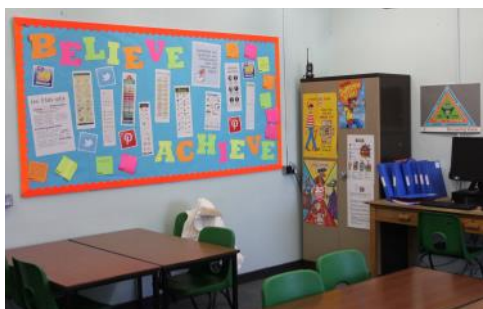


Head of School's Message

Half term saw Mr Joyce and his team working really hard across the Winstanley site to change the appearance of the buildings and department areas. This year has seen a lot of work completed to improve the site, modernising certain areas and working closely with our student council to ensure we are improving the site in line with our SHINE values of Supporting other, Hard work, Independence, Never giving up and Excellence. The designs of the signs across the school are certainly eye catching and represent the "golden thread" of everything we stand for at Winstanley. Our swimming pool and facilities have never looked better or more modern and as a school we are rightly proud of what we can offer here at Winstanley; to our students, as well as our local community.

One of the benefits of us joining the LiFE Multi-Academy Trust, is that we have been able to invest substantially in staffing and other resources at Winstanley this year. We now have graduate tutors in English, Maths, Science and Humanities, who work alongside our teachers to provide in depth intervention for students. I have also



established a Progress Hub and Inclusion Base to help any student who needs extra intervention or support in any area of school life as well.




To further strengthen the school, we have been able to develop a team of lead practitioners working in several different


areas of the school, and we have also been able to grow our Senior Leadership Team to strengthen the leadership of the school further.

On top of all this, you only have to look through the following pages to see how amazing the students at Winstanley are! This is never lost on me, and is the main reason that we strive to improve everything that we do, as our students deserve the best. I hope you enjoy this edition.


Gareth Williams, Head of School
Winstanley Community College



Year 7 Art Prize Winner!
Well done to Millie in 7CEV for working hard in Graphics and producing some great work on paper and recreating it on the computer. Millie was selected to win an Art Department prize and is enjoying using her new stationery. [#shinevalues - Hard Work!](#)



Year 7 iPad Winner!
Students who have 95%+ attendance, have received 8 or more Shine points, on target for Maths and English and have no negative behaviour points are put forward by Heads of Year to receive an iPad. The recent winner from Year 7 was Randeep from 7EOH, so congratulations to him and continue the excellent attitude to school. [#shinevalues - Excellence!](#)




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Working together for a greener future!

Students from Winstanley Community College teamed up with younger pupils from neighbouring Kingsway Primary School and Environmental Studies to plant over 1000 trees on Thursday, 23rd February as part of the Trees for Cities project. Environmental Studies is a local education company who already work with our older pupils and have a wealth of experience supporting schools to develop accessible green space and encourage outdoor learning. They work closely with the charity Trees for Cities who have provided 1000 small



native hedgerow trees and 60 large standard trees which were planted around the perimeter of the school grounds, not only to enhance the visual appearance of the grounds, but also to create vital habitats and wildlife corridors within the area.



Trees for Cities aim to raise awareness of the importance of trees in urban areas, improve the quality of life for people who live in the city and ensure people understand the value of trees. We were very pleased to welcome Katie Worth, who is the Leader



of the gardening group at Kingsway Primary School, who was accompanied by 20 enthusiastic young gardeners who got involved in this fantastic scheme. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in the outdoors and working with our students, who did a fantastic job of welcoming the youngsters and helping them in some challenging weather conditions thanks to Storm Doris. We were also joined by Bill Wright, Deputy Mayor for Braunstone Town who braved the elements to come and plant a beech tree.

Recognising Achievement!

We have recently had some good news about one of our students. Fergus O'Brien has been shortlisted for the Braveheart of the Year category at the Leicestershire Lord-Lieutenants Awards.

The awards will take place on 27th April and Fergus will be invited to attend the prestigious ceremony along with his family and the other 14 finalists where they will meet local dignitaries, sponsors and past winners. They will also be served a celebratory dinner.

Fergus was one of around 7 students who we felt deserved some recognition, and was selected by a panel of judges to be shortlisted for the category of Braveheart, where students have had to overcome personal barriers to achieve success. Despite being diagnosed with Haemophilia B Fergus took part in the World Challenge trip to Morocco last summer, and although he was taken ill whilst there it has not dampened his enthusiasm for travel and adventure. He also won the award of Student of the Year at our Key Stage 4 Awards which we held in November. This was a recognition of his constant hard work, effort, excellent behaviour and commitment to being a great role model and ambassador for our school.



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Behind the scenes at The Curve!

On Wednesday, 1st February, a group of Year 10 and 11 students went along to The Curve in Leicester, not only to watch *The Woman In Black*, but also to take part in a range of theatre workshops behind the scenes. It was a fantastic introduction to life in a theatre and students got lots of useful information from the trip.

The students were divided into small groups and took part in four separate workshops to get an idea of different aspects of a production.

The Costume Workshop allowed students to see costumes used in the production, and look at how a character is perceived by what they are wearing. They also had a chance to experiment with techniques used to age clothes in order to make them look old or shabby. During *The Woman in Black* Cast workshop our students were able to meet actors from the play who ran sessions on how to create tension by acting out mini-plays. They also looked



at how producers choose the right characters for roles in a performance and students were able to look through catalogues of actors and think about who they would choose for different parts within a play. For an insight into the technical aspects of theatre



work there was also a Lighting Workshop, which really demonstrated how much impact lighting effects can have in the theatre, looking at how lighting can create moods and how backgrounds can be projected to create the illusion of different scenes and locations.

