

Perform

On Friday 26th January some of our year 9 and 10 students took part in a remarkable performance at the Sue Townsend Theatre in Leicester. During that week they had taken part in workshops organised by **Soft Touch Arts** and the **Philharmonia**



Orchestra who bought together students from

- three schools to write and perform
- three original pieces of music which
- featured a range of instruments,
- vocals, rapping and mixing using
- the latest music industry software.

- The whole performance was
- uplifting and incredibly
- professional and truly amazing

considering the short space of time in which they had to create, rehearse and perform live in

front of a large audience. Special thanks to Soft Touch Arts and Philharmonia Orchestra for providing such a fantastic experience.

Well done to all students involved and we hope the experience inspires you to pursue your interest in music - Jack, Jake, Saskia, Lennon, Tariq, Callum, Ellie, Reece, Nik, Owen, Mia, Amelia and Jacob - you

- should all be
- really proud of
- your
- achievement.



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Winter 2018



Welcome

Welcome to our **Winter Newsletter**. The newsletter again shows the many ways our students have demonstrated our Shine values and have excelled and participated in a wide variety of activities. In addition to this the momentum is building for Year 11 as they progress towards their GCSEs. The first of our revision academies is running through half term next week when teachers will be providing personalised support

for students to enable them to raise their performance. As always we thank you for all your support through this term - our partnership with you in making sure that your son or daughter gets the best possible opportunities and education is vital. We wish you a restful half term and we look forward to the arrival of Spring!

Mr Williams and Mr Bennett, Co-Heads of School.



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Thought Provoking

Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we remember when six million Jews were murdered by the Nazi regime. We also remember the millions of other lives taken in other acts of genocide. The theme

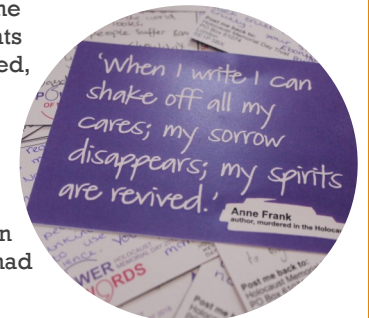
this year was, 'The power of words', exploring how words can make a difference – both for good and evil. Specialist assemblies were delivered to all year groups, and this was followed up in Religious Studies lessons with Year 8 and History lessons with Year 9.



Renie Inow

To find out more visit - www.hmd.org.uk Life Stories

Students in Year 8 explored the story of Renie Inow, a survivor of the Holocaust, who was 10 years old when she travelled alone on the Kindertransport to Britain in 1939, leaving her parents behind in Germany. They discussed how she escaped, felt about the loss of her family, and how she is now reaching future generations. The students all wrote a personal message to Renie on postcards. The atmosphere in the lessons was emotional, as nearly all the students wrote touching messages, thereby using their words for good. The postcards have been posted off and students are delighted that we have had a personal response from Renie already.





Thank you

We had a lovely surprise after the Christmas break. A very kind donor has given the school library £200 to spend on books. The donation was given by a past student who attended Winstanley in the 1970s and who wanted to recognise the contribution that Winstanley had made to his education. We are extremely grateful and Mrs Bate our Librarian has chosen an excellent selection of non-fiction books which we hope students will enjoy reading. We are very proud of the fact that Winstanley has been at the heart of our local community for over 50 years and it's a pleasure to hear the kind words of our anonymous benefactor.



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Rewarding!

There are many opportunities for students to **SHINE** at Winstanley and rewarded for meeting our school values.

Every lesson, we aim for students to achieve at least two **SHINE** points. These points accumulate and are recognised and rewarded at certain milestones. In addition to **SHINE** points, teachers routinely text, phone and send postcards home for good work or extra effort. We also have a 'shout out' board in the staffroom to enable all staff to congratulate students who have done something special.

Every classroom door has a 'Top learner, achiever and Shine' recognition board which teachers and tutors update weekly to celebrate the students who are excelling or putting in extra effort.

