

Winstanley certainly feels like a different school this year. With all of the developments in staffing growth and site enhancement that have taken place, I am confident that we are now in a place where we can really move the school forward on its journey to being world class.

Since last September, we have been working hard with the Regional Schools Commissioner to get the support needed for Winstanley to make rapid progress into the future. One outcome of this, has been the issuing of a new DfE number for the school, which we received on the 1st January 2017. This actually means that we have been a brand new school since this date. With this comes many opportunities, and one change that has been discussed is whether to take this opportunity to change the school's name.

As everyone is aware, we have been working with Bosworth Academy, who of course, were historically, Bosworth Community College. Their decision to change their name was taken to reflect the proud history of Bosworth Community College, but also to signify that the school was now moving in a slightly different direction, with the addition of a key stage 3.

We now find ourselves with the same opportunity here at Winstanley Community College. We have been at the heart of the community for 55 years, and of that we are rightly proud. We are however, moving in a different direction today, with our age range change and the joining together with Bosworth Academy within the LiFE MAT.

After much research, and discussion, we have decided to rename the school, **The Winstanley School**. This allows us to still be "Winstanley", and to hold on to our important historical context within the Braunstone Town community, that so many people are proud of. I am aware of other schools that have changed their names completely. We did not think that this was appropriate, and everyone involved with Winstanley wanted to retain our historical link with the Winstanley family name, and the history surrounding the school.

How will this impact on the school and uniform?

We have already made big changes around the school site and within curriculum areas this year. There will be a "The Winstanley School" sign clearly visible at the entrance to the school and also on the large, Science and Humanities building facing our reception building.

As with the school name change, the school logo will change from the beginning of the next academic year. However, this will **ONLY** affect the new Year 7 in-take, whose uniform will have the new logo. Every other student in the school will still be able to wear their current uniform, until it needs replacing, with all new purchases having the new logo. **There will be no difference in price between the last uniform and the new one, and no need to replace any uniform before it needs to be.**



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Role Models

All of the Music Captains who organised and managed our recent Winstanley's Got Talent competition did a fantastic job, showing both maturity and great organisational skills. A special mention goes to Olivia Clarke and Lucy Gibson who demonstrated compassion and understanding when some of the younger students struggled with their performances. It was a heart warming moment and helps to build close bonds between older and younger students.

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Shhhhh

Well done to Graham in 8FD who raised £10 for Red Nose Day by just staying silent. He did his own sponsored silence and it seems lots of people were happy to pay-up and help him raise money for a great cause.

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Gareth Williams, Head of School, Winstanley Community College



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French experience a huge success!

Students from Years 7 to 10 took part in our first ever trip to the Opal Coast in March. They really enjoyed the 3 day trip, having gained knowledge, experience and confidence. Mrs Wright, one of our members of staff who helped out on the trip, has written a diary about all the activities that the students took part in:-

Day 1—Tuesday 14th March

We all had an early start with arrivals starting at 5.50am. There were cheerful faces from both students and parents. Passports were handed in and it was soon time to board our luxury coach and meet our experienced driver, Martin. Our journey started at 6.40am and after an extremely smooth run down to Folkstone we had an early arrival which enabled us to catch an earlier train. Students were allowed off the coach during the short journey through the tunnel and some found themselves looking out of the window for the fish that Mr Kaba had told them about!

Our first visit was to the Pains Boulangerie Patisserie. It is sited at the rear of a local Tabac (corner shop). This is owned by a friendly couple called Beatrice and Bruno. Bruno is the head baker and he explained to the students how, at Pains Boulangerie, they traditionally make their bread. Over the last 150 years they have baked bread in 3m x 4m ovens with a temperature of 250°. The baker looks at how red the ceiling is to gauge the correct temperature. The bread takes 30 minutes to cook and 1 hour to rest. Most of their customers are local but people do travel to buy their bread because of their traditional methods. Everyone tried some of the freshly baked bread. Awa Lowe then went into the shop and used some fantastic language skills to order bread for herself and other students.



Once the students had settled into their accommodation at Chateau d'Eblingham they spent the evening learning to make Tartes Sucre which involved making pastry, whipping cream and working in teams. The tartes were baked so the students could enjoy them for their breakfast the next day. At the end of a long and busy day the students were able to relax in the games room and play pool and air hockey.

Day 2—15th March
Students were awoken by Mr Kaba at 7am and headed down to breakfast for 8am. They made baguettes for their packed lunches and then headed to Bologne-sur



-Mar to do a little shopping. They divided up into groups and explored the market and shops as well as taking part in a town trail with a question and answer sheet to complete. Some students visited the boundary wall and the cathedral where they were able to light candles for their loved ones.

