

# Winstanley!' - July 2017

This edition allows me to explain some developments that are taking place from the start of the next academic year. Firstly, the school will be reverting back to the original name — 'The Winstanley School'. We have been at the heart of the Braunstone Town Community for well over fifty years now, with the school originally being named after James Winstanley, who purchased the Manor of Braunstone in 1650. To mark our return to the original name, we have a new, contemporary logo, which pays tribute to the unique architecture at the school. This will be the logo displayed on all school uniform from when you next buy it. Please note that there is no need to buy anything with the new logo on until old uniform needs replacing. Of course, our new Year 7 intake will all have their uniform with the new logo.

Another major change will be to the leadership teams, at Winstanley and at Bosworth. Mr Bennett will be Co-Head with myself next year here at Winstanley. Whereas Mr Bennett will be working at Winstanley full time, I will divide my time by being at Bosworth Academy for one day per week. This move will hopefully help strengthen and increase our capacity to improve across each school within the LiFE Multi Academy Trust, and also marks a very important, high profile collaboration between both schools.

Please enjoy this edition, which is jam packed with some amazing stories and events. Winstanley is going from strength to strength. The school looks different, feels different, and will have a new name based on its important history, come next term. We are oversubscribed for our next year 7 intake, with a waiting list and have many new members of staff joining us at this exciting time.

Sadly, we say goodbye to several members of staff this year; namely Mr Brown, Mrs Field, Miss Goodman, Miss Hill, Miss Hobbs, Mr Kaba, Miss Mansfield, Mr McGladrigan, Mr Napier, Miss O'Hara, Miss Price, Miss Scargill and Mrs Williams. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication and good luck in your new ventures, or should I say, adventures.

It has been an absolute pleasure leading this school into a new era this year, and we couldn't have done it without every student buying in to our ethos and values, as well as all parents and carers. As I said in my first paragraph, this school has been at the heart of this community for well over fifty years, and there it should remain for at least another fifty! Have a lovely summer break, and we'll see all of our students raring to go on Tuesday 29 August, when we embark on another year of learning and development for us all.

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



### **Happy Helper**

A special thank you to Billy from Year 7, who helped out when we help our 'Taster Days' for pupils from Ravenhust, Kingsway and Millfield Primary School. Nothing was too much trouble for him from helping assist premises staff taking trolleys from the hall to helping the pupils make 'chatterboxes'. He was fantastic with the pupils answering questions and a great ambassador for Winstaney.

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#ShineValues -Supporting Others



### **Magical Music!**

Yet again our Steel Pan Band did a fantastic job at our Open Day. They were practicing really hard to make sure they gave an excellent performance and that really paid off with them offering some amazing entertainment on the day.

#ShineValues - Excellence

## A very warm welcome!

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June we held our annual summer open day where we welcomed prospective students into our small friendly school, to have a look at what life at



Winstanley is like. We had lots of fantastic activities for visitors to try including a science quiz, experiments and demonstrations. Design and craft proved popular with some lovely creations to take home. In the Sports Hall we had trampolining, table tennis and Matrix Martial Arts encouraging our visitors to have a go. Mr McGladrigan had keen students who were eager to show off their culinary skills and they had lovely samples prepared which were available to visitors to take away and bake at home. Our modern languages department were hosting 'Le Café Français' making French drinks and serving croissants. To add to the glorious weather our steel pan band did another fantastic job of providing some musical entertainment,



bringing a Caribbean atmosphere to match the sunshine. We also had our Student Band playing some well-known tunes in the hall. All of the students who turned up on an exceptionally hot day did a great job

welcoming people to the school and showing them around, they really were a credit to us.



