

Live for Life

Students from Winstanley School attended an amazingly inspirational event at De Montfort University on 11th April.

They were joined by other schools in the city to remember the murder of Stephen Lawrence 25 years ago when he was the victim of an unprovoked, racist attack. His family have worked tirelessly to firstly get justice and secondly to ensure that his death is remembered as a force for good and positivity and for young people to 'live their best life'.

Students were privileged to meet Baroness Doreen Lawrence who attended the event and spoke to them. There were a range of interactive and creative workshops for students to participate in, as well as exploring the new exhibition and resource centre dedicated to Stephen, which has recently been opened to the public. Students from Winstanley were interviewed and featured on BBC East Midlands Today.



The trip was arranged by Ms Boyce, our Religious Studies Co-ordinator who said "We were proud to be part of this special event, it gives students the chance to see that learning goes beyond the classroom and that young people should take every opportunity to be the best they can be in all areas of their lives. Dreams are always achievable with the right attitude."

Unlocking Potential

- Three students have just completed the AQA Unlocking Potential programme
- and yesterday they attended a celebration event at the Queen Elizabeth II centre, London. Head of Year 7, Mrs Turner said it's been an amazing opportunity for the
- girls and special thanks to athlete Joanne Jackson who has mentored them
- throughout the year. At the event guest speaker Amy Williams - gold medallist in
- the skeleton event at the Winter Olympics gave an inspirational talk about her
- success and determination to achieve success and students were also thrilled
- to meet and speak to Dame Kelly Holmes.

Welcome

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Recently I was speaking to a group of staff and used a quote from Nelson

Mandela: *'A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty and integrity to reach for the stars.'* I think

this is so true for all of us who are part of the Winstanley

community. There is so much in this newsletter which already shows our students and staff 'shining brighter than they thought they could' and reaching for the stars. However, I am convinced that there is so much more that we can achieve as we work hard together as a strong partnership of staff, students and parents.

Mr Bennett, Head of School



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Goodbye, Good Luck

On the 21st June we sadly waved goodbye to our Year 11s as they completed the last of their GCSE exams. We are very proud of the way they have approached their exams and taken advantage of the help and support which we have been able to offer. For some students the exam season has lasted over four weeks and they were all glad to meet up again, relax and celebrate their hard work on Monday 24th June at the 'Leavers Prom'. For the third year running the Prom was held at The Mercure Hotel on Granby Street, and staff and students all had a lovely evening. Mr Dublin, Head of Year 11 said: "I'm very proud of this group of young people, I have formed a lot of positive relationships that I will keep for the future and hopefully the students will have fond memories of all their time at Winstanley."

Enjoy your summer Year 11 and see you on results day!





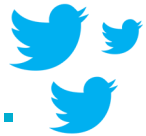
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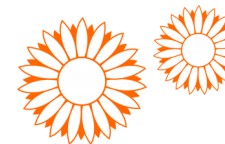
In April students from our school were invited to attend the Mayoral Accountability Assembly organised by Leicester Citizens. The event involved community groups working together to discover issues and come up with solutions to improve lives of the people within our communities. The two Mayoral candidates for Leicester Sir Peter Soulsby and Baroness Sandip Verma listened to proposals regarding street safety, housing, homelessness and mental health and were invited to respond to the 'asks'. It was a great opportunity for students to think about local issues and get involved in shaping our community. Four of our students Reuben, Angel, Radiya and Mya all presented proposals around street safety, speaking in front of a huge audience and putting the proposals to the mayoral candidates. Students were joined by Bosworth Academy and Braunstone Frith Primary School to perform three songs as the LiFE MAT choir which was a fantastic demonstration of what can be achieved when we work together! Well done to everyone involved and special thanks to Leicester Citizens for helping our students have a voice and a role to play in creating a better future.



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A Bite of the Big Apple



Year 11 students visited New York, which was a fantastic end to their exams and their time at Winstanley. They all had a fantastic, though tiring time on their whistle-stop tour! In the short time they were there they managed to fit in well known landmarks like the Empire State Building, the Rockerfeller Centre, The Statue of Liberty, Central Park and Madison Square Gardens. They had an emotional and thought provoking day at the 9/11 Memorial Museum. They even found



time to fit in some shopping! Enthusiastic trip leaders Mr Dublin and Miss Harris said the students were amazing and all had an amazing time.

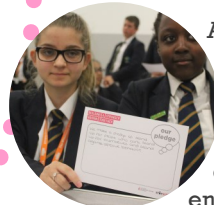
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Learning from the past



All the Year 8 students participated in the 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' workshops in July. The workshops were delivered by Kelly Scott from The National Holocaust Centre and Museum. From the outset of the session, the students were engaged with the holocaust survivor's story told through the hip-hop genre, and the selection of activities aimed at empowering them to be 'upstanders' instead of 'bystanders.' The use of 'upstanders' in today's society, such as Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg showed the students that young people have voices that have the ability to make big changes. Overall, every student left the session understanding the dangers of prejudice views, the ability to identify hate crimes, and a range of ways to respond to these situations.