After eating lunch in the sunshine we travelled to Les Chocolates de Beussent in a beautiful calm rural setting. After a brief talk telling the history of the company, students were privileged to go into the factory and watch a demonstration. Students were amazed by the skill and precision of some of the chocolate creations on view. After students had spent some time and money in the factory shop we all went off to visit the Musee Vivant De L'Abel (the Bee Museum), which was super-interesting and interactive. Our arrival back to the Chateau saw everyone really hungry and ready for trying the Escargot (snails served in a garlic and parsley sauce). You'd be surprised how many students thoroughly enjoyed them (Jack, Ben and Callum).



To end our evening the students participated in a cheese tasting event. There were some acquired tastes and not everyone appreciated them but they all gave it a go. All in all our long and busy day was thoroughly enjoyable.

Day 3—16th march

We were all up early for the last day and our journey home. However, Mr Kaba had saved the best until last and this was a visit to a local French school. We were warmly greeted and students were invited to sit with French students and share information about themselves. They were a little nervous initially but soon settled. Students were then divided into groups and participated in lessons, students all behaved impeccably and were a credit to Winstanley. After a little shopping we made great timing back, catching an earlier train and we were met back at the school by lots of happy parents. I would like to thank Mr Kaba, Miss LeCras, Mrs Cartwright and all the wonderful students for what was an amazing experience.



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Winstanley Stars SHINE!

We had a fantastic night of entertainment on Tuesday 28th March as we hosted 'Winstanley's Got Talent' for the second year running. It was organised by Arts Award Silver Students and all of the technical elements were managed by a talented Year 10 student.



The contestants performed for the categories of music and variety – we had 33 students involved this year representing all year groups, an increase in numbers participating from last year. The evening was presented by two Year 11 students (Lucy and Amy). There were some very brave performances by Year 7 students some of whom were performing on stage for the first time, and some playing instruments which they have only been learning since starting here in September.

Older students really shone through with their amazing talent and confidence as well as supporting the younger performers with encouragement and care.



While the judges were making their difficult decisions we were entertained by our lovely Steel Pan Band who are going from strength to strength and played some very challenging pieces.



The winners were Music Prize - Chloe, who sang a medley of alternative songs (11TH), Variety Prize - Joe, a rapping sensation (7RN) and the overall winner of the show was Ashley playing his electric guitar (7FMN).

Well done to our team of music captains who organised the show—Sam, Zoe, Yogan, Trinity, Emma, Olivia and Caitlin they did a fantastic job, showing initiative and independence.



Going to Extremes

We have been pleased to welcome 'Alter Ego Creative Solutions' to Winstanley to perform their new educational info-drama dealing with three young people being targeted by extremist groups. The performance was originally shown to Year 8 students on Tuesday,

Tuesday, 21st March and Year 9 and 10 students have now seen it too.

The drama showed our students how youngsters from very different backgrounds can be drawn into extreme beliefs or behaviours either online or in the real world, how to recognize if this is happening to them and how to deal with it.



It was a thought provoking performance with an important message. Students were encouraged to discuss the issues in Tutor Time afterwards. If students have any concerns about this happening to them or to other people they are encouraged to talk about it to their family, members of staff or they can ring Child Line on 0800 1111.

Hot Chocolate Time!

We have recently introduced this new weekly treat for students who have gone above and beyond the 'Shine' values. Every week five students will be nominated from across the school by teachers to go and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate (with cream and marshmallows!) and have an informal chat with Mr Williams, Head of School and other members of the senior leadership team.



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Rewarding Hard Work and Excellence

As part of our new behaviour policy, we are putting a greater emphasis on rewarding the 98% of students who always try hard, work hard, behave well and follow school values and rules. To celebrate good work across the school we have introduced 'Faculty Colours', this is a coloured badge given to 2 students who have been selected from each department across the school and are presented during a special 'Colours' assembly for each year group on a termly basis. We've just completed our first round of assemblies and it's been fantastic to see how proud the students were receiving awards and how other students have shown their support by cheering and clapping. We have some really fantastic students here and this has been a great opportunity to reward and congratulate them on their great work.



