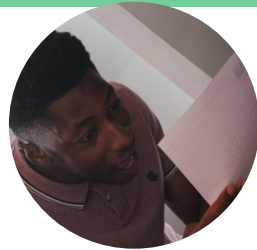


Shining Bright!



Our students proved that hard work pays off in the end when they opened their GCSE results in August. Mr Bennett, Head of School said:- 'We are very proud of the achievements of our students and the amazing young people they have become in their time here with us. They have taken the opportunities and support offered to them to achieve their personal goals. We wish them every success and hope they continue to shine brightly in whatever they choose to do in the future.'

Some individual outstanding results were **Urvi**, one of our Head Girls, who got 9s in Science, Business, Maths, Geography and English Literature, 8s in PE Statistics, English Language an A⁺ for Further Maths and a Distinction in Hospitality and Catering.

Yogan got 9s in Chemistry and Computer Science, A* in Further Maths, *2 in Information Technologies. **Moyo** got a 9 in PE and as a keen sports person and a member of many of our sports teams was thrilled with his grade and thanked staff for the support over his time here. **Zoe**, our Head Girl got a 9 for History and an A for Further Maths as well as 8s and 7s in other subjects. She is hoping to progress on to undertake a Paramedic Science Degree after completing her A Levels. **Haris** got 8s in Maths, Biology, Physics, English Language and History and a B in Further Maths and was literally 'jumping for joy' when he opening his envelope.



We have a wide cross section of students within our school who are all off in a variety of directions including A Levels, Apprenticeships, vocational programmes and sporting apprenticeships and we hope that they will continue to 'shine brightly' in their chosen subject areas.

Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. I hope this finds you well. We had an external review team in school recently evaluating how we are doing as a school. The team was made up of senior leaders from other schools and led by an OFSTED Inspector. The report was extremely positive and highlighted many areas that we have developed since our last review in 2018. Some of the comments from the report were: 'The students' behaviour is positive as a result of excellent relationships with all staff.' 'The engagement and enthusiasm of students for their learning is palpable.' 'The impact of school improvement and strategies from the previous review has been considerable.' Thank you for all your support - working in partnership with you is crucial. Talking of working in partnership if you have a son or daughter in Year 7 or 8 there is an opportunity to come and hear about our continued development and to contribute your ideas on how we can develop further at 3.20pm on 13th November. There will be further Parents' events if your son or daughter are in other year groups. As always the newsletter highlights many of the amazing ways that Winstanley students are 'shining brightly'.



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Mr Bennett, Head of School.

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Into the wild

Twelve of our Year 11 girls were selected to take part in an outward bound programme in the Lake District. The trip was organised by Mr Turner who felt that it would be a great opportunity for them to challenge themselves, discover hidden resilience and set goals for their final year at Winstanley. They took part in some amazing activities which included gorge walking, canoeing, swimming in the lake, camping overnight and climbing mountains. The girls all had a great time and really engaged with the activities, worked well as a team and discovered more about their capabilities and inner strength. Well done to **Casey, Lucia, Kady, Angel, Chanise, Jamie, Levi, Rhiannon, Annalise, Mia, Maisie and Cerys.**



No to Hate

During October students from Winstanley visited the National Holocaust Centre in Nottingham. They took part in a 'No To Hate' conference which included guest speakers from very different backgrounds who talked about their experiences and how we can protect the future by remembering the past. Students also had a look around the memorial gardens to remember those without a grave. The students enjoyed taking part and representing our school at the event and actively participated in the activities.



River Deep

GCSE Geography students have visited Padley Gorge in the Peak District this term. They collected data on the velocity, width, depth and sediment size at parts of the upper and middle course of the river. Students were fantastically behaved and enjoyed a valuable learning experience which will not only count towards their GCSE but deepen their understanding of rivers.



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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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We are now on **Instagram**, join our other 573 followers!

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Church Visit

Year 9 students had a lovely welcome at Friar Lane and Braunstone Baptist Church this term.

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 will be one of many visits and talks for our Religious Studies students over the next few



years where they have 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.



Building Future Careers

In September Year 8 and 9 girls took part in Go Construct which explores all sorts of exciting employment opportunities in the construction industry. The session was designed to encourage girls to consider roles in this rapidly expanding employment sector and was run by women who have risen to top positions in the industry. The morning included a hands-on challenge which encouraged



team work, communication and problem solving skills. The girls worked in teams to construct a giant tetrahedron, it was a lot of fun and they worked really well together demonstrating our 'SHINE' values. Thanks to Jo Ling, EST Coordinator, Blaby District Council, Sue Southam, SHEQ Manager, Danaher & Walsh Group Ltd and Lauren Tyrell, Development Manager, Leicester City Council.



Story time...

The Winstanley School are taking part in First Story this academic year. Acclaimed Leicester author Bali Rai will be working with 21 of our students in Years 8, 9 and 10, developing their writing skills and creating a published anthology of outstanding work by the end of the year. This is a real opportunity for our young people to broaden their horizons, experiment with a range of writing styles and challenge themselves to SHINE even brighter, all under the guidance of a published author with over 40 books to his name!



