

Fusion

On Friday 26th January students from across Winstanley 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 a musical extravaganza. It featured a range of instruments, vocals, rapping and mixing using the latest music industry software. The whole

performance was 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 - **Laith, Josh, Dorintha, Demi, Jake, Sam, Jason, Toby, Ashley, Shannon,**

Tommy, Angel,

Oliver, Joel, Jacob, Harry H, Archie, Harry F, Ellie, Katie and

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



"I think Winstanley is great because we are given rewards for hard work."

Welcome

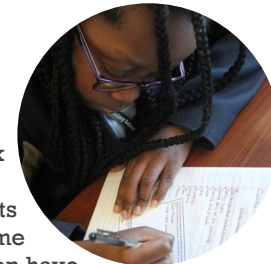
Welcome to our Winter Newsletter. I do hope this finds you well and enjoying the new year. *'Students working hard', 'Great teaching', 'Fantastic students who are very proud of the school'*, these were some of the comments from the Regional Director of OFSTED who came to visit the school on Wednesday 6th February. It was clear from her comments that she was impressed with our development and improvement.

Thank you for all your support - working in partnership with you is crucial in our journey of making sure that your son or daughter get the best learning experience possible. I am sure that you will agree as you look through the newsletter that Winstanley students are doing some amazing things and are 'shining brightly' in a wide variety of activities.

Mr Bennett, Head of School.



"I think Winstanley is great because of the range of sports on offer."



Winstanley Life

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"I think Winstanley is great because no student gets left out."

Heartfelt Messages...



Torn from home

Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we remember the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazi regime. We also remember the millions of other innocent lives taken in other acts of genocide in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The theme this year was, 'Torn from Home', exploring how so many children have been innocent victims in these terrible acts of inhumanity.

Students in Year 7 and 8 explored the story of Renee Bornstein, a survivor of the Holocaust, who was just 8 years old when the Nazi occupation of France meant that life became very dangerous for Jewish families. She constantly had to hide in attics, cellars and barns. Eventually Renee's parents decided to send her and her two siblings to Switzerland along with around 200 other Jewish children. It was a perilous journey and along the way they were in fear of their lives, questioned and imprisoned. The brave women who was escorting the children was tortured and shot for her part in the escape plan. Renee eventually made it across the border and was reunited with her parents some time later. The students all wrote a personal message to Renee on postcards. The atmosphere in the lessons was emotional, students wrote touching messages and could really understand the impact these awful events must have had on so many children's lives. To find out more visit www.hmd.org.uk.



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Bah Humbug!

During the first week of term Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a fantastic performance of **A Christmas Carol**, thanks to touring theatre group Quantum Theatre. The performance took place in the hall and featured just three actors performing all the roles. It really brought the play to life for students who are studying it as part of the English Literature syllabus. Watching a live performance from talented performers will help the students to understand the language used by Dickens in the correct context and will enable them to recall key phrases in exams.



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"I think Winstanley is great

because we take part in events inside and outside school."

In touch...



Why not follow us on social media?

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

Careers

On the 16th January we held a Careers Fair for Years 9 to 11. Lots of local education providers were in school so students



could discuss future careers and further education options. Our new Careers Co-ordinator, Mrs Gillespie will be at Winstanley on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer help and advice to students.

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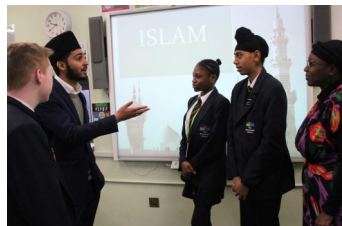
"I think Winstanley is great because it is friendly and welcoming."

"I think Winstanley is great because teachers encourage positivity."

Having faith...



We were very pleased to welcome **Imam Latif** from the Baitul Ikram Mosque in Leicester to Winstanley on 7th February. He came to talk to GCSE Religious Studies students about what faith means to Muslims. This type of experience really gives students the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about different religions and they way people practice their faith. Imam Latif talked about common misconceptions, prayers, how Muslim communities value citizenship and doing



good deeds and also about his own faith and journey to become an Imam.

