

This edition allows me to pay full credit to our wonderful Year 11 students. This year has flown by for them, but they have not only been an asset to the school, but a real credit to their parents. They have studied harder than they have ever studied before; been flexible in everything we have offered them and it will truly be a sad day for us when their last GCSE exam is past. They have epitomised all that Winstanley stands for. They have been incredibly supportive of each other, they have worked very hard, they have been independent in their pursuit of great GCSE outcomes and what they have needed to do. They have never given up, despite on occasions thinking that they couldn't succeed, and because of this they will all achieve excellence. GCSE results are very important for every student, but the life skills they have displayed to us here at Winstanley have been so impressive, and certainly the skills future Colleges and employers will welcome with open arms. Good luck to every Year 11 student.

Of course, it goes without saying, that the rest of the school are really making us proud as well. We, as always get to know each and every student really well, and care for and nurture every student the best we can. Visitors always compliment me on the behaviour and politeness of our students, and their willingness to show off the school and explain what is good about the place and the changes that we have implemented. I am delighted to say that we are now oversubscribed in our new Year 7 intake for next year, which also reflects the confidence in the school by local parents.

The LiFE MAT continues to go from strength to strength with real optimism for continued improvements in all schools across the MAT. The vision and ethos that we have adopted together, has really permeated every aspect of school life, and we are really optimistic for the future.

Enjoy your half term (Year 11 keep up the revision, the end is in sight)

**Gareth Williams,**  
**Head of School, Winstanley Community College**

## shine

### Motivated Musicians

The steel pan tutor, Pat Munroe, has presented **Olivia** (9PL) and **Trinity** (9HB) with a special invite to join the county's steel pan orchestra! These are only presented to students who show commitment and talent as the orchestra is for young people across the city and county that show a high ability and aptitude for their instrument. Well done to both of them!

#ShineValues - Excellence, Hard Work

### Always a STAR student

This month we would like to give a mention to **Amelia** in Year 8 is a quiet student who always tries hard, is always well behaved, always kind to other people and never gives up, even when something proves challenging. Miss Harris said she is a lovely member of the year group and a great role model to other students.  
#ShineValues - Never Giving Up



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## The Great Outdoors

Our D of E students experienced their first full expedition last weekend. They set off on Friday from Gorse Hill Country Park, Ansty and made their way to Old John at Bradgate Park for a lunchtime rendezvous. They then walked on to Beaumanor Hall near Woodhouse Eves where they pitched camp for the night. They cooked dinner which involved lots of co-operation and team work before settling down for a night under canvas. Despite some gloomy weather they all enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to their next, final expedition which will enable them to complete the Bronze Award.



The benefits of taking part in the D of E programme are enormous, it's difficult to list them all ... but students always have plenty of fun, pushing themselves to do new things helps them to grow in confidence and develop useful skills. Meeting new people and mixing with different groups inspires them and encourages lasting friendships. D of E Award can give students the edge when they apply for college, university or a job. We are really lucky to have staff who are committed to providing this great opportunity to our students, and we look forward to seeing our students take on the challenge of their final assessed expedition soon.



## London Calling

On Thursday 11th May 2017 Mr Dublin and Mrs Turner took 13 Year 7 students to London. The group headed from the school to Rugby station where they boarded the train to Euston. From there they travelled to Waterloo and walked to Piccadilly Circus.



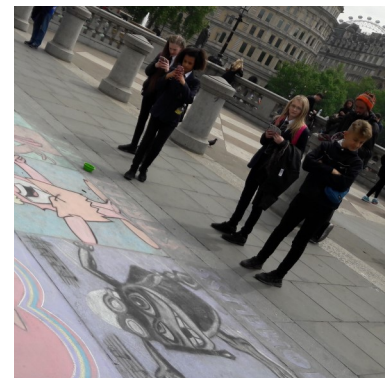
They passed various landmarks along the way including; The Eye, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Horse guards parade. The year 7s experienced the 'hustle and bustle' of both Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square before arriving at Piccadilly Circus. They had a 12.30 appointment at 'Ripley's Believe it or Not' museum where they took in weird and wonderful sights and facts. The museum



traces the footsteps of Robert Ripley, intrepid explorer, and contains five floors packed full of countless curiosities, unusual

historical artefacts, amazing art and experiences inspired by his world famous collection.

It was a long but enjoyable day, and for some students the first time they had visited the capital. The students were a credit to the school and arrived back at school happy but tired after all the walking they had done throughout their whistle-stop tour.



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## A well deserved award!

