

# Girls SHINE Bright



International  
Women's Day

We held our annual Girls SHINE Brighter Conference to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March. The event is designed to encourage our girls to be aspirational, challenge bias, embrace equality and think about career paths that break traditional stereotypes. We were joined by delegates from a wide range of roles who took part in a networking event enabling the girls from years 8 & 9 to talk to them about their careers.

Our keynote speaker this year was Morgan Newberry, who has not only worked at Winstanley as a TA but now has amazing success as a para-cyclist, as part of the GB cycling team. This year we were pleased to welcome back more ex-students who studied at Winstanley and are now embarking on successful careers. We would like to say a big thank you to our delegates, who gave up their time to take part – Kelsey (Forensic Science), Ms Boyce (Educational Consultant), Kirstie (Sandcliffe), Rubina (Company Director), Sarah (Business Manager), Mrs McKinnon (Headteacher), Lola (Community Connector in Housing), Charlie (Trainee Solicitor), Vimmie (Business Relationship Manager), Chelsea (Trainee Solicitor) and Katie (APT for Leicester Hospitals). Thanks also goes to our prefects who helped to make the event such a success. As a special treat girls from Year 8, 9 and 10

enjoyed a wet walk to the Vue Cinema on Tuesday 12th March to watch the new musical version of Mean Girls. This was a free trip which was organised for International Women's Day. Everyone enjoyed the film and the cautionary tale of the power struggles within a high school setting.



## Welcome

I have been doing Easter assemblies this week and focusing on some of the key messages from the story that Christians remember. I have been struck again by the hope that Christians gain from the resurrection of Jesus. I know that in many ways our world can seem difficult and at times even hopeless. Ever since I was given the incredible privilege of leading the Winstanley School I have wanted the school to be a real beacon of hope in our community. It is brilliant looking through this

newsletter to see how our students and staff are doing all that they can to 'shine bright' and bring hope. It is amazing what we have been able to do in the shortest term I can remember. Thank you for all your support. It is a real honour to work in partnership with you. A quick reminder to all our Year 11 students to take time this holiday to focus on preparing for their GCSE exams - we have

got a full programme of revision classes running through the Easter holidays. I wish strength to those in the Islamic community as you fast during Ramadan. I hope you all have a blessed, relaxing and peaceful Easter and enjoy some easter eggs but not too many!

Mr Bennett, Headteacher



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## Winstanley Life

# Easter 2024

## Girl Power

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



Year 7 girls were invited to the Grove Community Hub in Braunstone for an International Women's Day event along with girls from other local schools. There were lots of workshops and activities including the Youth Bus with Street Vibe, Biscuit Decorating with Leicestershire Scouts, Knitting / Crochet with local knitting Group, E-Sports with LCFC,

Musical Theatre workshop by The Curve, Mental Health workshop with Heads-Up as well as inflatables, cricket, smoothie making, paint bikes, a chance to meet Filbert Fox and a football tournament!

It was a fantastic event and the girls all had a brilliant day out, and the icing on the cake was winning the football tournament, well done Year 7 girls.



# Stephen's Legacy

Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at DMU to learn more about how they can promote racial justice and keep Stephen's Legacy alive. The centre contains a lot of information about the racially motivated attack that led to Stephen's death, the fight for justice and Stephen's ambitions which were cut short by his murder. After visiting the exhibition students discussed what they had seen, and were encouraged to think about how schools can promote Stephen Lawrence Day on the 22nd April.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> March a group of our new Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors visited the



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We're on **Instagram**, join our other **1247** followers!

## Youth Conference



# Easter 2024



Earlier in March students from Year 7, 8 and 9 joined other schools from the area at the Blaby District Council Annual Youth Conference. The conference was led by members of the Youth Council who held some fantastic sessions about where our water comes from, racism and hate crime and coercive relationships. Students enjoyed the challenge set by Severn Trent Water which involved, setting budgets, solving problems and working as a team. During the second session, students watched an interactive performance led



by Soundproof Box about the types of behaviour which can be controlling both in relationships and friend groups, they waved red flags when they spotted the signs of worrying behaviour. The third session dealt with racism and hate crime and students discussed the impact on victims and the consequences for those who commit hate crimes.

