

Success!

Our students have proven yet again that hard work will pay off in the end with an amazing set of GCSE results. It's been a challenging two years for our students who have really embraced our values in their approach to GCSEs and worked hard, supported each other through the tough times, never given up, taken opportunities that were offered



and grown into independent young people who we hope will achieve excellence in every step of their future education, training and chosen career paths. We have a complete cross section of students within our school who are all off in a variety of directions including A Levels,



Apprenticeships, vocational programmes and football apprenticeships with nationwide clubs.

We also had some very keen Mathematicians who took two extra Maths subjects which they studied after school in extra lessons and they received top grades.

2018 best ever!

- 50% gained a pass in English and Maths
- 44% gained 5 passes including English and Maths
- 26% of students gained one or more 7/8/9 or A/A*
- 14% of students gained three or more 7/8/9 or A/A*
- 9 students gained five or more 7/8/9 or A/A*

Welcome

Once again, we are proud that the The Winstanley School has continued on it's journey of improvement. GCSE results have improved in many areas, including English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art, Geography and History. Our largest cohort of students have gone on to A Levels, other Level 3 courses and apprenticeships. We are immensely proud of all the students and all of the dedication and hard work they have put in to get there. As we are all aware, schools are about much more than simply academic results, and the last year proved a bumper year for recognition in many other ways for the excellent work that takes place here, including successfully gaining the Inclusion Quality Mark, The Beyond Bullying Award and The Music Mark, whilst our amazing students also won a national

Award through the national charity Dallaglio Rugby Works. On top of this, the school has undergone further improvements in its appearance, with a new roof being completed on the Humanities and Science block, and the installation of the incredible Michelin Star quality kitchen, that we successfully bid for last year. Ms Boyce's tales of her trip to Liberia during the Summer break have been truly humbling and inspirational for students and staff alike, and have highlighted to us how important it is to support others - one of our key SHINE Values. The news of our successes are clearly being heard in the community, as we have just had our most successful Open Evening ever recently, with several hundred visitors to the school to see for themselves what a happy and vibrant school we are.

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



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Shining Brighter

On the 4th October we held our annual open evening for prospective students. We were all thrilled with the amount of people who came to discover how we are 'Shining Brighter'. We estimate that we had in excess of 200 visitors in total which speaks volumes for the journey that we are on and the message that is getting out into our local community. There were comments from parents such as "this must be the happiest school around" and "as I drove in I could feel what a positive place Winstanley is".

Special thanks should go to all our amazing student helpers who turned up in perfect uniform and worked hard all evening showing visitors around, answering questions and helping out in classrooms. Staff put on some fantastic activities with Science, Cookery, PE and English proving a hit with visitors. Our talented musicians and singers provided some amazing entertainment throughout the evening.



Team Building Fun

- Year 7 had an amazing day out at Beaumanor Hall on their team building 'away day' on 3rd October! Whilst there they have learnt
- how to overcome problems and personal barriers to achieve
- goals through working together and supporting others, taking part in specially designed outdoor activities. Mrs Turner, Head of Year 7 said: 'Students really demonstrated our shine values in situations outside of their comfort zones. Behaviour was amazing, and they all really enjoyed the experience working together outside of the classroom. Well done Year 7.'



Look out for our **#wordoftheweek**

These are words regularly used in exam papers and questions. Familiarising students with these useful academic words will help them achieve and succeed.



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We are now on **Instagram**, join our other **243** followers!

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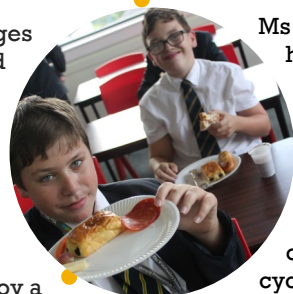


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Bonjour!



During September we celebrated European Day of Languages and throughout the day we promoted and celebrated languages with our students. Teachers greeted students into lessons in another language and there were fun activities for students across the school to take part in. Students who successfully participated in activities were all invited by the languages team to enjoy a continental style lunch on the 28th September with different food to try from across Europe. Speaking a second language is an amazing skill to have and has a number of extra benefits for students, they certainly enjoyed their 'taste' of Europe!