On the 27th April Year 11 student Fergus was invited along to the prestigious Leicestershire County Council Lord Lieutenants Awards, after being shortlisted from students across the county for the Braveheart Award. He was nominated for overcoming personal barriers to achieve success. Fergus is diagnosed with Haemophilia B but that did not stop him from participating in last years World Challenge trip to Morocco. As well as this personal achievement Fergus was also our student of the year at our Key Stage 4 awards in November in recognition of his constant hard work, effort, excellent behaviour and commitment to school life.



Fergus came second in his category, and had a great evening at the ceremony with his family, we are all very proud of him and he will be sadly missed when his time comes to an end at Winstanley this summer.

## Random Act of Kindness



Our student council and prefects have been out in the local area to perform a 'Random Act of Kindness' in the run up to the Easter break. The students have surprised people by giving them spring time bags of sweet treats. We visited local shops, Braunstone Town Council, Franklin Park and Mossdale Meadows.

Mrs Turner, who is part of our Pastoral team here at the school and who has organised this and similar projects said: "The pupils really enjoy going out into the local community and being ambassadors for our school. Part of the



school 'Shine' values is 'Supporting Others' and this type of activity enables the students to think about community and goodwill."



## The Fatal Four

Year 10's had a road safety talk with a difference on Thursday 11th May. Jon and Andy from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue came to talk about the Fatal Four, which are the biggest killers of young drivers - Speeding, Mobile Phones, Drink/Drugs and Seatbelts.



The hard hitting presentation which looks at all aspects of a crash and the impact it has on the lives it effects was followed by a Virtual Reality film where students experience being in a car which is involved in a crash, using earphones and headsets. The film was filmed locally on Watergate Lane, and shows how being distracted whilst driving can have devastating and frightening consequences. Although some students found the experience upsetting, the impact is designed to make young people better and safer on the road when they become drivers.



### See more photos!

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## Speedy Speakers

Our Year 9's had the benefit of others experience on Wednesday, 3rd May when we were joined in assembly by Stephen Gould, Managing Director of Everards Brewery and Chris Hayward, Managing Director of NMBS Ltd. They both gave short talks on the importance of making the right decisions now, working hard, taking opportunities and always giving 100%.



## World Baking Day

Year 9's were busy in the kitchen on World Baking Day, 17th May. They were making a basic Victoria Sponge recipe with some students adding chocolate powder and some



choosing to make a sandwich cake and some opting for fairy cakes. The lesson

involved planning their time carefully, allowing enough time for baking their cakes, completing written work, washing up and clearing away to a high standard. Parents may be surprised to see just how good they were at washing-up! And great team-work too.



## Welcome to Winstanley!

We will be holding this event shortly and we want to encourage local families to come and have a look around the school, take part in activities and just let them see what a friendly, caring and welcoming school we are! The event is aimed at parents with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 but everyone is welcome. Our students will be taking visitors on tours and there will also be a Treasure Hunt for children with the chance to win an iPad. If you know parents with children at a local primary school please let them know about the event. If you are a Winstanley student and want to get involved please let your tutor know.

The Winstanley School  
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**SUMMER OPEN DAY**

**Saturday, 17th June 2017**

**10am - 1pm**

Kingsway North, Braunstone Town, LE3 3BD  
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**Come along and meet our friendly staff and students**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

## Bugsy Malone New Date

You may have already heard that we have postponed our performance of Bugsy. We are all disappointed to do so, as we have collectively worked hard to be ready for the original dates. Unfortunately it was clear from our technical rehearsal that we were simply not ready to perform to an audience yet, and it is the right decision to perform a better and more enjoyable show in a few weeks. All tickets already booked for the original shows will be honoured for the new evening show, as will refunds if preferred or required. We hope that these new arrangements do not further inconvenience families, and we can only apologise for making late changes.



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MALONE**

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### Upcoming Events/Term Dates

**29th May to 2nd June - Half Term**

5th June - History Exam Paper 1  
6th June - Geography Exam Paper 2  
7th June - Computing Exam  
8th June - Maths, Calculator Paper 2  
9th June - Biology, Turkish Reading, Music, Business Exams  
12th June - English Lang, Health & Social Care  
13th June - Maths Calculator Paper 3, Hospitality & Catering  
14th June - Chemistry, History Paper 2 Exams  
15th June - Japanese Writing Exam  
16th June - Physics, Resistant Materials Exams  
**17th June - Open Day 10am - 1pm**  
19th June - Biology Exam  
20th June - History Paper 3  
21st June - Chemistry H, Health & Social Care Exams  
23rd June - Physics H Exam  
26th June - Summer Sports Day  
**26th June - Year 11 Prom**  
**29th June - Curriculum Awards KS3**

For a full list of term and exam dates please see our website

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Challenge**

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