

Dear Parents

I hope your preparations for the festive season are going well - students and staff are very much looking forward to Christmas. This week we have had a band perform to the students in years 9 and 10, a visit to Leicester College with the art department, a cinema trip for the whole school and our carol singers performed to the community groups that come to the school; we wish them well too.

The first term has had considerable successes. Attendance is at its highest level, even higher than last year's record at Christmas. Maths are making good use of their new teaching block and students in general report the investment in technology is paying dividends too.

As the year closes, we say bye to some faces and hello to others. Mr Roskelly is relocating elsewhere due to family reasons and we welcome Ms Hoche to the maths department and Mr Napier as an Inclusion Support Worker. Both will be with us until the end of the academic year. Mr Patel, who has become a familiar face to us all over the term will be joining us permanently as a cover supervisor from the end of January. We congratulate Mrs Thornton too on her promotion to Higher Level Teaching Assistant within the maths department.

After the break our options programme will begin for the Year 9s, and all parents will be invited to have a 1-1 meeting with a senior member of staff in order to discuss the best GCSE choices.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

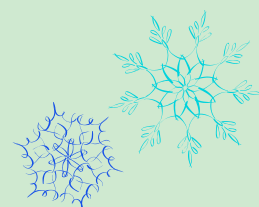
Alan Russell

Principal.



Those of you who attended the Sports Awards Evening this term will know that the students have requested we look to construct a gym. This is an excellent idea that promotes healthy lifestyles although it is very expensive. We are therefore looking to build an outdoor gym. Parents at the school are going to do a sponsored sky dive to raise funds, and I thank you in advance for your support.

Alan Russell.



Would you like £100 of ASDA Vouchers?

If your child is eligible for free school meals and you have not already registered, your child has missed out on over £145 worth of free food and drink from the school canteen since the start of term!

To compensate for this we are giving away £100 of Asda vouchers to every parent who successfully registers their child for free school meals between now and the end of January, providing that their child was on roll before the start of December 2014.

Registering for free school meals is a quick and simple process and will help us to raise achievements in school. Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit



Please contact the 'School Food Support' team on 0116 3056588 to register, if you are unsure as whether or not you qualify to receive free meals they will be able to advise you.

Of course registering for free school meals does not mean that your child has to have a school dinner they may simply want a drink or a snack. However, regardless of whether or not your child actually has a free meal registering for free school meals can make a big impact on school funding, and we would like to positively encourage all parents and carers to do so, may we also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those who have already registered.



What is Pupil Premium Funding?

Pupil premium funding is given to schools so that additional support can be given to disadvantaged pupils in order to close the attainment gap between them and their peers. We receive pupil premium funding in addition to our main source of funding, this current academic year we will receive £935.00 for every pupil who has been eligible for free school meals at any point during the past six years, this is a total of £179,888. In addition to this we will also receive £47,329 to enable us to provide a free

dinner to the value of £2.35 per day for pupils currently eligible for free school meals, this is irrespective of whether or not they actually take the meal. As you can see these are significant amounts. Pupil premium funding has enabled us to invest in many areas of the school. In addition to many ongoing interventions, this year we are;

- Undertaking a substantial investment into the maths department which has already helped to raised attainment levels of pupil premium students.
- Employing a higher level teaching assistant in the maths department.
- Expanding inclusion provision.
- Expanding and developing the pastoral support team.
- Making a large investment into ICT across the school, to include a mac suite and 27 interactive whiteboards.

For more information on how we spend our pupil premium funding please visit the schools website.

The Women on Thursday

We were delighted to welcome “The Women on Thursday” Group to celebrate Christmas on 18th December. A wonderful morning was had by all and the ladies were treated by four year 10 students – Lucy and Mia Simons-Weston, Macy Tullis and Grace Silversides to a selection of Christmas songs, mince pies and cups of tea.

I am reliably informed by the ladies that they have been attending Winstanley on a Thursday morning for the last sixteen years!

Merry Christmas to all and long may our relationship continue.