We held our popular

'Treasure Hunt' around the school with the chance to win an IPad. The lucky winner was Emily Tickle from Ravenhurst Primary School. Mr Williams went along to a recent assembly at Ravenhurst Primary school to award the prize and certificates for the other participants. We also awarded three prizes to Jack from Kingsway Primary School, George from Ravenhurst Primary School and Joseph from Caldecote Primary School for being Science Superstars and getting all the correct answers in the science quiz. It was also an excellent opportunity for us to unveil our new name and logo which we will be using from September. We are now part of the LiFE Multi Academy Trust, working closely with Bosworth Academy and we felt that to mark this new chapter we needed a new name and image which reflects our long history providing a nurturing and caring education in a school which is at the centre of our tight-knit community. From September we will be known as The Winstanley School, and we are proud go forward into this exciting new phase with the

Winstanley name, continuing to provide opportunities and widen horizons, just the same as James Beaumont Winstanley did when he commissioned the first school in Braunstone Village in 1861.





#### Take a bow!

Well done to all of our talented students who took part in the much anticipated performance of Bugsy Malone which took place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Our



students worked very hard alongside staff, having to remember complicated lines and learning a variety of songs. We also had some



excellent musical performances from Oliver Lewis, Chris Salmon, Shalom Mizha and Molli Ledger who provided backing and incidental music. We held a full dress rehearsal during the

afternoon where our performers from Fat Sam's and Dandy Dan's Gang tried out their 'splurge' guns for the first time, causing much hilarity amongst the cast. The evening performance was enjoyed by friends and family and we are all incredibly proud of the performers, many of whom were Year 7 students, new to Winstanley this year,

which shows an incredible amount of confidence. We should also say a big thank you to Mrs Olner, Head of Music and Miss Curzon, Teaching Assistant who have worked tirelessly to ensure the performance was a success.



### **100% Attendance**

We have been really encouraging good attendance across the school this year, with lots of great rewards and incentives. Some of our students have really strived to achieve good attendance and all those students who achieved 100% attendance over this academic year were treated to a take-away pizza lunch on Friday 7th July.

Well done to:

Year 7 - Divine, Brayon, Julia Emejuru, Natalia, Connor and Alec

Year 8 - Kian, Emma and Beryl

Year 9 - Billie, Olivia, Peter, Farrah, Abigail and Jorja

Year 10 - Joe, Jayan, Kelan, Shaun, Max and Alice

### **Motivation and Support through** Rugby

A group of Year 9 and 10 boys will be working closely with the charity set up by retired English rugby union player and former captain of the English national team – Lawrence Dallaglio. Their first session proved a success with the group of boys who despite the heat enjoyed the coaching session with Andy and Connor who are coaches employed by the charity.



Lawrence Dallaglio set up Dallaglio RugbyWorks to provide practical support and motivation for students who may find mainstream school difficult, and through Rugby coaching, mentors and vocational opportunities helps young people onto a positive pathway to achieve sustained education, employment or training. Dallaglio RugbyWorks will be working with the students on a regular basis from September and will continue to support and meet with the students as they continue their education after Winstanley.







# Building a Bright Future!

Some of our Year 9 and 10 students were finding out more about careers in the construction industry on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



Blaby District Council arranged for various industry professionals to talk to our students about the fantastic range of career opportunities available from on site trades to Town Planning and Surveying. They also had lots of great team building activities which is an important aspect of working in an industry where a wide variety of trades have to work closely together to ensure an effective work environment. Students also took part in construction based tasks and guizzes. Harry George from Barratt Homes, explained all about how their company are developing plans and building homes for the New Lubbesthorpe site, there are a vast array of career opportunities available in the industry at all levels and they hope that following the presentation students will consider future careers in this exciting and rapidly expanding industry. Special thanks to Jo Ling, Jill Stevenson and Lloyd Bird from Blaby District Council and to Mrs Wright for organising the day as part of our in-school careers guidance.



### **Celebrating Success**

It's always a privilege to welcome parents into our school and celebrate the hard work, effort and excellence of our students. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, we did just that and had a wonderful evening rewarding the 'top flight' of students from Year 7, 8 and 9. This isn't just about recognising academic achievement but also rewarding those students who always put in 100% effort, never give up and always try their best. It's a very proud moment for family members when their child 'shines' and our Curriculum Awards are an opportunity for us to reward the well deserving students who always strive to achieve our school values. Students who shined the brightest were Ranyah (not pictured), Zoe, Saskia, Aston, Karlton and Max who all won 'Student of the Year'.













