

Shining Stars

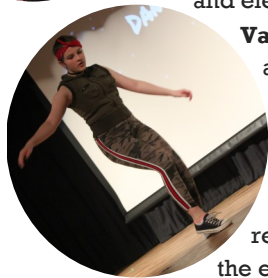
On Tuesday 26th March we were treated to an amazing evening of entertainment, all organised by our talented and hard working students. We had some fantastic performances with some very confident, first time performers amazing the audience with singing, dancing, magic and playing a variety of musical instruments.



Everyone demonstrated some great team work - coaching, presenting, technical, stage managing, front of house and judging all supporting each other in their roles.



The winners were:-
Music Winners: Ellis & Archie, playing drums and electric guitar.



Variety Winner: Rahul, wowed the audience with an amazing magic act.
Dance Winner: Libby demonstrated her latest dance routine
Overall Winner: Amelia who stunned everyone with an amazing rendition of Lost Without You. This isn't the end of the story this year as our



winners will all go through to a LiFE MAT final competing against the finalists from Bosworth Academy in a final showdown during the summer term.



Welcome

'Enjoyable lessons and a positive learning environment.'
'Encouraging students to fulfil their potential.' *'New experiences, opportunities and trips.'* *'Caring and Supportive staff.'* These are just a small selection of positive quotes from students when we asked them what they think is good about Winstanley. This newsletter shows so many of these things going on and I hope you enjoy reading about them. As I always say we want our students to

'Shine brighter than you thought you could' and it is clear from this newsletter that they are getting many opportunities to do this. In addition to these activities our Year 11s are working hard to prepare themselves for their GCSEs. Over the next two weeks we have got our Easter Revision Academy which will provide students with key revision messages, individualised support and the tools they need to raise their grades. 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

happy and restful Easter.

Mr Bennett,
Head of School



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In character!



Our school library was transformed into Hogwarts on 8th March, with Harry and Draco battling it out for a prize in our **World Book Day** dressing up competition.

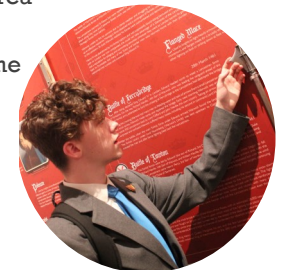


Well done to all the students and staff who turned up as book characters (and books - see our Geography team!) to celebrate reading and literacy! Prizes have been awarded to **Simran, Jacob, Macie, Gracjan, Beth, Sid, Libby** and **Laci** during recent assemblies.



Local history...

- On 19th March Year 11 students studying **GCSE History** visited the King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester. The purpose of the trip was for students to gain a more in-depth understanding of how the Greyfriars site has evolved over time as part of the 'History Around Us' unit. During the visit students had a tour of the visitor centre, a fascinating talk by a leading archaeologist and a walk around the Greyfriars area including the Cathedral and Guildhall. Special thanks to the staff at the centre who made us welcome and were on hand to answer questions and guide us through the exhibition.





Making a splash!

On 27th February our newly formed **swimming team** took part in their first competitive competition at Braunstone Leisure Centre. They were competing against some of the top swimmers in the county and have been training on Thursdays after school with Mr Turner, Head of Year 10 who competed in both the Olympic and Commonwealth games. The team made a great effort in the competition and although there were no medals for them this time it was a great experience for them and they should all be very proud of the hard work they have put in during their training sessions.



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School time

Just a reminder to parents and students that the school gates close at **8.35am** in the morning and all students should be in lessons ready to learn by **8.40am**.

Perfect Prefects

During February our five new prefects were welcomed to their new roles by head boys and girls. To become prefects students had to apply for the roles and then went through an interview process to be chosen. They will now be given responsible tasks within the school and wear the smart grey blazers and blue ties which will denote their position in the school. Well done to **Trinity, Emma, Fareed, Darren and Finley** we hope you all enjoy your new and important roles.