All attendees were treated to a free lunch before the afternoon session when students met with local councillors to speak about concerns they have about where they live and what could be done to make things better. It was fantastic to see our students getting involved with the activities and making fantastic contributions to the discussions, confidently demonstrating their knowledge of the issues being raised. All of the students who attended were chosen from our school ambassador groups.



## Red Nose Day



We are very pleased to have raised over £400 for Red Nose Day! This was through the cake sales at break time, wearing a hoodie for school on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and Throwing Slime at Mr Megginson and Mr Bradley. Thank you to everyone who contributed by baking cakes, sending students to school with money and house leaders for organising the activities. The highlight of Red Nose Day was being able to slime teachers during lunchtime. Students paid 50p for a cup of slime, and those who weren't participating



enjoyed watching from the sidelines. Well done to Mr Bradley and Mr Megginson for being such good sports and putting themselves in the firing line of the slime!





# Wellbeing Support

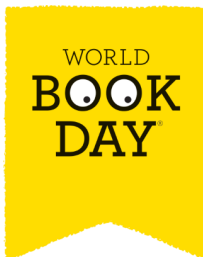
This week our well-being ambassadors enjoyed a thought provoking training session with Mrs Chaudhary from Kingsway Primary School and Heidi Shewell-Cooper a Citizens Organiser from Nottingham. The training covered - What does it mean to be an ambassador for your school? What qualities make a good ambassador? How to be an upstander instead of a bystander and aims and actions for the group. The well-being ambassadors are a newly formed group and are keen to raise money for a mental health charity, be more visible around school and to raise the profile of mental health and well-being across the school - to help others get the right access to support and strategies. Mrs Chaudhary said the ambassadors were amazing and they have so many great ideas for action!



## Winstanley Life

 In touch...

Why not follow us on social media, we post regularly on **X**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens...



## Love Reading!

World Book Day is a great opportunity to celebrate the thriving reading culture we have developed here at The Winstanley School in recent years. We take great care to ensure that we dedicate curriculum time to boosting students' reading skills while promoting a love of books.

Through our reading lessons we have made sure that all students are reading regularly and have access to texts that are interesting and challenging. This year up to 30 different texts have been, or are currently being read by reading groups during our extended tutor time. The selection of books is extremely diverse. Some groups are reading classic texts such as Steinbeck's 'Grapes of Wrath' or Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' whereas other groups are reading highly acclaimed, or award-winning, modern young adult novels such as Katya Balen's 'October, October' and Jason Reynolds' 'All American Boys'. A group of our Year 11 students read 'Sapiens' by Yuval Noah Harari and were able to use the text to debate evidence concerning the evolution of the human race. This eclectic selection enables all of our students to really broaden their horizons and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. The lessons also play a valuable role in helping our young people to develop a wider vocabulary and practice their comprehension skills.



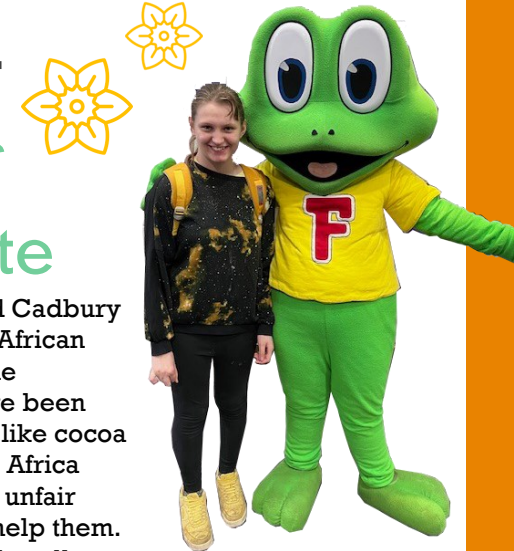
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## World of Chocolate

Year 8 recently visited Cadbury World as part of their African Superpower unit. In the classroom, students have been learning about how industries like cocoa production in countries across Africa can aid development and how unfair trade does not help them.

