

Thank you

Three years ago, I took over as Headteacher of what was Winstanley Community College. It was also at this time that I approached Mr Parkinson, who was Headteacher of Bosworth Academy, to investigate whether Winstanley and Bosworth could work more closely together. Through those early days, we worked tirelessly to create and form the LiFE Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We were clear that the foundations of this organisation should always focus on the young people who attend our schools and on the communities that we serve.



There have been challenges along the way, but these have been outweighed greatly by the rapid improvements and developments that I have had the privilege to help lead the school through. We are now The Winstanley School, and we are unashamedly proud of the name Winstanley and the role the school has played in the Braunstone Town community for the last 56 years.

With the success of the LiFE MAT, comes growth. To allow this essential growth, the roles and responsibilities within the MAT evolve and change to meet the increasing needs, as more schools join us. With this in mind, I will be relinquishing my role as Co-Headteacher of The Winstanley School at the end of this term, and taking on the role of Chief Operating Officer for the LiFE MAT for the next twelve months, working closely with Mr Parkinson to oversee and help support the 5 schools that are currently members of the LiFE MAT. This new role will help me to ensure that each school collaborates and works closely together to improve the outcomes of the thousands of young people we serve in our schools, each day. I will of course, always hold The Winstanley School and everyone involved, from students to staff in great esteem, and I must admit, it already feels strange knowing I will not be driving into Winstanley after the Christmas break. However, I will still work closely with Mr Bennett, who will be Headteacher, to ensure the rapid improvements that have taken place continue, and that The Winstanley School, as a founding member of the LiFE MAT, continues to play a major role in its future. I will still be a regular visitor to the school, as I undertake my new role, but I will now share my time between the other schools.

As always, thank you for your support over this year, and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Williams



Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. As it shows we have had an incredibly busy term with students excelling and achieving in all sorts of different ways. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead the school and to see so many of our students 'shining brighter than they thought they could.' Thank you for all your support through this term - our partnership with you is crucial. As you will see in this

newsletter Mr Williams is taking on a different role from January. He will be working across the schools in the MAT. He will still come in to Winstanley but will be based at Bosworth. It has been a real pleasure to work with him as Co-Head and it shows how far we have come that a such a senior post within the MAT is being filled by someone from

Winstanley. It is also great news for us that Mr Williams can be our advocate as the MAT develops. I wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2018.

Mr Bennett, Head of School



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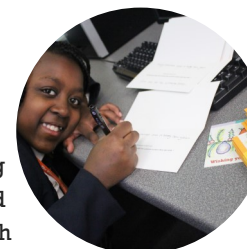


Kindness



Students are spreading some Christmas cheer in the local community during the last few days of term. They have been wrapping up mince pies to make them look festive and writing our Winstanley Christmas card which this year has been designed by Siobhan in

Year 8. Our students are really looking forward to taking part in this year's 'Random Act of Kindness' and we hope they spread some happiness to residents in this busy period before Christmas.





Choose Respect

On the 12th of November we asked staff and students to come to school wearing odd socks. This was the beginning of a week where we raised awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. We celebrated our continuous hard work and success regarding anti-bullying with a range of activities during assemblies and tutor time throughout the week. Odd Socks Day is a light-

hearted way to raise awareness it is about with a serious message of the harm caused by bullying but also empowering students to know how to react if they become victims. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year was 'Choose Respect' and students all created their own pledges during the week to spread this important message.

Celebration



The 15th November saw us celebrating the success of our students at our Key Stage 4 Annual Curriculum Awards Evening. We were also joined by some familiar faces from our 2018 leavers as they came along to collect their

GCSE certificates. It is a wonderful opportunity to reward students for their hard work and achievement and to share their academic success with parents. This year **Yogan** and **Urvi** won Student of the Year and **Moyo** won Sports Person of the Year. Other students recognised with awards were:-

Kara, Aimee, Jack, Olivia, Sophie-May, Logan, Zoe, Giovanni, Emma, Imogen, Nikola, Nadine, Elza, George, Peter, Jakub, Katie, Haris and Chloe.



Festive

There was plenty of Christmas spirit around in school on Tuesday 18th December with some jolly jumpers and Christmas lunch! Students and staff wore their Christmas jumpers and paid £1, raising money for LOROS and Meningitis Now. It got us all in the

mood for our tasty Christmas lunch. Our catering team did a magnificent job with a full Christmas dinner with turkey, pigs in blankets and stuffing, with a tasty sweet potato gratin for vegetarians, all followed by Christmas pudding, mince pies or ice cream.



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Windrush

This term we welcomed **Bizzi Dixon**, finalist of The Voice and founder of the Leicester Windrush Project to Winstanley. Together

with Ms Boyce and students from both Winstanley and Bosworth Academy they put together a really informative assembly celebrating the Windrush Generation and the contribution they have made to life in Leicester. The assemblies were performed at both schools and featured music from our Steel Pan Band, readings and an original song written by **Amelia** and **Saskia** in Year 10.