Easter

Warm Welcome

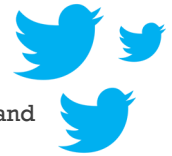


Year 7 students had a lovely welcome at **Friar Lane and Braunstone Baptist Church** on 15th March. They were the third group of students to visit during the week as part of their Religious Studies curriculum. Understanding what faith means to different people is a fantastic life skill and the basis of Religious Studies at GCSE. We are very grateful to religious leaders who welcome our students and talk to them openly about their faith, this has been one of many visits where students have had the opportunity to explore different faiths. We also heard from one of our ex-students about how she became a member of the church and she explained baptism which is a key ceremony of their church.



In touch...

Why not follow us on social media? We post regularly on **Twitter, Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens...



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Getting Involved

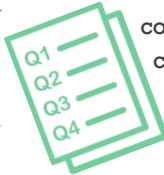


On February 13th students from The Winstanley School joined other community groups and **Leicester Citizens** outside City Hall to invite Leicester Mayor, Peter Soulsby to an Accountability Assembly on 30th April. It was another great opportunity for students to get involved in shaping our community and making a difference. At that event we will be involved together with a wide variety of community groups presenting our ideas to the Mayoral candidates of what we would like them to do to make Leicester city better. It would be great if you could come and support our students and find out more - details of the event are available from reception.



Supporting Others

On Friday 12th April Year 11 student **Awa** has been invited along to the Braunstone Life Awards with her family to receive their Young Person of the Year award. Awa has been nominated for not only being a young carer for her family but also her selfless attitude. Mr Dublin her Head of Year said she is always willing to help and considerate to others. She has a positive and cheerful attitude to school and life in general. She has also taken an active role in Leicester Youth Council helping to support our local community.



Never Giving Up

Toby, Keira, Reuben and **Khalid** took part in this year's Regional Final of the UK Maths Team Challenge at Castle Rock High School on March 1st. They worked really hard all day with tasks involving mathematical, communication and teamwork challenges competing against other schools in the area. Well done for representing the school.



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Independence

Connor and Adam were part of a group who helped to design the new rugby kit for the school. Through this they were invited down to Twickenham for the England v Italy match to launch the new kit, along with representatives from about 30 other schools. Adam had the privilege of wearing the new strip on the pitch and being one of the flag bearers as the international teams came out and during the anthems before the match.



England Rugby

Hard Work

The top 50 students in Year 7 who have consistently displayed the school SHINE values were treated to a Bowling Trip this term to reward their hard work, excellence and good behaviour! Well done to all of them, hope they had a great time!



Let yourself SHINE

Excellence

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: **Paris, Aimee, Lotridge, Randeep, Alecs** and **Lauren** for some brilliant artwork; **Haroyodh, Colby, Leila J, Seth, Stephen, Kerry** and **Natassia** for contributions on International Women's Day; **Sukhpreet, Ashley, Mackenzie B** and **Ethan C** for Geography test results; **Hayden** for excellent Maths; **Keira, Reuben, Emily, Dhanya, Mollie Ann, Ruby, Macey W** and **Sid** for poems they had written; **Josh B** for drawing in Resistant Materials and **Fenton** for History homework.

Radiya is a student who continually goes above and beyond at The Winstanley School. She optimizes what it means to SHINE brighter than you thought you could. Not only has Radiya attained well over 600 Achievement points for her resilient effort in her studies, but she is always willing to support the school, its staff and its pupils. Whether it be supporting younger students, helping out at parents evening, or supporting the school council to be the best they can be, Radiya is

always on hand with a smile on her face.



Top 10!

At the start of term we asked all of our students what they liked best about The Winstanley School, here are the **Top Ten** answers:-

1. Friendly and helpful teachers
2. Drama
3. PE Facilities and clubs
4. Canteen
5. Being with friends
6. Caring and Supportive staff
7. Enjoyable lessons and positive learning environment
8. New experiences, opportunities and trips
9. Encouraging students to fulfil their potential
10. Welcoming and friendly school