Today they had a talk from one of the historians at Cadbury's and learnt about how Cadbury works with Fair Trade and Cocoa Life to help local communities as 90% of Ghanaian Cocoa comes from family-run farms smaller than 5ha. Of course, they then had a great time sampling chocolate going on the 4D ride and trying their hand at chocolate artistry!



## Hard Work

The next group of Year 8 students have just finished their Resistant Materials rotation and have created some fantastic money boxes. They are ready for them to take home and start saving up the pennies. Students should be very proud of their hard work.



## Independence

The Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors are collaborating with the University of Leicester and the Caribbean Collective, this is part of an oral history project recording the memories of the Windrush generation and their journeys to the UK. Colin from the University, Derek and Jaqueline from the Caribbean Collective trained students on interview skills and using recording equipment ready for the next part of the project.



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## Never Giving Up

This week we have welcomed Jasper from Maximize Your Potential to give a motivational presentation to our Year 11 students. The workshop helps students to build on memory skills, positivity and developing good study practice in the lead-up to GCSEs. We have a

revision timetable for students to follow over the Easter break which includes revision sessions in school. This can be found on our website and there will be daily reminders on our social media stories.



Let yourself

# SHINE

## Supporting Others

Over the February half term Mr Megginson was part of a team of teachers who spent a week in India volunteering in the slums of New Delhi. Mr Megginson took some letters with him that the students from Winstanley wrote and the children in India were delighted to read and reply to them. As it was exam season most of the students Mr Megginson taught were primary school age and along with the team they did word searches, singing, balloon games and dancing! He also got to play a little volleyball with a ball he bought and donated to the centre, which was much more in his comfort zone. In the evenings and the weekend they got to tick off some of the touristy things like the Taj Mahal, India Gate, the Lotus Temple, the spice markets and the Akshardham Temple. The people were all so joyous and friendly. They also had a tour through the slums to see some of the housing, seeing first hand the ingenious way of life for so many. Finally as it was ASHAs 35th Birthday they were treated to a celebration of speeches, music and dancing. Mr Megginson is keen to continue to support ASHA and will be using many stories and photos in lessons as well as establishing links with some of the teaching staff and university students over in New Delhi.



## Excellence

The Aspire Club now runs after school between Monday and Thursday and currently has 25 different clubs and activities, which are accessed by around 400 of our students. New clubs are being added on a regular basis with the most recent additions being darts and lego club, there are lots of opportunities for students to take part in sports too, with dance, football and swimming all being popular options. Food is served after the activities ensuring that all students involved have a hot meal. The current offer is available on our website, it would be great to see more students getting involved next term.



**The Aspire Programme**  
Your extra time to SHINE



# The Route to Success Year 11 Easter Revision Plan



	MON 25th March	TUES 26th March	WED 27th March	THU 28th March	FRI 29th March
TIME	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	GOOD FRIDAY
SUBJECT	Maths	IT	H&C	CS	
WHERE	M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6	M1	M1	M1	
TIME	12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00	
SUBJECT	Business Studies	English	RM	Biology - Triple H & F	
WHERE	M5	M1	M1	M1	
TIME	14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	
SUBJECT	Option choice	Music	Chemistry	Biology - Combined H & F	
WHERE	At home	M1	M1	M1	

