7 students take part in our recent trip to Kenilworth Castle and extend my thanks to Mrs Roberts for organizing the trip. Our Duke of Edinburgh students have just completed their weekend expedition in the countryside and thanks go to Mrs Underwood for the continued running of this valuable scheme. I recommend it to the current year 8s who may be considering it for the future.

As we move towards the end of the year, students will be preparing for the end of year trip, which has customarily been to Alton Towers for the older students. Our thoughts go to the young people and families of those involved in the awful accident at the start of the month. Following the statement below from Alton Towers, we have decided to continue the trip but understand fully if parents do not wish their child to attend:

"We would like to confirm that Alton Towers theme park is now open. Since the accident on Tuesday 2nd June, we have been engaged in a thorough review of the events that led up to the incident and of its safety and operating processes. The investigation is ongoing and we are cooperating fully with the Health & Safety Executive. The safety of our visitors is our fundamental priority and we have a strong safety record at Alton Towers Resort and across the Merlin Group. We have further enhanced our safety standards by issuing an additional set of safety protocols and procedures that will reinforce the safe operation of our multi-car rollercoasters. Please be assured that Alton Towers has a long record of safe operation and we are committed to ensuring that the public can again visit us with confidence. The Smiler will remain closed for the foreseeable future as we investigate the incident."

Mr Russell

Principal, Winstanley Community College

Big Bike Revival

On monday 1st June our pupils were getting to grips with their bikes as part of the Big Bike Revival which encourages people to dust off their bike, learn some basic maintenance skills and discover the joy of cycling. The event was organised by Streetvibe who run projects in schools and youth centres in the local area and they bought a wide range of equipment into the school to set up the afternoon of activities.

Pupils were able to learn all about maintaining their bikes and ensuring they are safe. They had experienced mechanics on-hand to assess their

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out any basic repairs such as brake and cable replacement. The pupils watched a short

video demonstrating the bike safety 'M' check, and were then asked to see if they could spot the six faults on a bike. Any pupils who spotted all six faults were entered into a competition to win a bike lock and set of lights worth over £25.

They were also able to improve their cycle skills with the help of 4x MTB championship winning cycle instructor on the bike track which they set up on the school field. The pupils all enjoyed the afternoon and felt very lucky to have such a great opportunity offered to them within school.

Aimee who is in year 7 said: "I cycle to school every day and this is a great opportunity to learn some new bike skills and also ensure that

our bikes are safe". Jorja who is also in Year 7 added "We both enjoy taking our bikes to skate parks so it was really useful to have them checked over by the mechanic".





Inspirational Visit by Sports Star!

Winstanley Community
College was pleased to
welcome international
Badminton Player,
Anthony Clark to the
school on Thursday
11th June as part of the
Sky Sports – Living for
Sport initiative. Sky
Sports – Living for Sport
aims to use sports stars



to improve the lives of young people through sport and sports skills by boosting confidence, encouraging positive behaviour, increasing attainment and improving life skills. Anthony retired from international badminton in 2011 and he is one of Badminton's most prolific and respected players who has won seven commonwealth medals, represented Great Britain twice in the Olympic games and won over 100 caps for England despite not taking up Badminton until the age of 12. Anthony is keen to share his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience with young people and says: "I believe that everyone has a talent, although some people may not know themselves what it is. I learnt so much from older players throughout my career and it is an honour for me to pass on my knowledge and experience to the next generation." We are looking forward to meeting Anthony again on Wednesday 17th June.

Going Wild!

Our intrepid DofE pupils completed their final assessed expedition on 5th and 6th June. They set out on the Friday afternoon from Oaks Farm on the A47 and walked, carrying their camping equipment approximately 13km to Fox Coverts Camp Site at Kirky Mallory. They then independently set up camp, cooked dinner and lit a camp-fire before enjoying some toasted marshmallows.