Students got a valuable insight into Islam which will enable them to answer GCSE questions from different religious viewpoints.

London calling...

On Thursday 17th of January nearly thirty Year 8 and 9 students from The Winstanley School and Bosworth Academy went to the Houses of Parliament. They had a tour of both houses and took part in a law and debating workshop. In the current political climate it was an exciting time for students to visit. They also found time to



visit Downing Street. Students had a fantastic experience and enjoyed the trip. It was another great opportunity for both schools to work together and provide a learning experience outside of the classroom.

Community matters

Student Council members and some of our **SHINE Ambassadors** took part in the Blaby Youth Conference at Enderby Leisure Centre on 25th January. The event was aimed at raising the profile of Blaby District Youth Council and encouraging young people to take an active role in their local community. They were joined by students from other schools from Blaby District. There were lots of fun activities and students took part in a debate about community matters and discussed what's important to young people within the area. They also got the opportunity to meet local MP Alberto Costa, who enjoyed listening to their opinions.



Supporting Others

We have a new corner in our school library, filled with donated books for younger children. Our students can borrow the new books to take home and read to younger brothers and sisters. When an older sibling reads aloud they get lots of oral practice especially when reading fluently and with expression. Being a fluent reader helps with reading speed and can really benefit students with all aspects of school subjects and especially with oral GCSE exams. The books are available now, so students can come along and show **younger siblings** how they 'Support Others'.



Never Giving Up

Year 11 took part in a motivational workshop on the 1st February to ensure they continue their momentum as they approach their exams. Dai Perks led the workshop and he offered students lots of great advice on study skills and revision tips which should enable them to achieve and succeed! It is the third year we've been able to offer this workshop which has proved popular with students keeping them motivated and never giving up!



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Independence

Students from Winstanley have taken part in the Leicester Citizens Discerning Assembly which took place on 6th February. It was a huge event and was attended by **Mya, Angel, Radiya, Reuben, Pheobe** and **Lukien** as well as staff. Angel from Year 10 wrote and read a testimony about a local issue. All students were involved in the research committee and spoke in depth about local issues which effect them. Some of the students will be joining members of Leicester Citizens to discuss the issues raised with the Mayor in the near future.



Let yourself **SHINE**

Hard Work



April from 7HMI has recently passed her Grade 1 Musical

Theatre singing exam with distinction! Well done April, what an amazing achievement, you should be very proud of your hard work.



Excellence

Last year students in Years 7 and 8 all produced some artwork for a competition based around the theme of 'Art in Heaven' which was organised by NATRE (National Association of Teachers of Religious Studies). The following students all received a certificate for being runners up:- **Ruby, Harleen, Faith, Ellie Mae, Jessica, Lotredge, Sid, Muhammed, Devon, Cora, Macie, Simran, Paige, Laci, Keira** and **Emily**. The competition attracts over 20,000 entries a year so well done to our creative



Exceptional Work

Students who produce exceptional work are entered into a special book of recognition and the Head of School, Mr Bennett awards them with a certificate and sticker. Over the last term the following students have been recognised: **Chanice J** for Business Studies revision work, **Robert, Kacie** and **Paigan** for designing a poster as part of their home learning, **Kiera** for Geography assessed work, **Melody P** and **Scarlett T** for abstract artwork. **Natasha, Kenyeen** and **Silas** for work in English lessons. **Megan B** and **Julienne** produced some brilliant posters in RS. **Sean, Dale, Alissa, Tegan** and **Ellie** all painted some excellent artwork and **Alfie P, Robert, Daljinder** and **Haryodh** designed some great Geography posters.

Attendance

Top Tutor Groups this term

7HBA - 95.93%

8CC - 96.91%

9FMN - 97.04%

10KHA - 96.59%

11PL - 96.74%



Attend today...
Achieve tomorrow!