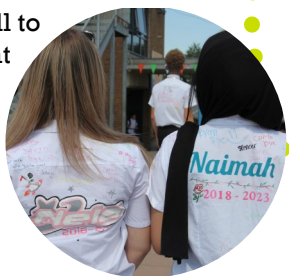


Good Luck Year 11

On Friday 16th June we wished a fond farewell to our Year 11s, as they spent their last full day at school. There have been ups and downs along the way, with their education being disrupted by Covid but they have overcome the difficulties and shown determination and enthusiasm during the time leading up to their exams, attending revision sessions and putting in the effort to achieve the best outcomes. As well as the usual shirt signing, students assembled in the hall for one last time for farewell speeches, a look at some of the highlights from their time at Winstanley and some lovely thanks from the Prefects for the staff that have helped them on their journey.



This year we were finally able to hold a leaving Prom for our Year 11s too. Students and staff had an amazing time on the 6th July celebrating the end of five years at Winstanley. The behaviour and maturity of our students was fantastic and we are so proud of the young adults they have become.



We thought Winstanley House was the perfect location, the staff there made the evening really special and nothing was too much trouble, the buildings and grounds made the perfect backdrop for the all-important photos. A few words of thanks to Mr Turner, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Hawkins for all of the hard work that went into planning the event. Mr Smith for making the wooden table plan and Mr Megginson for donating table decorations from his recent wedding. We look forward to seeing students again on exam results day which is on Thursday, 24th August.

Welcome

What a year! I can't quite believe how much we have crammed in over this year. It is brilliant to see how the students have matured and developed over this year. 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 again this term and the students have had all sorts of opportunities to 'Shine brighter than they thought they could.' Thank you for all your support. It is vital for our continued success that we keep working together. 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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More in Common



Staff and students celebrating their culture and diversity on the 30th June for the Great Get Together, wearing cultural clothes, rainbow colours or their favourite colour with their school uniform. Our Ambassadors held a special assembly in honour of Jo Cox, an MP who believed that communities have more in common than what divides them, and differences should be celebrated. Jo believed everyone has the right to their own beliefs and opinions but that we all have the responsibility to respect those of other people. Jo was killed because of her beliefs and the Great Get Together was an opportunity for Winstanley to celebrate our school community and demonstrate our SHINE values in solidarity. June contains some very significant dates in the diversity calendar. Such as Pride month, The 75th anniversary of the Windrush, Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) and Refugee week. These events are important for staff and students in our school and we are amazingly proud of the way in which our school community came together to celebrate our diversity and support others.





Celebrating Success

On the 29th June we held our annual KS3 Awards Evening. It was lovely to celebrate those students who have excelled in subjects across the curriculum. We hope families enjoyed the evening. A big well done to our 'Students of the Year' Treasure and Liam from Year 7 and Emma and Billy from Year 8 who have aspired to our SHINE values to achieve excellence over the last school year.



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Uniform Recycling

If you have any uniform that no longer fits we would love you to donate it back to us, we can then make this available to other students who need it. You can drop it into reception when we return after the summer.



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Team Work



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High Notes

The 6th of July was Sports Day. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 competed in track and field events to win points for the school houses during morning lessons. Students who didn't compete helped by cheering on their team mates. In the afternoon Year 10 joined the rest of the school for the final relay races, tug-of-war and the announcement of the winners. The winning houses were Elm for Year 7, Oak for Year 8, Elm for Year 9 and overall Sports Day Winners were House Elm.

The following students all took a first place in their events:

Year 7 - Jaskaran, Summer, Ahmed, Jaycee-Jai, Lucy, Faye, Katelyn, Amaree, Viktor, Kristers, Michal, Treasure, Ava, Casey and Jakub.



Year 8 - Bogomil, Phoebe, Kaiden, Dacey-Leigh, Chantelle, Theo, Dorothy, Yasmine, Scarlot, Henry-James, Reneesmai and Krzysztof.

Year 9 - Oliver, Lovell, Leo, Rayan, Lennon, Dion, Hargun, Solyse-Anne, Damien, Cheryl, Charlie, Tahlia, Jasmin, Thomas and Nevaeh.



Our school orchestra recently travelled to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire for the final part of the ensemble development project organised by our local music hub, Leicestershire Music. Along with five other Leicestershire schools we formed a large orchestra and performed four pieces of music: Stormzy's Blinded by Your Grace/Hide and Seek, Mozart's Eine Klein Nachtmusik/Non Piu Andrai, an English folk song, and Queen's Under Pressure/Don't Stop Me Now. We were taken on an inspiring tour of the building and saw three

concert venues as well as state-of-the-art equipment and instruments. Some of our orchestra members were even interviewed by the film crew capturing the event and, as usual, everyone represented the school and themselves brilliantly. Short film of the performance to follow!





Eco Club News

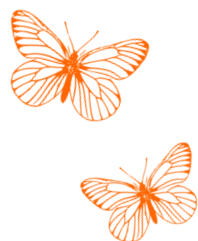
It's been a busy term for our Eco Club members who are working towards the school's Green Flag Award. At the beginning of June we had a visit from the Wombles in Litter Education who did an assembly for our Year 7 and 8 students. The Eco Club have worked closely with Wombles, Keith and Geoff and instigated new schemes in school to enable us to do more recycling and eradicate litter from the school grounds. Later in the month the Eco Club did their own assembly for Year 9 and 10 presenting some fantastic facts and figures to raise awareness of green issues and what we can do to protect our environment.

During the last week of term they have also created two new areas to grow wildflowers which encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators, essential for thriving ecosystems. Well done Eco Club, fantastic work!



