

PRIDE Month



On the 28th June we celebrated the end of PRIDE month by asking staff and students to wear rainbow colours. Students had attended assemblies during the week which focussed on why we recognise PRIDE month, giving students a better understanding of what it means to be part of the LGBTQ+ community and how we can support those around us to feel safe, confident and celebrate their identity. Earlier in the month some of our ambassadors had organised a film event to watch the 'Next Goal Wins' as part of our PRIDE month and the Euros. It's the story of the American Samoa soccer team, who suffered the worst loss in World Cup history, losing to Australia 31-0 in 2001. The story begins as the 2014 World Cup is approaching, and the team recruits a down on his luck, maverick coach to help turn their fate around. The storyline also includes fa'afafine player Jaiyah Saelua, who was the first transgender player ever to compete in a World Cup qualifier game. The film had rave reviews and it was enjoyed by the students who really got behind the characters, and cheered them on!

Some of our ambassadors were invited to attend a PRIDE festival at Ibstock Community College. They had a fantastic time, and there was plenty to see, do and eat. The festival had been organised by their students, and it was lovely for our students to be able to support others within LiFE MAT.



Welcome

What an amazing year! We started the year by being judged 'Good' in all areas by OFSTED and it would have been easy for the school to 'sit back and enjoy it'. Exactly the opposite has happened and as I walk round the school now it is obvious that we have made huge progress since OFSTED's visit. I want to pay tribute to the amazing staff who have worked tirelessly to support the students and make sure that they get a great experience. As you can see from the Newsletter we have been incredibly busy again and students have had all sorts of opportunities to 'shine brighter than they thought they could.' It has been an absolute privilege to lead the school community and work together in partnership. Winstanley is very much a school 'on the up' and I am extremely proud to be headteacher. I do hope you have a fantastic holiday and you have some time to relax and hopefully enjoy some sun.

Mr Bennett, Head of School



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Stronger Together

It was amazing to see the school looking so colourful for the Great Get Together on Friday, 21st June. Students were asked to wear a cultural outfit, their house colour or a football top. The day celebrated everything that makes us unique and also what we have in common. Our Ambassadors put on a fantastic assembly, about why it's important to celebrate the Great Get Together, and we took time to remember MP Jo Cox, who believed in celebrating diversity and the enrichment that this brings to our local communities. It was fantastic to see students supporting the ambassadors in our Great Get Together assembly, as they put on a fashion show of their colourful cultural clothes.





Celebrating Success

On the 27th 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' Alfie and Ria from Year 7 and Kristers and Alissa 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 blazers, jumpers or ties that no longer fit, we would love you to donate them back to us, we can then make these available to other students who need them. You can drop items into reception when we return after the summer.



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Good Luck Year 11

On Friday 14th June, we wished a fond farewell to our Year 11s, as they spent their last full day at school. They worked so hard during the exams, showing enthusiasm and appreciation for the support they were given, 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 and a look at some of the highlights from their time at Winstanley.



Students and staff had an amazing time at the Prom on the 21st 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, Miss Symons and Mrs Hawkins for all of the hard work that went into planning the event. We look forward to seeing students again on exam results day which is on Thursday, 22nd August.



Big Dig

John Dodd from the Braunstone Heritage Group has been working with our History Department and students on the 'Winstanley Big Dig'. They have located a few items of interest which have been recorded and logged. The first test pit has now been completed and the group will begin again at another location on site. It was lovely to see some students from The SHINE Centre joining in, students are gaining a lot of useful knowledge through being involved in the project and a deeper understanding of history and how we understand our past. This is classified as an official dig, and will be logged on a database along with anything that is found of historical interest, so it's a fantastic opportunity for students to be involved in the process.





Eco Club News

World Environment Day was on the 5th June and Eco Club presented assemblies to the rest of the school to raise awareness and about the work they

have been doing to make the school and the wider community greener and cleaner. They did an amazing job showing how we can become a Regeneration Generation, and have a deeper understanding of how we can repair the damage that's being done to the planet. They also outlined some of the positive steps they have taken over the last year through their hard work and enthusiasm. They have been busy over the last few weeks creating green spaces in school and planting colourful summer flowers.



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Ambassador Success Stories

In June some of our Ambassadors joined other schools from across the LiFE MAT to attend the annual Stephen Lawrence Symposium at DeMontfort University. Many of our Ambassadors, past and present were invited to speak about their experiences as Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors and the skills they have gained from their involvement. It was a very proud occasion for Winstanley, as students described how being an ambassador has helped them overcome shyness, learn to speak to a large audience, give them the confidence to be their authentic selves and in Reuben's case, aim to achieve admission to a top university so that he can have a career which will influence social change and racial equality.

