

We are 60!



On the 23rd June we celebrated turning 60! The celebrations began with an opportunity for ex-students, staff and community members to come along for a trip down memory lane. We were thrilled to welcome over 200 people back to Winstanley. We were also joined by the new Lord Mayor of Leicester, Cllr George Cole who unveiled a plaque to celebrate our 60 years educating the young people of Braunstone and the surrounding area.

Current staff and students were available on the evening to chat to visitors and welcome them as they toured their old classrooms, found out about life at Winstanley now, compared with recollections of their own school days. We have a number of staff at the school who also were also students at Winstanley, and they enjoyed seeing some familiar faces amongst the visitors. Miss Hambleston, PA to the Headteacher, put on an amazing display of memorabilia which she has collected over her years working at Winstanley as well as being a student at the school.

Winstanley High School was built in the early 1960s to meet the demand of the growing population of the Braunstone area. The school was much needed in the area and there was a great rush to get it finished with the first pupils helping to move in furniture and finish off painting! It was very modern for the time and featured science labs, art and craft rooms, a library, music rooms, a state-of-the-art hexagonal hall, a large sport hall which was originally open to the elements on one side allowing for the circulation of fresh air. It's interesting that many of the founding principles of the original Winstanley School such as equality, opportunity, friendship and producing students who are confident and equipped for their future lives are the underlying focus of our current SHINE values, and now more than ever we see the school as being a gateway of hope giving our students the opportunity to be aspirational in their personal and educational goals.



Welcome

It was amazing recently to celebrate our 60th Anniversary and it was great to meet ex-students who came here right at the start of the Winstanley story. Speaking to them it is clear that their experience of a caring school family at the heart of the community is exactly what we are providing. 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 work tirelessly to support our young people. As you can see from the newsletter we have been incredibly busy this term and the students have had all sorts of opportunities to SHINE. I do hope you have a great holiday and you have some time to relax and hopefully enjoy some sun. **Mr Bennett,**
Head of School



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Goodbye Year 11

On Friday, 17th June we said an official goodbye to our Year 11 students. It's been a gruelling exam season with the exams being stretched over a longer period than usual. Students have worked really hard and approached their exams with a mature attitude, taking advantage of the extra revision sessions offered in school. We

know they have had a tough time and missed a significant amount of school throughout the pandemic but we have high hopes for some excellent results. Mr Turner said "I am so proud of the way Year 11 students have tackled the challenges of the last few years head on. They have shown great resilience in the face of adversity, and I know this will serve them well for their next steps in life." Everyone at Winstanley wishes them the best of luck for the future and we look forward to seeing them again on results day - Thursday, 25th August.



Exploring STEM

On the 29 June some of our students were invited to Gateway College to take part in an activity day to give them an insight into STEM at higher level.

Activities included:

- Robotics – to build and program a robot to navigate a series of obstacles
- E-FIT – to use police software to create an image of a 'criminal'
- Vehicle – to design, build and then race a simple electric vehicle
- Medical Diagnostics – to be tasked with diagnosing a 'patient' and also test for diabetes.

Students even had the pleasure to meet the Queen's representative in the county, The Lord-Lieutenant, Michael Kapur OBE, as well as one of his Deputy Lieutenants. It was a great opportunity for our students and will hopefully have inspired them to explore STEM subjects

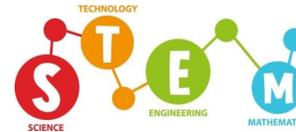


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Young Voices

On 29 June our students were invited to the Blaby District Youth Conference. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to speak directly to District Councillors about concerns they may have about where they live and offer solutions. Most students felt that personal safety was their major concern, but many voiced their opinions about caring for the environment and racism. The conference was co-ordinated by Youth Council Members including Reuben (Year 11), who all played an active role in arranging activities. Students loved taking part in a role play which involved a scenario where they were in a dark alleyway in a frightening situation. They were given the chance to talk to a police community support officer about what they should do if



they ever found themselves in a similar situation. After a lovely lunch provided by Blaby District Council they took part in a debate and were given the chance to vote on issues raised. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to take an active role in local decision making and have a voice on issues which impact them.



Fantastic Art...

Wow! Just look at these amazing mixed media artworks created by our talented Year 10 students. Such beautiful work - well done!

World Reimagined

- We are really proud to be taking part in The World Reimagined. This is a ground-breaking, national art education project to transform how we understand the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africans and its impact on all of us. Our students have worked alongside staff to decorate a globe which will be displayed publicly in Leicester. We are living in a key moment for racial justice. It calls on us to courageously face our shared history with honesty, empathy and grace. The aim of the project is that together we can create a future in which all can say: "I am seen". That is the mission of The World Reimagined.
- Our globe looks amazing, well done to all involved. Later in the summer it will be located at The Curve Theatre along with others around the city created by schools and colleges.