Ellie-May W, Jacob, Lewis and Joel. More photos of the winners can be seen on our Flickr gallery. A link can be found on our website, www.winstanley.leics.sch.uk.



#### **Exhibition of Excellence!**

To celebrate the end of their GCSEs in Art and Design Mrs Hincks, Head of Art and Design organised an exhibition so that staff, family and friends could come along and see all the fabulous work our hardworking and talented students had produced during their GCSE courses.





It all looked amazing and parents especially were impressed to see the level of skill and dedication that

had gone into the final pieces. We look forward to finding out how they have done when results are released in August. #HardWork



### **Eating out!**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7EOH were rewarded for their great attendance over the year with a celebratory breakfast at the Harvester Restaurant at neighbouring



Meridian Leisure park. Mrs Turner, Head of Year 7 decided that they deserved a treat for 97% attendance over their first year at Winstanley. Well done and keep up the good work!

## A night to remember

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup>
June staff joined
our Year 11
students at The



Mercure Grand Hotel in Leicester to celebrate the end of their exams with a prestigious Leavers Prom. Everyone agreed that they all looked extremely grown up, smart and glamourous. They have all had a fantastic attitude to their exams and approached them in a sensible and practical way taking on board all the help and advice they were offered during their final year. As well as some stunning ball gowns and smart



suits our Year 11s arrived in a variety of transport including a Maserati sports car, a Jaguar, a

VW Camper van and a Range Rover. We all enjoyed a three course formal meal, before the students took to the dance floor. There were a few tears at the end of the night, but I'm sure there will be many re-unions in the future including our Key Stage 4 Award Evening in the new term. Although we will miss this wonderful group of young adults we wish them all the best for the future, and if they ever need any support, they know where we are.







### **Sports Day**

We had some fantastic teamwork and individual sporting excellence from Year 8s in the first lesson of Sports Day, on Monday 3rd July. Overall winners were Miss Goodman's Tutor Group 8HGM, with 8FD as the runners-up. A big well done to Devante

#Excellence who came first in 100m and long jump as

well as being part of the winning relay team. Kieran and Isatu should also have a mention #SupportingOthers as



they ran an extra race in the place of other competitors.

Second lesson saw Year 7 taking to the field .....with a bit of help from Year 10 GCSE students who

joined in some of the races, just for fun! Overall winners for Year 7 were 7EOH, who also had a competitor in every event, so well done for great teamwork #SupportingOthers. Chloe also deserves a mention for being the winner of the



long jump and finishing first for 7CEV in the relay. #Excellence.



Year 9 were the last group to compete during lesson 3. It was a very close result between tutor groups with the winning result being decided by which team won the relay

race, the last event. 9PL finally won by just 1 point. A special mention for Farrah for coming 1st in both the 100m and 300m races. Well done!



### **Happy Retirement!**

As the school year comes to a close it is the time of year when we say goodbye to colleagues who are moving on to pastures new and welcome new staff to



Winstanley. This year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Field who is retiring after being an essential part of Winstanley for the last 18 years. Mrs Field began teaching in 1986 when she completed her first year as a new teacher at Longfield High School in Melton. She then moved to Wycliffe Community College teaching French and Humanities, where she swiftly moved on to running the Modern Foreign Languages Department.

Mrs Field came to Winstanley as a part-time French teacher in 1999 and since then has been Head of Year 8 in 2001 and Head of Year 7 from 2007 to 2010. She will also be known to most parents and students as our SENCO and took on this role when she became Assistant Principal responsible for Inclusion in 2010. We will be sad to see Mrs Field go, but we wish her all the best and hope that she enjoys her retirement spending time with her family and travelling around the Mediterranean, exploring new places and taking full advantage of her excellent language skills.

#### Au Revoir!

I wanted to pass on a huge thank you to all the wonderful students, parents and carers I have worked with over my career in Braunstone and Braunstone Town. It has been my absolute privilege to serve this community. I wish you all, love, luck and happiness.

Debby Field.





