

Eco Warriors

This year, we have made a start towards achieving the Eco-Schools' Bronze award with the Year 7 Eco-club making a great start at TWS, looking at some of the problems with litter in and around the school.

After their first attempt was rained off they finally managed to take part in the 'litter pick' with Geoff from the Litter Wombles and Tracy from Blaby District Council. During the litter pick the students put a lot of thought into how we can reduce littering and steps that companies can make to reduce the amount of plastic waste.

A big thank you to Geoff and Tracy for supporting this activity and to our amazing students for being responsible and caring citizens.



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On the move

The Shine Centre, have taken delivery of a 'Variety 17 seater Sunshine Bus', which has been part funded by a generous grant from the Orbit Housing Group, through their scheme to support communities and young people. Sunshine Coaches are donated by Variety to schools and children's organisations for educational, recreational and vocational purposes.

The SHINE Centre offers a curriculum for students who have Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties. An important part of this involves education outside of the classroom and engagement with their local community. Students will be able to take part in alternative curriculum provision which isn't available on the school site, such as construction, motor vehicle work and the arts.



Fraser Danvers who runs the centre said: 'This generous donation from the Variety Club and Orbit will undoubtedly make a huge difference to the lives of the young people we work with in the SHINE Centre. It will allow us to have more flexibility with our personalised curriculum and therapeutic provisions.'

Welcome

Wow - what a year! It has been the most tumultuous year we have ever experienced, however I am so proud of how the whole Winstanley community has stepped up and despite all the challenges have clearly been showing our SHINE values and have been 'shining brighter than you thought you could.' Thank you so much for all of your support which has enabled us to continue to develop and grow as a school. I am immensely proud to lead

such a supportive, caring and dynamic community. I want to pay tribute to the amazing staff we have here at Winstanley who have kept going through the pandemic and have provided the students with an amazing experience despite everything. I do hope you have a great holiday and you have some time to relax and hopefully enjoy some sun. I also hope that we are all celebrating an England win on Sunday!

Mr Bennett, Headteacher



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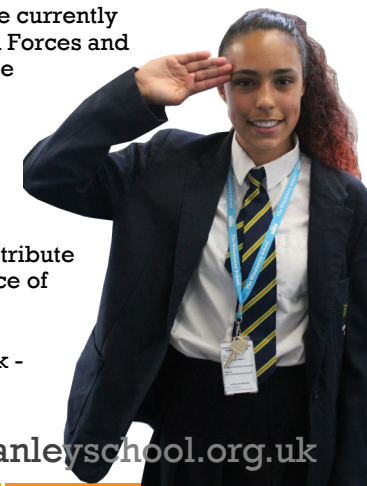


We salute you

The 25th June is Armed Forces Day, because of the restrictions on public gatherings we were asked by Blaby District Council to take part in their remote tribute. Mrs Chambers prepared a presentation explaining more about the roles which are carried out by our Armed forces and staff shared photos of their relatives who are currently serving or have served in one of the Armed Forces and the wider community which includes service families, veterans and cadets.

Along with other schools in LiFE Academy Trust students showed their support and respect for service men and women and their dedication and hard work by saluting them. The photos of them were shared with Blaby District Council who created a fitting tribute on their website and on social media in place of the normal ceremony.

To see our LiFE MAT video follow this link - [ARMED FORCES DAY 2021.](#)



Exploring Rivers

Right at the end of the year our year 10s managed to get out of school on their geography fieldtrip. Many of our geographers took up the opportunity to breathe the fresh air and see the wonderful sights of the peak district. While there they conducted a fieldwork enquiry, collecting several different pieces of data including channel width, depth, velocity, slope angle and sediment samples. Even the early downpour, muddy paths and slippery slopes did not dampen the spirits of our outstanding geographers as they persevered, tried their best and enjoyed some time outside the classroom. All of this will put them in an excellent position and allow them to achieve top grades in their exams next year. Before then let's hope for a sunnier summer!



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Relatable Reads

A group of Year 9 students have been taking part in the 9 for 9 Reading Challenge this year, reading nine carefully selected books aimed at young adults. At the end of last term we were lucky enough to join a virtual event with author, Simon James Green, whose book, 'Alex in Wonderland' was on the book list. Simon told us all about his books and spoke to us about his experience growing up as a young gay teen. He was brilliant and the students had the opportunity to ask him questions about becoming an author, his own favourite books and the book worlds that he would like to live inside if he could!

Other books on the reading list include: 'That Asian Kid', 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' and 'Hold Back the Tide'. The students are really enjoying them so far, they're fantastic reads for all ages!



Sports Day Fun

On Tuesday 6th July we held our summer sports day, and for Year 7 and 8 students it was their first one since joining Winstanley. Despite the unseasonal weather, wind, rain, cold everyone had a really great time and displayed teamwork and some healthy competition between Tutor Groups. Amongst the activities were long jump, javelin, running, shotput and everyone's favourite – tug of war.

The winning tutor groups were 7TH, 8KCA and 9BTO for each of their respective year groups. Winners of the Greyhound race against Year 10 students were; Kyle W, Carlos F, Alex W, Sayid M, Louie H, Charli B, Dawud U, Aston S and Niall C. A special mention goes to Year 10 students who assisted in running the different activities and recording the scores - Ava RB, Riley N, Chey L, Privledge M, Harleen C, Jessica M, Ashton P and Benas B.