Although leaders were present on the same camp site the pupils had



to complete these tasks with no supervision to complete the expedition. The following day they walked a further 10km - only meeting up with their leaders at check-points along the way. It looks like they had a great time, learnt some valuable lifeskills and have made some lasting friendships along the way.

We've got the power!

Innovative pupils here at Winstanley Community College along with their D&T Teacher, Mr Sarris and volunteer Mr Butterworth who is a GE Druck engineer, have been busy after school on Wednesdays constructing an eco-car powered by electricity. The vehicle has been put together using bike parts and tubing from old tables and kindly welded together by volunteer Iggy Archibold. The main goal of the project is to get the vehicle up to a suitable standard so that the team can represent the school in the 'Greenpower Formula 24' competition. This is a league set up for 11-16 year olds and sets out to inspire young people to pursue careers in engineering, and provide challenges and excitement as well as teaching them about sustainability and efficiency. The team would enter their car into a series of races culminating in a final at Rockingham Speedway Track.

Although the pupils have worked hard to get the car to its current level Mr Sarris said "Our vehicle still needs work before we enter it into any competitive races, so I wanted to invite anyone from Braunstone Town or the surrounding area with relevant skills to come along and help out. We are looking for people with welding, fabricating, go cart making or electric vehicle construction experience."

If you would be able to offer any help please get in touch with the school on 0116 289 8688.





Celebration Lunch for Fund-raising pupils

Oasis students were treated to a special lunch on Tuesday 12th May in recognition for their support in helping to raise £161.10 on WW1 Day for 'The Poppy Appeal'. The Learning Support Team helped by making cakes for the pupils to sell. They were awarded a certificate in recognition of their hard work and fund-raising enthusiasm. Well done Kyle, Aqib, Morgan, Alex, Elarna, Jordan, Dion, Jack, Kian, Chloe and Amy.



Kenilworth Castle

Year 7s had a fantastic day out on their history trip to Kenilworth Castle on 9th June. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed exploring the ruins of this historic site. The highlight for most was climbing up to the top of the Elizabethan tower and enjoying the same spectacular views that Elizabeth I experienced on her visits to Kenilworth. Our pupils loved having a picnic lunch in the extensive grounds and rolling down the hills. We were also very lucky to look around the beautiful Elizabethan gardens which have only recently been created to form a haven of peace and tranquillity full of tudor opulence. The visit has really given our pupils an insight into the roles that castles have played from military stronghold in the medieval period to a pleasure palace and 'holiday retreat' for the Elizabethan court.



Going for Gold!

We had a fantastic team of athletes from Years 8 and 9 to represent the school at Saffron Lane stadium for Area Sports this year. They were all very enthusiastic and it was great to see them cheering on the school in the various events. We had some good results especially for the boys -Will Wells came 1st in under 14 boys hurdles, David Akinola came 1st in under 14 boys 100m and the relay team came 1st in the boys under 14 relay. We also had second places for Eren





Gocke in the under 15 shot, Cory Holdom in the under 15 boys triple jump and Nathan Stevens in the under 14 boys 200m. All our pupils performed well in their various events and were a credit to the school.

Fun on the Field for Year 5's

We were very pleased to welcome local primary schools to Winstanley Community College on June 4th for a Sports Day with a Rugby World Cup theme. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to organise the event and act as sports



leaders. Children from the different schools got to meet each other, gain some useful team work skills and have fun making new friends. There were 10 activities to take part in and 10 teams all named after the countries taking part in this years' rugby world cup. All the teams had a different starting activity and rotated around in a clockwise direction every 5 minutes until they have completed all the activities. The weather was nice and sunny and everyone had a fun-filled afternoon of sport as well as having a taste of life at **Winstanley**.





A world of opportunity...

A group of our students are being offered the experience of a life time by taking part in a World Challenge trip to Morocco. World Challenge is a global leader in providing student-led expeditions, the difference between this and other school trips is that the trip is tailored to the aims and objectives of the participating school and its pupils.