### **Time to Shine!**

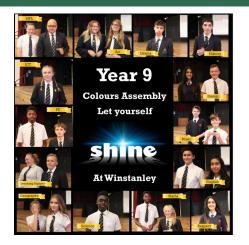
As we are approaching the end of another term, it is another opportunity for departments to reward those students who have worked hard, never given up and achieved excellence in subjects across the school. Two students have been chosen from every department, and assemblies are being held over the last two weeks of term where badges are presented to the students nominated. Well done to all of this terms winners, it's also great to see the badges being worn with pride.



Chloe and Gurninder - English
Hima and Adrian - Maths
Saskia and Sukhjinder - Science
Annalise and Dawid - Geography
Sapphire and Lukas - History
Phoebe and Janelle - Art
Devante and Callum - PE
Jakub and Casey - Learning Support
Joe and Kelly - Design
Jake and Amelia - Music
Leevi and Max - ICT
Courage and Radiya - Drama
Isatu and Billy - Respect
Gurninder and Saskia - MFL

#### Year 9

Urvi and Harris - English Giovanni and Nadine - Maths Kara and Moyo - Science Ellie and Libby - Geography Blue and Paige - History

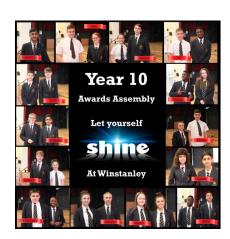


Trinity and Amy - Art
Peter and Giovanni - PE

Kyle and Charlotte - Learning
Support

Finlay and Jasleen - Design
Jack and Nik - Music
Zoe and Logan - ICT
Connor and Skye - Drama

Jasleen and Bradley - Respect
Yogen and Jorja - MFL



Kieran and Alice - English
Jessica and Rebekah - Maths
William and Emily - Science
Panache and Ashley - Geography
Linus and Kacey - History
Luke and Megan - Art
Frazer and David - PE
Cameron and Patrycia - Learning
Support
Lauren and Tyler - Design
Oliver and Molli - Music
Archie and Max - ICT
David and Max - Drama
Jayan and Jack - Respect

Michael and Omar- MFL

Karan and Grace - Sociology

# ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF TEACHER TRAINING



Eight nervous but enthusiastic new graduates and career changers joined Groby and Partners School Direct PGCE course in September 2016. The seven schools in the partnership have supported them through their school based placements and fourteen Professional Study Days (PSD's). We are the only partnership of schools in Leicestershire to deliver the full programme of PSD's and this opportunity gives our trainees more time to observe and work alongside experienced staff and develop their teaching practice and subject knowledge. The feedback we have received on these days has been extremely positive and below are just a few examples of the comments we received; "Range of senior staff taking the time to give us practical advice" "Mock interview was brilliant" "Engaging content, relevant information, good tips and advice" "Very Useful practical information about fundamental issues" We have attended 17 recruitment events over the academic year hosted by our network partners at the University and Teach Leics. Nine trainees have been appointed so far and we continue to interview as we receive applications via the UCAS

Perhaps you are thinking of a career change, are recently graduated or about to graduate and are considering an exciting career inspiring and educating our future workforce? There are very generous bursaries available in some subjects dependent on eligibility criteria. If so visit our website

www.brookvalegroby.com to view our School Direct page or www.getintoteaching.education.gov .uk for more information or contact me Virginia Toon on vtoon@brookvalegroby.com . I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.



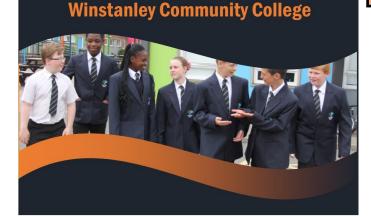


### See more photos!

Click the link on our webpage to view photos of all the latest events at Winstanley including our Curriculum Awards and Year 11 Prom.



### Pop-Up Uniform Shop 15th August 10am - 2pm In the Cube at





### **Upcoming Events/Term Dates**

13th July - Activity Day Trip 14th July - Last Day of Term

Please note: School will close at 12.10

15th August - Pop Up Uniform Shop 10am-2pm

24th August - GCSE Results Day

29th August - Back to School

13th October - Training Day/School closed

24th November - Training Day/School closed

For a full list of term and exam dates please see

our website



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