Careers

Year 10 and 11 students who are considering a career in construction were given an opportunity by Blaby District Council and

Davidson Homes to visit the **New Lubbesthorpe** construction site recently. Whilst there they got to discover some of the interesting and varied roles which are available in this growing sector.



Compassion at Christmas

Our second **Open Hands** Christmas appeal took place during December, where all tutor groups in the school were given the opportunity to collect food and toiletry hampers for the city's most vulnerable people. Once again students have made a fantastic effort collecting a vast array of items, which will be gratefully received by people in Leicester and Leicestershire over the Christmas period. It's amazing to see that our students have so much compassion for those less fortunate. Ms Boyce our Religious Studies teacher has co-ordinated the project across both Winstanley and Bosworth Academy so the combined effort of all the students involved will make a real impact to the lives of people in need over the festive season.



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Showtime!

Students put on an amazing show yet again on 12th December at our annual Christmas Concert. We were treated to a wide range of acts from **Ashley** on the electric guitar to **Amelia** and **Saskia** singing a festive favourite by Justin



Bieber. It was fantastic to see students coming along after school in full school uniform to showcase their talents and take pride in their performances. There must have been some very proud parents in the audience. Well done to Mrs Olner and the Music Captains too for arranging a brilliant show.



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Remembrance



On the 9th November our whole school took part in an act of Remembrance to commemorate the end of the First World War. Students all



created their own tributes to someone who has lost their life through conflict. Our theme was **'Everyone Remembered, Everyone Included'** and we asked students to really think about people they might like to remember. All



students held a two minute silence and formed the word **PEACE** whilst remembering the sacrifices made.



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In touch...

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Facebook and **Instagram** with our news as it happens..



Girls Shine!

On the anniversary of 100 years of female suffrage in the UK and as part of our commitment to widening horizons and enabling excellence, we welcomed 13 professional women to our year 10 and 11 aspirational morning last week. The morning started with year seven girls singing the song they prepared for Braunstone Baptist Church concert. This was followed by a key note speech from Rachel Curtis Bowen, Chief Customer Officer at Cambridgeshire Bank.

The women then workshops with the girls. These workshops allowed the girls to quiz the women as to their chosen career and to ask questions and seek advice for their own futures. There was a lively question and answer session and after break **Teesa** sang for us followed by more workshops. The morning ended with our prefects thanking the women for their time. Well done and keep on SHINING!



Buzzing

Every year our lucky **Year 7** students get a free book as a gift from our school library. Students chose their books earlier in the term and there was a lot of excitement during English lessons when



they were distributed recently. These books are part of the Bookbuzz programme, run by Book Trust charity and although we do pay for them they are part-funded through the charity.





Independence

A big well done to Year 7 girls **Megan, Julianne, Rhianna and Sophie** who represented The Winstanley School at the annual Braunstone Community Carol concert held this year at Trinity Methodist Church on Hallam Crescent East. They sang two songs beautifully after putting in lots of practice whenever they got chance. It shows an amazing amount of confidence and independence to perform in front an audience and Mrs Turner, Head of Year 7 says she was incredibly proud of them.



Never Giving Up

Four Winstanley School students have been selected after a rigorous selection process to take part in a mentoring programme. They will receive mentoring from Olympic medal winning swimmer **Joanne Jackson** over the next eight months. The first session



took place last week and students were thrilled to meet Joanne for the first time. The Unlocking potential programme aims to support young people with developing self belief, confidence, and motivation to ensure they Never Give Up achieving their best in all aspects of their education.



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Supporting Others

We have had another very successful year supporting the Poppy Appeal thanks to the generosity of staff and students at Winstanley. Well done to **Mrs Chambers** for organising the fundraising this year. The total raised was £155.43 which will go towards supporting service personnel and their families.



Let yourself Hard Work



We are very pleased to announce that Year 11 student **Olivia** was a runner up for the Music Excellence Award at the Leicester Mercury Education Awards. The nomination was in recognition of her continuing commitment to the steel pan band and her hard work as a music captain. To come in the top three is a massive achievement and we are proud to one of our students SHINING BRIGHT at this prestigious awards event.



SHINE Excellence

On Tuesday December 11th **Khalid** in Year 9 attended a prize winning event at the House of Lords. He went with his parents, and RS teacher Ms Boyce. Khalid came 2nd place in The Schools Bible Project competition, and the awards were held at the House of Lords. Whilst there Khalid met

Alberta Costa our local MP, who arranged a private tour of the Chapel of St Mary Undercourt, and tickets to view parliamentary discussions in the House of Commons. They also attended the Parliamentary Christmas carol service.



Attendance

Well done to students in the following Tutor Groups for great attendance over the last term!

7HMI - 98% . 8HN - 96% . 9SYA - 96%
10MAS - 97% . 11RI - 95%

Top 25!

Year 7

Sutura, Oliver, Rihanna, Paige and Mareks

Year 8

Harleen, Faith, Priviledge, Chloe and Joe

Year 9

Tommy, Shalom, Iye, Cameron and Georgia

Year 10

Hima, Lukas, Radiya, Jakub and Raya

Year 11

Olivia, Zoe, Teesha, Moyo and Awa