	MON 1st April	TUES 2nd April	WED 3rd April	THU 4th April	FRI 5th April
TIME	EASTER MONDAY	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00
SUBJECT		Spanish	Religious Studies	Further Maths	Option choice
WHERE		M1	M1	M1	At home
TIME		12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00	12:00-14:00
SUBJECT		Art	History	Further Maths	French (F)
WHERE		M1	M1	M1	M1
TIME		14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00
SUBJECT		Art	Physics	Further Maths	French (H)
WHERE		M1	At home	M1	M1

## Spring Activities

The Aspire Programme  
Your extra class at school

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cooking Club (D2) Study club (Library) Football Club (PE/Astro) First Story Spanish Revision for Year 11 Darts (Inc Base)	Basketball (Sports Hall) Study club (Library) Hair & Beauty (Drama Studio) Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Room)	Dance (Drama Studio) Swimming - girls (pool) Study Club (Library) STEM (CS) Further Maths (Maths Block) Tea & Biscuits with Miss Harris (Community Lounge) Pokemon Club (H2) DoE Board Game (Cube) Orchestra (Music Room) Lego Club Week 1 only (A1) Ceramics Week 2 Spanish Revision for Year 11	Study Club (Library) Swimming - boys (Pool) Football Club (PE/Astro)

Please speak to Mr Turner to sign up

## More news...

To find out all of our news as it happens follow us on social media. There you will find more pictures from the stories you have read in this newsletter.

Every Friday we celebrate student success through our **'Shining Stars' Shout Outs** and **Hot Chocolate with the Head.**



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# After school activities

### WEEKLY FREE SESSIONS AT THE GROVE

Day	Activity	Time	How to Book
Monday	Girls Football (8+ years) with Iannis FC	5:00-6:00pm	Starts 12th May - Speak to Grove Staff
Tuesday	Grove Gaming Club (11+ years)	6:30-8:30pm	Starts 9th April - Speak to Grove Staff
Wednesday	Grove Football 8-11 years	4-5pm	Turn Up and Play!
	Grove Football 12-15 years	5-6pm	
Wednesday	Curve at The Grove - Musical Theatre Session (Years 6-7)	5:00-7:00pm	Starts 10th April - Book at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/curveatgrove">tinyurl.com/curveatgrove</a>
	Grove Youth Club (11-18 years) with StreetVibe YPS	6:00-8:00pm	Starts 10th April - Speak to Grove Staff
Thursday	LCFC Football 8-11 years	4-5pm	Runs term time only - <a href="mailto:community@lcfc.co.uk">community@lcfc.co.uk</a>
	LCFC Football 12-15 years	5-6pm	
	LCFC Football 16-18 years	6-7pm	
Friday	Grove Football 16+ years	6:00-7:00pm	Turn Up and Play!
Saturday	Grove Girls Football (8-14 years)	10:00-11:00am	Speak to Grove Staff
	Street Dance (8+ Years) with ER Dance	10:00am-12:00pm	Contact Mandy on 07876 498 592

Also at The Grove:

- Holiday Schemes
- Birthday Parties
- Basketball (coming soon)

Heads-Up Leicester

Street Vibe Young Peoples Service

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Call/Message 07850 747 999

Email [reception.grove@b-inspired.org.uk](mailto:reception.grove@b-inspired.org.uk)

Call 0116 279 5145

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## GET INVOLVED IN MUSICAL THEATRE

Join us for an exciting new project at **The Grove Community Hub!**  
**FOR FREE!**

- Take part in free weekly workshops, learning about drama, singing and movement and work towards putting on a showcase performance
- For children in **school years 6 and 7**
- Run by workshop leaders Ben and Amelie from **Curve**
- Sessions will run weekly on **Wednesdays** from **5 - 7pm** starting on **Wednesday 10th April** with the performance at the start of **July**
- Plus **FREE** tickets to **Curve** theatre to see shows!

To book, go to [www.tinyurl.com/curveatgrove](http://www.tinyurl.com/curveatgrove)

Or contact us using 07850 747 999 or 0116 279 5145  
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