We are looking forward to taking 10 students to The National Holocaust Centre in Nottingham in September.



Story Time

Over the last two terms we've held some fantastic events to celebrate literacy. Our first was a visit by local author Mahsuda Snaith for World Book Night, free copies of her book were available to read prior to the event and she talked in depth about the book and her journey as an author. We also welcomed Mike Payton who is a professional storyteller and he ran a creative writing workshop for Year 11 prior to their GCSE English Language exam. He had some great ideas to get students to include structure and imagination in their writing. This month we also welcomed Creative Learning Services to talk about some of the best new books for young adults which will be available in our Library for students to borrow.



Supporting Others

There are so many examples of our students and staff supporting others this term. Open Day, transition days, Park Run and a Triathlon were some of the events where staff and students alike were brighter and supporting others. Lucia, Kady, Mia, Seth, Maddie and Kelly (not pictured) were invited to Hot Chocolate Friday for all 'shining brighter' and 'supporting others' for being fantastic ambassadors when Year 5 students visited us for taster days. Student wellbeing and learning ambassadors have helped at Kingsway sports day recently. Great to see our students helping out in the community and supporting other schools in LiFE Multi Academy Trust.



Let yourself

Excellence

Earlier in the year Mrs Hendra, one of our English teachers got Year 7 students involved in a poetry writing competition. Poetry is a fantastic way of getting students to express themselves and use their imagination in written work, a useful skill for future GCSE English Language. Twelve of our students had their work chosen to be included in a published book and were thrilled to see their poems in print. Well done to Nela, Sophia, Seth, Charlie, Shannon, Deegan, Warren, Paigan, Alfie,



Lewis and Ciara.

Hard Work

Staff and students all worked really hard at our Open Day on 15th June. We had one of our best ever turnouts with 96 families visiting us. Students were kept busy all morning showing visitors around and talking about the school. One parent commented that her tour guide Khalid was excellent; really helpful and informative about the school. He answered every question and was full of enthusiasm. Another parent said how impressed she was with her tour guides - Rhianna and Mya. She said they were lovely, helpful and a credit to the school. A special mention to our amazing music students who kept everyone entertained all morning with live performances. Well done to everyone involved and 'shining brightly'.

Never Giving Up

Our DoE Bronze award students showed real perseverance and endurance during their practice expedition when they were faced with one of the wettest days of the year and an overnight thunderstorm which left tents, bedding and clothing wet and soggy. Despite this setback all the students went on to complete the final assessment where students were required to plan an unaccompanied expedition of two days and one night. They spent the overnight stay at Bosworth Water Park and after a long day walking they enjoyed the tranquil surroundings and an evening meal and eating al fresco. Congratulations to Joe, Laith, Patrick, Sam, Tommy and Kyle for completing your expedition.



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Star Students

The following students were all invited to attend our Curriculum Awards to receive recognition for their effort and achievement. A big well done to **Harleen, Joe, Rihanna, Georgia, Connor and Oliver** who all won a Student of the Year award.

Keira, Naimah, Kamran, Dom, Lily-Mae, Harvey, Ebony, Jaydan, Megan, Kerry, Tegan, Harleen, Ethan, Jada, Dorinthia, Demi-Lee, Jack, Peyton, Reuben, Mollie-Ann, Noach, Ibrahim, Anna, Daya, Bobbi, David, Siobhan, Aleksandra, Cameron, Nile, Vanessa, Jamie, Paige, Dylan, Finlay, Bailey-Rae, Adam, Amrit, Reegan, Sid, Kyle, Warren, Cheyenne, Finley, Ethan, Tyra, Finley, Kiera-Lillie, Beth, Shalom, Rahul, Isha, Jessica, Julianne, Lauren, Priviledge, Lotredge, Krystal, Michael, Toby, Oscar, Jake, Fikri, Ashton, Ashley, Logan, Natalia, Rabeeka, Georgia, Sukhpreet, Ruby, Aston, Billy, Max, David, Mohammed, Tristen, Tommy, Alecs, Khalid, Laci, Joe, Archie and Brandon.



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Independence



On 7th June Year 10 students were involved in a mock interview morning. We had about 30 employers from a range of companies who interviewed our young people. They gave them constructive advice about interview techniques so our students are better prepared for their future careers and next steps in education. Our students really valued the experience and we are very grateful to the volunteers who gave up their time to take part in the event.