Year 7

Kiera-Lilly and Toby - English
 Cameron and Kelsey - Maths
 Sam and Daisy - Science
 Ellie-Rae and Shay - Geography
 Cameron and Molly-May - History
 Alan and Leanna - Art
 Michael and Vanessa - PE
 Connor and Demi-Lee - Learning Support
 Callum and Teja - Design
 Shalom and Joel - Music
 Georgia and Giovanni - ICT
 Georgina and Ajay - Drama
 Ebony and Harry - Respect
 Ranyah and Randeep - MFL

Year 8

Amelia and Sukhjinder - English
 Lucas and Elle - Maths
 Haima and Joe - Science
 Taylor and Binta - Geography
 Riley and Ellie - History
 Mia and Amelia - Art



Aston and Levi - PE

Phoebe and Lewis - Learning Support
 Chloe and Ashleigh - Design
 Saskia and Adrian - Music
 Scarlett and Harvey - ICT
 Chloe and Devante - Drama
 Emma and Mateusz - Respect
 Gurninder and Yvie - MFL



Year 9

Bethany and Moyo - English
 Billie and Ryan - Maths
 Logan and Peter - Science
 Jack and Abigail - Geography
 Zoe and Harris - History
 Emma and Giovanni - Art
 Corey and Jorja - PE
 Chloe and Sophie - Learning Support
 George and Charlotte - Design
 Bradley and Olivia - Music
 Trinity and Yogan - ICT
 Kara and Libby - Drama
 Nadine and Finley - Respect
 Nikola and Blue - MFL



Year 10

Layla and Jake - English
 Courtney and Callum - Maths
 Oliver and Kiera - Science
 Jack and Alice - Geography
 Aiden and Will - History
 Oliwia and Kacey - Art
 Brodie and William - PE
 Elarna and Molly - Learning Support
 Joe and Elliott - Design
 Joe and Lita - Music
 Chloe and Sam - ICT
 Tamsin and Karan - Drama
 Patrycja and Tyler - Respect
 Ben and Langa - MFL
 Karan and Grace - Sociology



Year 11

Fergus and Paighton - English
 Aleyna and Jack - Maths
 Amy and Joe - Science
 Emily and Chloe - Geography
 Moena and Filip - History
 Ozlinah and Lois - Art
 Tim and Jade - PE
 Shannon and David - Learning Support
 Alfie and Wesley - Design
 Lucy and Chloe - Music
 Emma and Jack - ICT
 Patrick and Cayleigh - Drama
 Morgan and Emma - Respect
 Mariyam and Gemma - MFL
 Ebony and Ellie - Sociology



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Doing the right thing....

We had a really positive call recently from a parent of a child from a local primary school. The boy ran out of school on Thursday. A number of our Year 10 students managed to stop him near a dangerous road and took him back to his school. The parent of the boy and the police think it's a good idea to pass on thanks and recognition to the students. We really do have kind hearted students in this school and they went above and beyond to prevent possible tragedy. Well done to Keira Summers, Brody Galliard, Adam Tickle and Shane Singh for their quick thinking and doing the right thing when it really matters.

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Valuable Experience....

Most of our Year 10 students have completed a work experience placement this month. Staff have been out visiting them at their placements and have been receiving glowing reports. Mrs Warner went to see Danni, Katie and Chloe who were working with children at United Play. Staff there said they had an amazing time, taking initiative and are all a credit to their parents and the school.

Joe and Elarna went to Slater Primary School where staff said they were positively thriving and were thrilled with their amazing work ethic, so much so that Joe has been offered further work experience with an outside agency who arrange sporting activities in schools.

These are just a few of the positive comments, it's great for us to know that our students can really 'shine' when put into new situations, and take on new challenges with confidence and maturity.

Well done, to all of them, keep up the hard work and positive attitude!

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Red Nose FUN-draising

Our Student Council did a fantastic job organising fundraising for this years Red Nose Day on Friday, 24th March. At break-time they had lots of tasty treats on offer for students to buy, eat and raise some money. There was the ever popular cake stall, hot chocolate served with cream and marshmallows and new this year we also had milkshakes. Emily and Emma were in The Cube doing face-painting and we were also selling Red Noses. We raised an amazing £174 just with the break time events and another £120 selling Red Noses. Well done Student Council who also made it into the Leicester Mercury.

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Open for Business!

GCSE Business students have been putting their knowledge and business acumen into practice and setting up their own small enterprises in school during break times this month. They had to work as groups to come up with profit making ideas, company names and marketing solutions to see how much money they can make over the course of the month. After



their initial costs any profit they made will be added to the Comic Relief fundraising total. They had all sorts of ideas from selling cakes and sweets to pot noodles which a proved good seller.

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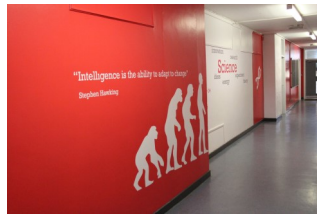
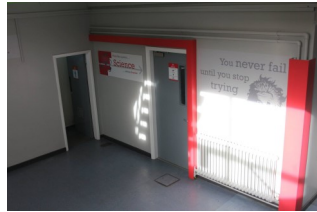
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A bright new look...