We would like to thank the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre for working closely with us and having such a huge impact on our ambassadors and school community.



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New Beginnings

During the last week we 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 7th 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 19th 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 1st July we took our Bronze Supernovas to the seaside for the day. Year 7 and 8 went to Hunstanton and Year 9 and 10 went to Ingoldmells. It was a wonderful way to celebrate students who have good attendance, work hard and are 'Winstanley Ready'. The weather was a bit cold and windy but that didn't stop our students from having a great day out. Students who have achieved Gold Supernova were able to attend the theme park trips too.

Seaside Away Day



Bowled Over

During the last month we were pleased to welcome Kailash from Leicestershire County Cricket to Winstanley to provide cricket lessons for KS3 girls groups. They hope to raise the profile of girls cricket and encourage more girls into the sport. Kailash has been doing a lesson each week with every KS3 class! It's a fantastic opportunity for the girls to learn more about cricket and get involved with a local club.



Thinking Ahead

In July, a group of our Year 10 students were invited for a tour of the University of Leicester. As well as touring the campus, students found out about Humanities subjects, attended sample lessons and discovered the careers that would be open to them with a Humanities degree. It was a good insight into University life, and gave students the opportunity to see where their choices for further education could take them.



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Expedition Completed!

Well done to all students who participated in the two-day assessed expedition to Rutland last week. The first day was spent setting up camp and taking part in team building activities at Topstones Campsite in Rutland. This was followed by an evening around the campfire, with students preparing and cooking their evening meal. Students loved the open space and freedom, and had fun playing hide and seek in the dark. On the second day they woke bright and early for a challenging walk, which they had to complete independently using a map. The students found the walk quite difficult, but the teambuilding skills they had completed the day before helped to keep them motivated and they supported each other and worked together to achieve their goal. They enjoyed the whole experience, making new friends and happy memories. Next term the same opportunity will be offered to the new Year 9 cohort, and we are able to offer skills and volunteering within school through our Aspire programme.



Strike it Lucky!

Some of our students were invited on a bowling trip with our SEND team, this was a reward trip for those who have contributed to the school community or achieved personal targets over the last school year. They loved the opportunity to challenge staff and a great time was had by all!

There will be a Just Schoolwear Pop-Up Shop at The Winstanley School on Wednesday 7th August 10:30 - 13:00



Get ready for the new term...



Supporting Others

Our new Wellbeing Ambassador group have been having regular meetings with Ms Chaudry from Kingsway Primary School. She is working with them to establish goals for the coming year, and ideas to raise awareness and offer support for our students. The WBA's have been adding to their plan of action with new ideas. We have advice and links to support services on our website for students and parents. This is the link – Wellbeing & Mental Health.



Hard Work

In June, GCSE Hospitality and Catering students practiced their cooking skills in practical mock exams to prepare for year 11 when they have a 4 hour exam to make 2 dishes. Year 9 made one dish in two hours and year 10 made two dishes in four hours. They made a variety of recipes including sweet and savoury dishes.



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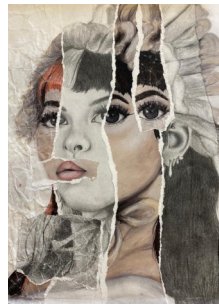
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Independence

A huge well done and congratulations to Year 11 Art groups who completed their Art coursework brilliantly. A selection of their year 10 work can be seen in the cube.

A massive shout out to Esme who scored an unprecedented full marks for her coursework.



Never Giving Up

Miss Fisher's tutor group had a chippy lunch this month to celebrate the fantastic fundraising they have done for Mind Charity as part of the 10X challenge. It was well deserved and was a fantastic celebration of their determination and commitment.



Excellence

We've had a fantastic term of sport at Winstanley. Earlier in the term our Year 8 Football team, won the Higgins Cup against other local schools. In Athletics we were very proud to have two students attend County Sports, following their success at Area Sports. Amaka came 4th in 200m and Fabian came 2nd in hurdles. What a fantastic achievement! Our Year 10's won the Fair Play Challenge Cup so well done to Mikolaj J, Lennon M, Ammiel M, Cody R, Edward J, Harley D and Theo G. Unfortunately our Summer

Sports Day was rained off twice, but our PE staff pulled out all the stops and put on a great event in the Sports Hall. Winners were Year 7 joint Maple and Elm, Year 8 Oak and Year 9 Elm.



We break up from school on **Wednesday, 10th July** at the normal time of **3.05pm** and return to school on **Tuesday, 27th August**.

We are on **Instagram**, join our other **1263** followers!