G Williams
Vice Principal

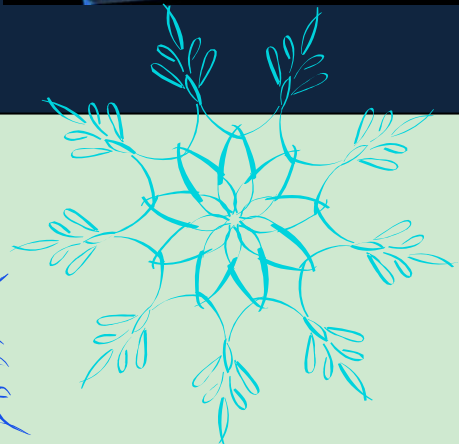
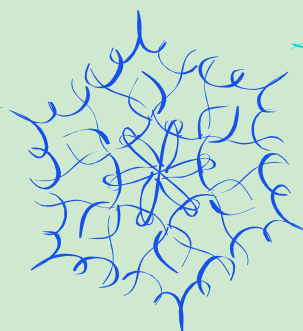
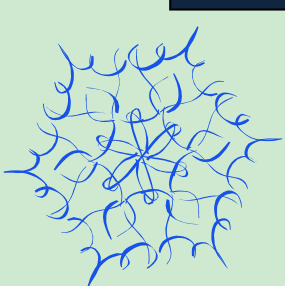
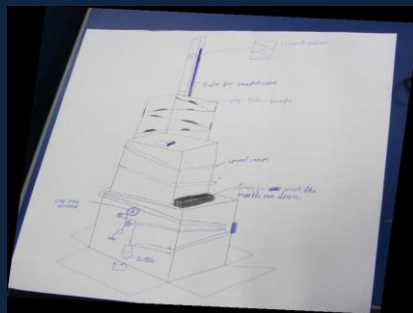


Winstanley STEM Club

Oliver Lewis, Fletcher Welsh, Sam Milton and Ben Carlill entered the STEM club’s Slow Marble Run competition sponsored by Caterpillar.

Although they didn’t manage to achieve the slowest time, they were chosen as the best team.

The team impressed the judges with their planning and team work, winning a prize of £50 for the STEM club.



EXPECTATIONS DECEMBER 2014



YEAR 7

Principals Awards 19
SHINE Awards 29

Top Tutor Group Principal's Awards PL
Top Tutor Group SHINE Awards PL

YEAR 9

Principals Awards 15
SHINE Awards 26

Top Tutor Group Principal's Awards KA
Top Tutor Group SHINE Awards KA

YEAR 8

Principals Awards 14
SHINE Awards 50

Top Tutor Group Principal's Awards JB
Top Tutor Group SHINE Awards JB

YEAR 10

Principals Awards 16
SHINE Awards 25

Top Tutor Group Principal's Awards CP
Top Tutor Group SHINE Awards RB

IPAD REWARDS

It has been a fantastic term at Winstanley Community College.

By way of encouragement and as recognition for hard work, all students who are on track in English and mathematics, who have an attendance of 95% or higher and who behave well around school and in lessons are entered into a draw for an Ipad Air.

I am delighted to announce the winners for the second round of reports are :-

Chloe Whitmore Year 7

Joe Wright Year 8

Gemma McLean-Carr Year 9

Reanne Charman Year 10

This draw will happen 4 times a year, following each reporting cycle for each year group.



Consultation On Change to Admission Arrangements to Winstanley Community College from Autumn 2016.

We are consulting on changing our admissions arrangements. Please see the school website for details.

2015-2016 Term Dates

Please note that Friday 16th October 2015 will be a holiday.

Autumn Term

Schools open Tuesday 1st September 2015
Mid Term Break Friday 16th October – Friday 23rd October 2015
Schools Close Friday 18th December 2015

Spring Term

Schools Open Tuesday 5th January 2016
Mid Term Break Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2016
Schools Close Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer Term

Schools Open Monday 11th April 2016
May Day Monday 2nd May 2016
Mid Term Break Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2016
Schools Close Friday 15th July 2016

Training Days

(School open to staff only) Thu 27th & Fri 28th August 2015

Monday 4th January 2016

Spring Term

6th Jan 2015 – School opens
16th–20th Feb 2015– Half term
27th Mar 2015– Last day of term

January Events

22nd January 2015 - YR9 Options Evening

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