Career's Inspiration

Year 10 boys took part in a 'Boys SHINE Brighter' event in June, where they had the opportunity to talk to 6 different employers about their jobs to help them to make more informed decisions for Post-16. Students were really engaged and found the morning so useful. A huge thank you to our employers for giving up their time to take part. They were Tim - TM Financial, Ben - LiFE MAT Senior Leader, Dan - Abbey Tyres, Mark - Menzies Distribution, Ed - AP Race Club and Will - Business



Next Steps

On the 28th June we welcoming our new Year 7s to Winstanley for their Transition Day. It was a great opportunity for them

to meet classmates and their new tutors. If you have a child starting with us you can find out more on our website - [Welcome to Year 7](#)



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Marvellous Musicians Summer 2022 Book Awards

Let's Get Together!

On the 17th June we held an uplifting and inspirational assembly to remember the murdered MP, Jo Cox. The Great Get Together is an event that is held every year on her birthday, and is about celebrating difference and creating unity. We were joined by some of our ex-students who spoke about their own experiences and how we can all work towards social justice to make everyone feel they have a role to play in society. Some of our students wore cultural clothes to celebrate our diverse and vibrant school community. Students have also produced some amazing artwork using the theme 'We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us', which is a quote Jo used in her first speech in Parliament. These can be seen using this link - <https://youtu.be/EC0gXaWhYVI>



Some of our Year 9 students joined the English Department for a Live Stream of this Year's Carnegie Greenaway Book Awards. They have all been reading the nominated books and meeting regularly to discuss them. The awards are a national (and international) reading for pleasure initiative, the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards Shadowing Scheme engages thousands of children and young people in reading the books on the shortlist via reading groups in schools and public libraries with dedicated educational reading resources and promotional materials to support each shortlist. Each year young people who take part in the scheme are invited to vote for their favourite books to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards, which are announced alongside the Medal winners at the annual winners' ceremony.

Students were treated to pizza whilst watching the awards!



On the 20th June musicians from years Year 7 to 10 had a taster workshop for a larger project called 'Symphonize'. Students write their own fusion music combining classical and urban styles. The project is led by Soft Touch and the Philharmonia

Orchestra who brought in professional musicians to support students performing on music technology, guitars, bass guitar, drum kit, brass and string instruments, as well as vocals. There will be a performance of Symphonize 2022 at The Little Theatre on Friday 15th July at 6pm where Winstanley students will be joined by Philharmonia Orchestra and students from New College Leicester. Tickets are free from <https://www.thelittletheatre.co.uk/whats-on/symphonize/>



Supporting Others

Refugee Week took place in June, and the week's activities were arranged by Miss Fisher. Students created shoebox gifts on Monday in their tutor groups. On Tuesday there was a cake sale, Wednesday was about showing our support for Ukraine and we wore blue and yellow clothing. On Thursday there was a raffle and Friday we held a clothes donation, which will be passed on to the Ukrainian Centre in Leiceser. The winning tutor group for the shoebox challenge was 7RN.



Let yourself **SHINE**
Independence

On the 15th June Year 7 participated in interactive workshops with Leicestershire Police. The session covered drugs, alcohol and risky behaviours. Students were able to ask questions, challenge myths and discuss the laws. Students wore goggles which allowed them to see / feel the effects of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, they were asked to perform a simple task to see how it affected their co-ordination and motor skills. Thank you to Leicestershire Police for providing this opportunity to encourage young people to make the correct, independent decisions with knowledge and confidence.



We break up from school on **Friday, 8th July** at the earlier time of **12.20pm** and return to school on **Tuesday, 30th August**.

Hard Work

Earlier this term our Environment Club joined Geoff, from South Leicestershire Litter Wombles to do a litter pick around the school and along the footpath to Thorpe Astley. It's amazing how much rubbish they collected, and a few unusual objects too - including a plate and an Hungarian banknote. Students were so enthusiastic and can't wait for the next opportunity in September. There are lots of schemes like this if anyone wants to help out over the school holidays, contact your local council to find one near you.



Excellence

Just before half term our students competed against other local schools at Saffron Lane Stadium. It was a great opportunity for them to take part in a competitive event. We had some great results including: Kristoph - Hurdles 1st, Cameron T - 1st, Kewin U - Shot Put 2nd, Thomas O - Discus 2nd and Archie B - High jump 2nd.



A big well done to Krzysztof in Year 9, who made it through to the finals at Saffron Lane on Saturday, 18th June. We are thrilled to say that he came second in the county for hurdles and won a silver medal. What a fantastic result!



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Never Giving Up

We are pleased to let you know that our Year 10 girls have raised enough money for them to take part in the outward bounds trip. They have done a brilliant job and worked so hard along with lots of help from Mrs Clarke to fund the trip which will take place in the new term. The trip is to Wales and the girls will get the chance to wild camp as well as lots of challenging activities designed to improve their resilience and aspirations. Students who took part in this trip last time said how much it helped them achieve personal and academic goals. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts.



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