Our Science corridor and foyer has just had a colourful makeover to provide our students with an inspirational learning environment and to make the school look bright and modern. It's been a big hit with students and staff alike and we are in the process of rolling this out across



the whole site in the future, along with new exciting signage. History and Geography are next in line for a revamp, including new flooring over the Easter break.

The 'Write' Stuff...

Well done to Shannon 7CEV, Robbie 7CEV, Kacper 8FD, and Elle (not pictured) 8FD who were the lucky winners of the Library Word Search and Quiz for World Book Day. A big WELL DONE to Billy 8FD who won our own '500 Words' writing competition which will be featured on our website shortly.



We have also had good news about Kiera-Lillie in Year 7 who entered The Braunstone Life Creative writing competition with an imaginative story based on Cinderella. She recently attended their Annual party where she was chosen as the winner for her age group. She was awarded her prize by the Chair of Blaby District Council which was a plaque and some money. So well done to all of our keen writers and keep up the good work.

Just for fun....



Students tried something different during PE recently. We were lucky to have these giant inflatable balls bought into school so students could try 'Zorbing'. They had lots of fun and we are hoping to have them again soon!

Working weekends....

Showing lots of enthusiasm for their forthcoming performance - Brad, Toby, Sam M-C, Robbie, Sam V, Jack, Kamran, and Radiya were all in school on Saturday recently filming the car chase scene for our much anticipated performance of Bugsy Malone in May.



GCSE Help for Year 11

Year 11 Revision Plan

NEW! Easter break revision plan including sessions available in school is now on our website in the Parents and Pupils section. See left.

Parents Guide to GCSEs

We have just produced a new guide for parents and carers of students in Year 11 who will shortly be taking GCSEs. The booklet has been emailed to parents and is also available to read on the website in the 'Parents and Pupils' section.

If you would like to request a paper copy please get in touch with the school.

YR11 EASTER REVISION PLAN 2017

	MON 10TH	TUES 11TH	WED 12TH	THU 13TH	FRI 14TH
TIME	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-13:00	
SUBJECT	MATHS REVISION	ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PAPER2)	CHEMISTRY	HISTORY	
WHERE	AT HOME	E2	S3	M2	
TIME		12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00		
SUBJECT		ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE	ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE		
WHERE		CS	CS		
TIME	13:00-15:00	15:00-17:00	15:00-17:00	14:00-16:00	
SUBJECT	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	OPTION CHOICE	
WHERE	AT HOME	AT HOME	AT HOME	AT HOME	
	MON 17TH	TUES 18TH	WED 19TH	THU 20TH	FRI 21ST
TIME		10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	09:00-12:00	10:00-12:00
SUBJECT		ENGLISH LITERATURE (PAPER2)	SOCIOLOGY	GEOGRAPHY	MATHS
WHERE		E2	E3	H1	M1
TIME		12:00-14:00		10:00-13:00	12:00-14:00
SUBJECT		P.E.		HISTORY	BUSINESS STUDIES
WHERE		SPORTS HALL		H3	CS
TIME		14:00-16:00	13:00-15:00	14:00-16:00	15:00-17:00
SUBJECT		OPTION CHOICE	SCIENCE	MATHS	ENGLISH
WHERE		AT HOME	AT HOME	AT HOME	AT HOME



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Goodbye Linda

This month we have waved 'goodbye' to Linda Bacon (Data Manager) who has retired from Winstanley since starting here in June 1992 as a receptionist. Whilst covering reception she also worked on recording student attendance, followed by organising cover for lessons and finally moving onto data work.



She worked at County Hall, prior to Winstanley, from January 1990 - 1992 where she was part of a typing pool. She moved to Winstanley when she heard about a vacancy as she wanted something more challenging, also it was nearer to home and the hours fitted in with looking after her young children. Both of Linda's children attended Winstanley too. In total Linda's continuous service with the Local Authority has been 27 years and Linda received a long service award after 25 years!

We will all miss Linda's friendly, helpful 'can-do' attitude, but we wish her a long and happy retirement enjoying quality time with her family.

Upcoming Events/Term Dates

- 7th April - Break Up for Easter Holidays
- 24th April - Return to school
- 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th April - Art Exam
- 1st May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 8th May - Year 11 Leavers Photo
- 11th May - Fatal 4 Assembly
- 17th May - Buggy Malone Dress Rehearsal
- 18th & 19th May - Buggy Malone
- 15th May - Sociology PM
- 16th May - French AM, Core Biology PM
- 17th May - ICT AM
- 18th May - Core Chemistry AM, Sociology PM
- 19th May - PE PM

For a full list of term dates please see our website

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