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Seaside Away Day

Future Careers

In June some of our Year 7 and 8 students attended the Big Bang Careers Exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham. It was a fantastic afternoon out, with lots of interactive displays to really inspire young people, with many exhibitors demonstrating the variety of careers that students could aim for in Science, Engineering and Technology. Students got to try everything from presenting the news with the BBC to handling exotic insects. We hope that students



will now have an insight into some fantastic options for the future and goals to gain the qualifications needed.

New Beginnings

During the last few weeks we have welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students and their parents to Winstanley for Induction Day. There's lots of information on our website and contact details if parents have any questions over the holiday. **There will be a Pop Up Uniform shop on the 9th August starting at 10.30am, to order and buy blazers, jumpers and PE kit.**



We have also welcomed Year 5 students for taster days so they can experience life at secondary school, taking part in different lessons and activities. We will be holding our **Open Evening on 21st September** and booking details can be found on our website. We are proving a popular school of choice for local families with a waiting list for school places this September, so do come and have a look around at Open Evening and find out more.

On the 15th June we took our top attendees to the seaside for the day. Year 7 and 8 went to Hunstanton and Year 9 and 10 went to Ingoldmells. The trip was free of charge for any students who had over 95% attendance over a certain period of time. It was a wonderful way to celebrate students who make the most of every day at school. The weather was perfect, the students were really well-behaved and there was lots to keep everyone entertained.



Supporting Others

The 22nd June was 75th Anniversary of Windrush Day, when we remember the people of the Caribbean who left their homes and families to support the post-war building of Britain. They often faced many barriers including racism, poor housing and low paid jobs, but strived to make a home in Britain and make amazing contributions to their new land. Our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors visited the New Testament Church, to talk to



older members of the Caribbean community as part of the intergenerational linking project. They were moved by hearing about how difficult it was to arrive in a dark, gloomy Britain after a journey by boat that often took up to 14 days and about the hardships that many people faced. It was also an opportunity to try some traditional Caribbean food and drink and take part in some activities.

Hard Work

In June students from Year 10 visited beautiful Padley Gorge in the Peak District to complete their GCSE fieldwork. The site is perfect for studying rivers as



Burbage Brook offers both fast and slow-flowing sections which enable students to measure the depth and velocity of the water. The scenery in this area is exceptional and is also a designated site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), students enjoyed the walk through the ancient woodland and the amazing views across Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

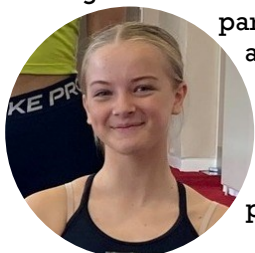


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Let yourself SHINE Independence Excellence

Congratulation to Eva in Year 10 who has auditioned and been offered a place in DeMontfort Hall's Christmas Pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk. She will be in one of the two groups forming the junior ensemble for the second year running. It's a great achievement for Eva



particularly as she has ambitions to pursue a career in the performing arts sector and is already building her portfolio.

Since our behaviour reset over 260 students have never been on-called and have met all of our expectations in the classroom. As a treat for their fantastic behaviour. During the last week of term they have been invited to watch a film in the school hall with some sweets and snacks to give them the complete cinema experience. Well done to all of them for being

fantastic Winstanley superstars!



Never Giving Up

In June our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors continued their work of spreading their on-going message of anti-racism and kindness in our local community. They delivered an assembly to Key Stage 3 children at Braunstone Frith Primary School. It was a well thought-out presentation explaining what racism is and how we can be upstanders to make being at school a happy and welcoming environment for all students from our diverse community.



We break up from school on **Thursday, 13th July** at the earlier time of **12.20pm** and return to school on **Tuesday, 29th August**.

We are on **Instagram**, join our other **1180** followers!



Celebrating Bronze

What a fantastic year it's been for DofE at Winstanley! We have had our biggest ever groups taking part with 32 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 completing their Bronze Award.

Students have shown great resilience, team work and leadership skills throughout the time. They have really supported each other and aspired to our SHINE values.



Next Year

Next Year we will be taking on another Year 9 cohort so keep a look out for details on how to get involved. It really does enable young people to develop new skills, learn to be independent and feel an incredible sense of achievement. It's also a great award to impress new employers and college/university interview panels. For the first time ever we aim to run a silver award for Year 10 students to develop skills they have gained on the Bronze scheme. Alissia and Grace in Year 11 are due to complete training to become young leaders and ambassadors.



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DofE News

Volunteering, Skills & Physical



Taking part in DofE is so much more than just the expedition. Students are required to undertake a set amount of hours volunteering, learning a new skill and taking part in a physical activity.

Over the last year students have been able to take part in school activities through the Aspire programme including basketball, running and football. In addition we have also been able to offer students archery, music, and languages and photography. Some of the students taking part have also been volunteering at Kingsway Primary School helping Year 6 children with SATs revision and coaching.

Student Voice

Tyrell in Year 10 said he loved the whole experience and felt that it's taught him to not be scared of new experiences. He learnt so many valuable lessons and useful skills to use in everyday life. He said that taking part has introduced him to new friends and the feeling when the walk was completed was incredible. He took part in a range of activities including Drama workshops which gave him confidence, he enjoyed playing football as his physical element and helped out at Remembrance Day and in the IT department for his volunteering. He highly recommends the experience to other students.



Expedition

Students gain so much from taking part in the expedition, it teaches them to use a map, plan a route, cook their own food and camp overnight with little input from leaders. This year the groups camped at Topstones in Rutland and covered over 78km. For some students it's their very first experience of camping, and being away from school enables them to have the freedom to gain independence. The walking can be difficult for some but they feel incredibly empowered once they have completed it, all ready for the next adventure!