After the morning workshop sessions students were able to sit back and enjoy the performance of *The Woman In Black*, which is a play based on the 1983 horror novella by Susan Hill, written in the style of a traditional Gothic novel. The plot concerns a mysterious spectre that haunts a small English town, heralding the death of children. The play has been described as 'spine-tingling' and students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this spooky and sinister performance.

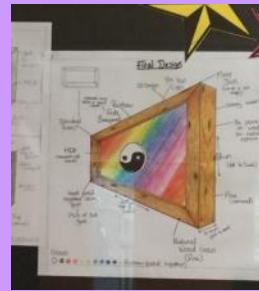


Creative Star!

Well done to Elliot Warden from



Year 10LOR. He is the Art and Design Departments 'Creative Star of the Month'. He has worked extremely hard in



Resistant Materials to produce some fantastic work which is

now on display. Miss Costello, his teacher said: "Elliot's Resistant Materials course work shows excellent graphic and communication skills that clearly explain his design ideas, he has also produced high quality products that mirror his designs and ideas."



See more photos!

Click the link on our webpage to view photos of all the latest events at Winstanley.



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Rewarding good attendance

As part of our new initiative to improve attendance, which has currently fallen to 93%, we have introduced some new incentives to help our students understand that good attendance improves attainment.

The Pastoral Office will be running league tables to see which tutor groups have the best attendance over the length of a term. The tutor group with the best attendance over this period will be rewarded with a trip out for a celebratory breakfast, which should create some healthy competition. The tables will be displayed on the board outside the Pastoral Office.



They will also be selecting all students who have 100% attendance to go into a weekly draw; the winning student will receive a £5 'Love

to Shop' voucher which will be awarded in assembly. Last week Alfie Gohill from 7RN won the voucher and top of the league table amongst tutor groups were 7EOH with 99%, so well done to them and to Alfie! Keep up the great attendance.

Creative Writing Success

A big well done to Kiera-Lillie in Year 7 who entered The Braunstone Life Creative writing competition with an imaginative story based on Cinderella. Kiera-Lillie has been chosen as one of the top two entrants in her age category. Judges at the local community newspaper were impressed by the range and quality of the entries and deciding on winners was very difficult. Kiera-Lillie has been invited along with her parents to attend The Braunstone Life's Annual Party where the winner be announced. Good Luck Kiera-Lillie and we hope you enjoy the party.



An easy way to pay!

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A successful meeting!

We had a great turnout for our student council and prefects meeting on Wednesday 2nd March. Our enthusiastic council members had lots of great suggestions about what they would like to do for Red Nose Day. It was agreed that we will have our popular cake stall in the hall at break time, so they will be looking for donations of cakes on the 24th March. It was also agreed that they would make milkshakes and do face-painting. They were keen for all tutor groups to come up with some new ideas to raise lots of money.



The next Random Act of Kindness will take place on 6th April when the student council will go out to local shops with small Easter gifts to act as good ambassadors for the school and wish members of the local community a Happy Easter from everyone at Winstanley.

Finally the prefects in particular would like to do something to help homeless people so if anyone has any useful contacts at shelters or charities that work with homeless people please get in touch and let us know how our students could get involved.

Great News!

We are very pleased to announce that we are now a direct licenced centre for DofE. Mrs Underwood and Mr Harrison went along to the ceremony in January, where they were awarded the certification and a plaque to display in school. Mrs Underwood has been running DofE at Winstanley for a few years now and it's a great opportunity for students to get involved in activities which encourage confidence and promote independence, as well as lots of other practical skills. The scheme is aimed at students 14 – 24, starting with the bronze award for Year 10s.



Sprucing Up For Spring

After the February break students came back to school to find lots of colourful artwork on external walls which feature



our five Shine Values – Supporting Others, Hard Work, Independence, Never Giving Up and Excellence. This is all linked to ensuring students are always rewarded for demonstrating these values with Shine points, which add up over the term so that students can receive certificates and prizes for good behaviour and working hard. We are in the process of ensuring that the whole school becomes a brighter and more invigorating place to provide students with an



inspirational learning environment. Our next project which has almost been completed is a face-lift for the Science

corridor, foyer and staircase up to humanities, over half term a new, bright colour scheme was introduced and over the next week or two new vinyl graphics will be applied to the walls as well as up-to-date modern signage. Keep a look out on our social media sites for before and after photos.

Hands on with clay

Our Year 7s have been working hard and showing lots of skill in their art lessons with Mr Berry. They have been working on designs for tribal masks which they have had to research, design and produce in clay. They have come up



with lots of imaginative and creative designs and have enjoyed the design process. Some students have got to the glazing stage and have been applying colour to their masks which will then be fired. We look forward to seeing the completed pieces in a few weeks.



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DATE OF SHOW: TBC

PRIZE: A TROPHY THAT IS KEPT AT THE SCHOOL and a voucher

ANY ACT WELCOME !

SINGING, DANCING, COMEDY, GROUP ACTS, DRAMA, NOVELTY ACTS, ECT.

Upcoming Events/Term Dates

- 9th March - Bingo Night CANCELLED
- 14th March - French Trip to Opal Coast
- 22nd March - Year 11 Leavers Photo
- 24th March - Red Nose Day
- 6th April - Random Act of Kindness
- 7th April - Break Up (Easter)
- 24th April - Return to school

For a full list of term dates please see our website



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#throwlikeagirl

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 11-16 yrs Sundays 10:30-11:30
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