Challenge, participation and environment are the basis for the trip and part of the World Challenge ethos is to ensure that students experience cultures and environments very different from anything they will have encountered before. Team spirit and leadership skills are at the forefront of what for many participants will be a life-changing experience. Taking part will not only provide our pupils with greater confidence, organisational skills and fitness but will add weight to university and job applications in the future. Whilst in Morocco our pupils will not only undertake an expedition but also take part in a charity project to assist in building and adapting a school to enable girls to attend and participate in education.

We currently have a team of ten pupils signed up to take part in the first World Challenge trip to Morrocco in July



2016. To undertake the trip they will each need to raise £1800 to pay for the cost of the trip itself and the fundraising is all part of the process. The Leicester Mercury have already shown an interest in supporting one of our pupils and we hope that other companies may be keen to assist through sponsorship. The team are planning to run some fund-raising stalls at our Annual Curriculum Awards evening and at our production 'The Community' on the 18th and 19th June. The Team would also like to hear from anyone who has ideas for fundraising or can offer financial support for the trip.





Mmm...new school dinners!

Our new school menu has now been operational for a few weeks and reports from our pupils are that they are a massive improvement. The new menu includes a tasty range of grilled food such as

burgers, chicken, ribs with a choice of takeaway style sides. There are also healthy jacket potatoes, salads and deli-style sandwiches on offer and all are





sourced from local suppliers to ensure tasty fresh ingredients. Despite all the changes prices have been kept low by Leicestershire County Council who provide our school meals to ensure that our pupils have excellent value for money when as well as great choice.





Film stars in the making?

We were very lucky to have a professional film crew in school last week making our new promotional film clip about life at **Winstanley**. The film features the tagline - '**Winstanley** - exciting times ahead...' and will focus on all the changes we have made as well as looking to the future. It will be shown to potential pupils and parents and promote **Winstanley** as a caring, supportive place to pursue the next stage of your education. The team have used some actors in the film but we are very grateful to our pupils who have also agreed to take part. It looked like they were enjoying their moment in the spot-light whilst filming in the swimming pool.



Well Done Jack!

Congratulations to Jack Kermode in Year 10 who took part in the County Junior Table Tennis Championship with his team-mates from Winstanley Wizards. Jack was runner-up in the boys' under 15 event.

Winstanley Wizards is a Table tennis club that runs here at **Winstanley Community College** on Monday (juniors)

and Tuesday (adults)
evenings. Beginners are
welcome and booking is not
usually required. To find out
more call our Community
Office on 0116 289 8713.



PETER BAKER

Winstanley was an important transition moment for my personal development and I have no doubt that they were my



most formative years in many respects. Many of the friends and teachers that I came into contact with left a deep impression on me for reasons that are beyond my ability to place into words in any easy way. Many of those teachers who most inspired me were not, ironically, those who worked in the subjects that would later be those I would choose for my own professional development. I think that during those years the memories that left a more lasting impression had to do with interpersonal relations and learning how to develop as a person. In particular I have very fond memories of the art and design teacher, whose aim was not only to follow the standards of the syllabus, but to make us ask ourselves what it is that makes art. I also remember with fondness my physics teacher whose encouragement into photography sparked a curiosity in me that lasts until today. My maths teacher, Mrs. Henderson, whose great sense of humour and way of connecting with the pupils on their level, taught me a great deal about what it meant to communicate effectively. This, and the countless experiences with my forming young-adult relationships that were developed throughout those years no doubt made me who I am today. Such communication is an

essential part of what I do in my work now, where I consider that my teaching is an important component of my research agenda. I expect to graduate with my PhD in Hispanic Studies in August and will hopefully take up an academic position in a research institute.

Creative Star of the Month

This is a new idea to recognise good work produced by pupils in any of the creative areas and across all year groups. This month our 'star' is Lechaie McManus who has produced some fantastic work in her GCSE Catering assessment recently as well as being consistently hardworking and creative in Art. Well Done Lechaie!