CHALLENGE PARTNERS

During October we were visited by Challenge Partners who are an education charity, led by practitioners, through which schools collaborate to improve each other and the education system as a whole, so all children benefit. They work with schools across the country, and focus on school improvement, leadership development and knowledge exchange.

This was a great opportunity for us to demonstrate our rapid improvement programme and for the inspectors from Challenge Partners to look at ways we can further develop to boost exam and progress scores, improve Ofsted grades and most importantly, transform our students' life chances.

Here are selected highlights, the full report will be available on our website shortly.



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Disadvantaged Students

- Teachers know who these pupils are in their classes and adapt the curriculum to meet their needs.
- Teaching assistants work closely with the subject teacher to ensure that specific needs are met.
- Resources are adapted well to meet students' needs.
- Disadvantaged pupils who spoke to reviewers were positive about their learning experiences and the opportunities for enrichment they enjoyed.
- The school benefits from buying in considerable educational psychologist involvement. This supports staff in pinpointing students' specific needs.
- They respond well in classroom situations and value the support they receive.

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Quality of Provision

- Teachers' subject knowledge is strong.
- In many places, routines for learning are well established. For example, in Year 11 English, students knew to highlight the key words in the question and the relevant passage of text.
- There is accurate targeted questioning. For example, in mathematics in Year 7, pupils were being asked about rounding. They had quick fire questions and were given time to think about problem solving.
- Teachers make links to real life across different subjects.
- There is strong assessment and feedback.
- Pupils know what the school's SHINE values represent.
- The broad and balanced curriculum is designed to help students on aspirational pathways.
- Students are growing in independence, especially the middle to higher ability pupils.
- Learning environments are attractive places to study with interesting displays that students refer to.



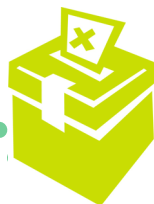
Leadership

- Leaders have a strong and well-communicated shared vision for raising standards and aspirations among all students.
- The impact of school improvement and strategies from the previous review has been considerable.
- The emphasis on the Winstanley Way and the Super Seven promotes consistency among staff.
- Leaders ensure that the school is highly inclusive through their practices and procedures.
- Decisions about course choices are guided by the needs of the students, rather than to boost the school's Progress 8 score.
- Leaders have made it a priority to engage parents more in their children's learning, particularly in supporting home learning.
- The school ensures that students celebrate difference.



Independence

This term students have been voting for Well Being and Anti Bullying Ambassadors during tutor time. The votes will be counted and verified in the next few weeks and the students elected will take an active role in ensuring our policies and support networks are implemented in school. It's a great opportunity for students to understand democracy and election procedures.



Hard Work

It's great to see our ex students continuing to work hard and strive for excellence when they leave us. This summer saw some excellent A Level results for many of our past students including **Emily** and **Sachin** who went on to Bosworth Academy to study A Levels. Emily got As in Business, Biology and Chemistry and is going to the University of Derby to study Radiography. Sachin got A* in Maths and As in Physics and Chemistry and will be going to Loughborough to study Aeronautical Engineering.

Shining Bright

On the 3rd October we held our annual open evening for prospective students. It was a great opportunity to welcome visitors to see how we are 'Shining Brighter'. 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, Religious Studies, Languages and Geography proving a hit with visitors. Our talented musicians and singers provided some amazing entertainment throughout the evening.



Excellence

Our students who applied to become prefects have been welcomed to their new roles and received their smart grey blazers and blue ties. They will now take up their positions of responsibility within the school. It's a fantastic opportunity for the students who were elected and demonstrates their aspiration for excellence. Congratulations to prefects **Binta, Chloe, Cerys, Angel, Isatu, Saskia, Hima, Jaspreet, Kady, Kacper, Jacub, Viktorija, Mia, Amelia** and **Yvie**. Our head boys this year are **Jake** and **Taylor** and head girls are **Radiya** and **Lucia**.



Let yourself

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Never Giving Up

In the recent spell of good weather during last term students were busy in our staff garden replacing the raised beds and the wildlife pond. Some of the students who work with Enstruct Training concentrated on creating a vegetable patch and worked really hard removing the old, rotted beds and digging over the ground ready for some new ones. Students who work with Mrs Underwood in Kick Start have renovated the pond, replacing the liner and created a decking area and wildlife borders surrounding it. They all enjoyed working outside in the last of the Autumn sunshine. Keep up the Hard Work!



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Supporting Others

On 18th September staff from the Winstanley School took part in a charity football match to raise money for the Bobby Moore Cancer Fund. **Mr Dublin** arranged the event and the teams played in the kits that Bobby Moore was renowned for (West Ham and England). They all had great fun and they managed to raise £100.



Attendance Matters

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

7KCA - 97.4% . **8HA - 97.3%**

9HG - 96.8% . **10FMN - 96.1%**

11MBR - 96.9%

Year 11 had the best overall attendance of **96.3%**, fantastic to see they are achieving great attendance in their last year where every lesson is crucial to GCSE success.