Helping Hand

Ms Boyce, our Religious Studies teacher experienced how hard life is for children and staff at schools in Liberia when she went to work with StreetChild over the summer holiday. Streetchild is a charity which provides education for some of the world's poorest children giving them the opportunity to escape the poverty cycle. She visited the Borloka Public School and the Gborfehla Public School where the average teacher salary is £55 a month and some class sizes contain 96 students. Whilst there on her two week trip she taught and assessed literacy and numeracy and even managed to work with students on a religious studies project. She also met with the crowned chief of the district, Samuel Newman, who thanked Natasha, the charity and at Winstanley who raised money to help educate children through the charity's work.



Shiny & New!

Over the summer holidays contractors and our estates team were busy giving our school kitchen and canteen area a complete makeover. The whole kitchen has been updated with new equipment and serving areas. Hopefully students are enjoying their meals provided by our in-house catering team and the improvements will enable staff to provide an even more efficient service for students during lunch and break time. Don't forget...our catering team are now serving breakfast items before school.



Independence



Year 7 proved that they are good at cooking crumble this term! They showed some really independent skills in the kitchen, measuring, chopping and following instructions. They really enjoyed their time in the kitchen with Mrs Derry, who has had some lovely cooking apples donated by a parent who had a bumper crop in their garden. The students made some lovely seasonal puddings, we hope parents and carers enjoyed tasting the results at home.



Excellence

We are very proud to announce that our ex student (who left us last summer to undertake A Levels at Bosworth Academy) was the runner-up for the Young Achiever Award at the recent Blaby District Council's 15th Outstanding Achievement Awards. **Jack** was nominated by his father who said:- "Jack is a true inspiration to me as I do not think I would have the 'can do' attitude that he has taken in life." This is the third prestigious award that Jack has received in recent years and is well deserved for the hard work, perseverance and excellence that Jack has shown during his time at Winstanley.



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Supporting Others

We have started a KS3 Reading Programme whereby Year 9s have volunteered as Reading Mentors to support Year 7 readers during tutor periods on a Tuesday and Thursday. As part of the commitment to our wider community and the Life MAT, some of our boys were asked to deliver an assembly at Kingsway Primary School to help launch a reading competition at Kingsway and encourage reluctant readers by talking about their favourite books, how and why they select their books and what they enjoy most about reading. Mrs Hendra and 5 volunteers attended the assembly on Friday 28th September, 2018. The boys represented The Winstanley School tremendously well, most definitely shining brightly!



More Year 9s will be returning after half term to read with some other Kingsway students and the boys will be returning for the rewards assembly presentations next term.

Let yourself

Hard Work



SHINE



Never Giving Up

In order to shine brighter, every student at the Winstanley School is part of our PiXL Edge Tutor Programme. Every week during tutor time students follow a programme of study that allows them to develop their leadership, organisational and communication skills which develop both independence and resilience. Students log and gain accreditation for their activities which enables them to move through the levels from apprentice up to graduates. The programme allows students to develop their skills and become ready for the interviews and life after school. So far, several students have already achieved apprentice level of the programme and were recognised for their hard work and dedication to never giving up at a recent awards ceremony at local partner school in Leicester City. Well Done to **Yogen, Rahul, Sid, Haris, Reuben, Awa, Urvi and Alec.**



Year 9 have made some fantastic models of volcanoes for their Geography home-learning. Mrs Cooke has been really impressed with the hard work and effort that students have put into their models. The top 7 were by **Isha** (see photo), Sukhpreet, Laith, Molly, Jasmeen, Connor and Kyle. Well done Year 9 and keep up the hard work!

Winners

Well done to the following students who wrote some fabulous CHANGE poems for **World Poetry Day**:

Billy James & Kacper Pudalik - Year 10



Attendance Matters

Well done to all of the following tutor groups who have the best attendance over the last term:-

7HMI - 98% **8CC - 97%**
9MGR - 96% **10RHA - 98%**
11RI - 96%

Year 7 had the best attendance overall with 97%