Follow the link for - [SPORTS DAY 2021 VIDEO](#)



Important Information - Return to School - Autumn Term

Our plan at the moment is for the new Year 7 students to come into school on Wednesday 25th August and all other year groups to return on Thursday 26th August. However, this is dependent on any subsequent government announcements as we may be in a situation where all students will have to do LFD tests prior to their return. Mr Bennett, Headteacher will communicate final plans when this becomes clear and no later than Friday 20th August.

Celebrating Success

It's been fantastic to celebrate the success of individual students throughout this term. Every week staff have nominated students who they feel have been 'Shining Brighter' in any aspect of their school work, attitude or behaviour. On occasion there have been over 30 nominations which Heads of Year have shortlisted for 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' on a Friday. During this term we briefly switched to ice cream just as the weather took a turn for the worse. Students have enjoyed chatting to Mr Bennett and in his absence Miss LeCras about their progress at school. We share their photos every Friday on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and we can't wait to recognise more students next term. We will be sending out an electronic photo permission form shortly, so please make sure we have these returned so that we can share your child's successes both on social media and in our termly newsletter.



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Year 7

Antoni - Supporting his reading partner

Edward - Excellence in English

Avi - Always helpful, and tries hard at all she does

Lexie - Amazing and excels in all that she does

Rayan - Excellence at the rugby festival



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Year 8

Adam - Improved punctuality and engagement in group work

Leah - Improved commitment to learning

Marissa - Excellence in English work, reading Shakespeare aloud to the class

Liam - Maths superstar

Shakira - Representing the school at a conference. Excellent effort in Science.



Year 9

John - Fantastic & 100% effort in History and Chemistry

Pawel - Phenomenal result in a recent Maths assessment

Meryem - Outstanding effort in History

Julienne - Super focused & super motivated in English and Music

Leah-Mai - Producing exceptional work in Hospitality and Catering

Year 10

Laci - Hard work, cheerful and excellent work in Maths, English and Catering.

Amrit - Excellent dish made for her mock exam

Connor - Huge progress being made

Devon - Supporting an injured friend

Daya - Great effort in Maths, always trying her best in English and always cheerful



Never Giving Up

Maths isn't just all hard work, it also requires a little patience too, as Mrs Rollason's Year 7 Maths class found out when they made bottle rockets. They were investigating what volume of water makes the bottle rocket go further and stay in the air for longer and recording the data for one of their topics. Students really enjoyed their afternoon and making their rockets blast off into the air!



Independence

Early this year all students in Year 8 completed a sequence of workshops with the National Holocaust Centre and Museum. 10 students who demonstrated an in-depth understanding of the issues discussed were selected to complete ambassador training on July 1st. The training covered very complex issues, such as how to critically evaluate information from media, and why being an 'Upstander' is important. The National Holocaust Centre and Museum generously provided a conference pack for each student, containing ambassador badges, stationary and edible treat! We plan to build on our Holocaust education through these newly trained ambassadors.



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Hard Work

During the penultimate week of term 35 students undertook work experience outside of school, spending time with scaffolding companies, hairdressers, primary schools and nurseries to name a few. This was an amazing opportunity to develop workplace skills such as communication, resilience and teamwork.

Students remaining in school undertook work place experience tasks from interview skills to marketing a new range of cakes. They had virtual workplace tours by Samworth brothers, a local paramedic and Morris homes, talks from 3 local employers and investigated what a day would be like in a number of careers.

Thank you to the staff, employers and students for making this such a valuable experience for Winstanley students.

Let yourself SHINE Supporting Others

On Monday 5th July, we hosted a Learning and Teaching Festival to celebrate the wonderful successes of the staff and students this academic year. As well as looking at how far the school has come in terms of remote learning and curriculum development, it was also the culmination of the teaching staffs individual research projects, where their academic posters were displayed for all to see. Each member of the teaching staff has been working on their own personalised research question throughout the year.

Staff, governors, representatives from across the trust, and a leader from Whole Education were in attendance to take part in the festivities. There was a short presentation and then a chance for guests and teachers to talk about their research. It was a very enjoyable event and thanks must go to the amazing catering staff for the immense refreshments and the art technician, David Smith, for creating the displays for the posters. Many staff have already articulated what they want to be working on next year, so we will be replicating the model to ensure that both our staff and students 'shine brighter than they thought they could'.

Excellence

Ben from 9BTO won a National Award with Dallaglio Rugby Works. He was awarded DRW CHAMPION OF THE YEAR!!

"This award will recognise the Young People who have stood out this year and have made positive changes during their time on the Dallaglio RugbyWorks intervention. Even if they had reservations at the start, these young people will now be fully immersed in the intervention, and will be on track to creating a productive future for themselves. We want to use this award to recognise the young people whose lives will have significantly improved due to their hard work, dedication and commitment" This is such an incredible achievement for Ben. He also picked up some great prizes including a tablet / £100 ICA with financial support seminars.

Thank you to Dallaglio RugbyWorks for your dedication to motivate and inspire our young people.