Students who produce exceptional work during lessons are often asked to show this to a Head Teacher, their names are entered into a special book and mentioned on our social media sites. Each half term we hold Reward Colours Assemblies where faculties reward two students from each year group who have excelled that term. Twice a year our very successful Curriculum Awards evenings round off our rewards cycle. We believe that this positive championing of our school community will both widen horizons and enable excellence for all.



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We are now on **Instagram**, join our other 100+ followers!



Jetting off....

Fourteen of our students along with Miss Harris and Mr Dublin are setting off for 5 exciting days in **New York**. Whilst there they are visiting a school to find out how a normal day is for U.S. students. The young people will also take in visits to Madison Square Garden, Empire State Building and the 9/11 Memorial Museum. They left school at 5am on Thursday February 8th and are due to arrive stateside at around 3pm. They will be staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania which is in an amazing location right opposite Madison Square Garden. Follow us on social media to find out how they are getting on.



In touch...

Why not follow us on social media?

We post regularly on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens..



Winter 2018

New year, new start!

The new Heads of Year have done a fantastic job supporting the students to make the best possible start to 2018. If you have a concern about your son/daughter please still contact their tutor first, but Heads of Year will be available to deal with more serious concerns. The Head of Year 9 Mr Turner started at Winstanley in January and has made a huge difference already working with Year 9. You might not know this but **Mr Turner** is an outstanding swimmer who won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games and swam in the 2012 Olympics. So we are very proud to have our first **Olympian** working at Winstanley.



Independence

Really well done to **Lauren** from Year 7 who has shown not only hard work pays off in Maths but independence keeps you on track too. Her brilliant work in Maths means that she has moved from set 2 to set 1, she then realised that she has missed half a topic and using her own initiative caught up with the work she had missed. Her Maths teacher has been really impressed with her independent learning skills and her new found knowledge has produced some excellent home learning results.



Never Giving Up

Mr Moore our Media Studies teacher has been really impressed by Year 11 students **Luke, Dillan, Reed, Max, Archie, Georgina, Lauren and Layla** who have showed perseverance in continuing to accept feedback and improve the creative and theoretical aspects of their GCSE media coursework and really stand out as students who demonstrate the **N** in Shine!



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Supporting Others

We have recently welcomed some new students to



Winstanley who are not only new to our school but new to the country too. **Dorinthia** and **Shannon** are doing a fantastic job looking after Sedra who currently speaks no English. All three of them were invited to Hot Chocolate with the Head in recognition for ensuring our new student feels welcome and happy.

Let yourself SHINE

Hard Work



We may have a future football star in the making in Year 8. **Giovanni** trains every Wednesday with the Leicester City Youth Academy and during January was selected to play in Holland for the European Youth Tournament. Unfortunately the team were knocked out in the quarter finals but it was an amazing opportunity for Giovanni to see his hard work pay off and experience playing in a competition abroad.



Excellence

Year 8 are currently studying Titanic in their English lessons, their recent home learning task was to build a model or create a picture of the Titanic. The English department have been totally amazed by some of the creative



approaches to this project and students have created some really excellent work.

Candice made a fantastic model with some fantastic detail and received a Head Teachers Award, **Dorinthia** also made a 3D model which was beautifully researched and crafted.

Dylan made his model out of lego with an accompanying Powerpoint and **James** built his model in Minecraft. More photos on our social media sites.



Attendance

The following students have all achieved 100% attendance this term, well done!

- Keira A, Layla B, Shanise, Daniel B, Tegan, Libby B, Jada, Daniel C, Kaylah, Daya, Nile, Sania, Sid, Kristaps, Cheyenne, Kieran M, Jessica, Riley, Brad O, Sebastian, Dhanya, Talia, Mohammed S, Laci, Millie W, Ethan W, Chloe W**



Attend today...
Achieve tomorrow!

Shine Points

We are issuing weekly certificates to all students who gain significant amounts of Shine points. Look out on Facebook to see the latest totals. Top of the leader board this term are **Faith** with 343, **Remi** with 301, **Lewis** with 299 and **Nile** with 284.