Looking smart for September? Pop-up shops at Winstanley...

We are have pop-up shops for school uniform planned for July and August to make buying school uniform easy for parents. Please see details below for what items are available and where and when you can buy.

Girls & Boys Navy Badged Blazer	
(Trutex)	
Size 26" - 36"	£23.95
Sizo 20" E2"	£27 0E

Girls Black Badged Skirt

22-26" waist	£14.95
28-38" waist	f16.95

Ties	£5.94
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Hoodies Badged

Size Up to Small	£14.50
Size Med to 3XL	£17.40

Polo shirt Badged

Size XXS to S	£6.45
Size Med to XXL	£8.56

Unisex Badged Sweater

Size XXs to S	£14.99
Size Med to XXL	f17.94

Uniform items bearing the school logo may be obtained from:

www.academyschooluniforms.co.uk

Tel: 0800 345 7353



Hair – We discourage parents from allowing their children to dye their hair. Any colouring we judge as outside the range of natural shades and hairstyles we judge as extreme are not allowed.

Pop-up Shop Dates

Wednesday 1st July 2015 3pm-6.30pm
Thursday 23rd July 2015 10am-3pm
Tuesday 25th August 2015 10am-3pm













KS3 Tie

Girls checklist

Blazer – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo Skirts – Plain black from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo

Trousers – Plain black
Shirts – Plain white with collar
Long or short sleeved
Sweater - Navy from school wear
provider with Winstanley Logo
Tie – School tie from school wear
provider

Socks – White or black Tights – Flesh or black Shoes – Plain black and sensible. No logos or coloured markings. For reasons of health and safety shoes must have a low heel and have a back to them. No Trainers.

Boys checklist

Blazer – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo Trousers – Plain black Shirts – Plain white with collar Long or short sleeved Sweater – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo Tie – School tie from school wear provider Socks – White or black

Socks – White or black Shoes – Plain black and sensible. No logos or coloured markings. No Trainers.

P.E. kit (Boys & Girls)

Blue polo shirt with Winstanley logo Black shorts/tracksuit In cold weather, a blue hooded top with Winstanley logo should be worn.





Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

Required as soon as possible

Hours: **1.00 pm – 2.00 pm** (term-time only)

Salary £1556.10 per annum (paid in 12 equal monthly

payments)

For full job description and application form contact Kathryn Tuckwood on 0116 289 8688

or visit our website www.winstanley.leics.sch.uk



Next Issue...

Curriculum Awards Evening, Sports Day and Anthony Clark visit.

Don't forget to like our official page on Facebook to find out Winstanley news as it happens!



Meet on Tuesday Evenings at Winstanley Community College 8pm - 9.30pm during school term time

£4.00 per week (£32 per School Term)

Please call Martin or Ian for more info:

Telephone: 0116 239 3769 Telephone: 0116 239 4794

Upcoming Events

17th June - Living for Sport Visit
18th/19th June - 'The Community' Play
22nd June - Summer Sports Day
1st July - Year 7 Induction Day/Evening
9th July - Reward Trip

Summer Term 2015

10th July - End of Term

SUMMER SWIM CRASH COURSES



10th August—14th August
And

17th August-21st August

A 30 minute swimming lesson every day for 5 consecutive days £19.00

For further details contact: Winstanley Community Office Tel: 0116 2898688 opt 3 email:community@winstanley.leics.sch.uk

Return 2 Rounders



Love Rounders at School? Join in with Blaby's new social Return 2 Rounders session during the summer months. Anyone aged 12+ is welcome to join in, the session is delivered by a Rounders Activator. Just bring along a drink and wear suitable clothing and footwear. No need to book, just turn up.

Mossdale Meadows, Braunstone, Thursdays 6-7pm



For more information please contact. Blaby District Council Health and Leisure Services on 0118 2727703, Email leisure@blaby.gov.uk or visit the Blaby LSA Website on www.sportblaby.org.uk

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