

A Bright Future

Our students celebrated some fantastic GCSE results this year, reflecting their hard work, resilience and excellence. As a school that has been graded 'Good' by Ofsted, we take immense pride in how our students have risen to the challenges of their studies and proven that hard work, determination, and supporting each other lead to success.

Headteacher, Mr Bennett, said, "This year 11 suffered the most disruption of any year group to their secondary education because of the pandemic so it is fantastic to see so many great results. They are

a true reflection of the hard work and resilience our students have shown. They have faced the challenges head on and supported each other through the difficult times, and maintained their focus on excellence throughout. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their achievements."

Throughout their time at Winstanley, students have had access to a variety of enriching opportunities designed to broaden their horizons and prepare them for whatever future path they choose. From work experience placements, community engagement, and leadership opportunities to after-school activities their commitment to making the most of every opportunity. This approach has equipped them not only with strong academic foundations but also with the independence and resilience necessary for success in the wider world.

We extend our warmest congratulations to our Year 11 students on their achievements. Their commitment to 'Shine brighter than they thought they could', along with the support from their teachers, school community and families, has ensured they are well-prepared for the exciting journeys ahead.



Apology:
Sorry to Alex
(third from right)
for the mistake
with his name in
the Braunstone
Life Magazine.



Welcome

As the longest first half term of the year that I can remember comes to an end it is a real pleasure to look through the newsletter and see all the amazing things that staff and students have managed to fit into this half term. The term started with celebrations with the Year 11 class of 2024 because of the fantastic GCSE results they achieved. It was also brilliant to celebrate with one of our ex students Reuben who secured a place at Oxford University. The newsletter is full of examples of how students and staff are 'shining brighter than they thought they could!' Thank you for all your support. It is great to work in partnership with you. I am very proud to be Headteacher at Winstanley and to be able to lead such an amazing community. Have a great half term and I hope you enjoy some time of rest and refreshment.

Mr Bennett, Headteacher.



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Winstanley Life

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Off to Uni!

We are beyond proud to announce that Reuben, who left Winstanley in 2022, has secured a place at the University of Oxford to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Reuben has consistently shown a passion for leadership, advocacy, and making a real difference as a Stephen Lawrence Ambassador. His commitment to promoting social justice and positive change has been a true inspiration. This achievement is not just a reflection of his hard work and determination, but also his drive to impact the world for the better. We know he'll continue to shine bright at Oxford and beyond! Congratulations to Reuben on this incredible accomplishment, and we wish him all the best as he embarks on his exciting future.

If you know of anyone who attended Winstanley and has now gone on to University or has an interesting career we would love to hear from them - follow the link to our website for more information - [Invitation to Ex Students](#)





Wellbeing Fair

A huge thank you to all the amazing delegates who joined us at school on the 10th October for our Wellbeing Fair! Our students had a fantastic time learning about the support and resources available to them, as well as discovering ways to look after their own wellbeing. Delegates included Bodie Hodges Foundation, Teen Health,

Hate Crime Team, Heads Up, Trade, our Local PCSO, Victim First, Blaby District Council, Violence Reduction Network, NSPCC, Braunstone Baptist Church, One Church, Sportzmind, Samaritans and Braunstone Heritage Group, their presence made a real difference in our students' understanding of the importance of mental health, community and wellbeing.



Women's Wellness

This week we had an inspiring get-together with female staff of all ages to talk about women's health, including the impact of menopause, in recognition of World Menopause Day on the 18th October. With women making up such a large sector of the workforce, it's important to recognize how symptoms of menopause can be challenging and affect daily life. It was fantastic to have an open discussion about balancing health, family responsibilities, and careers. We're excited to announce that we'll be electing Women's Wellness Ambassadors to provide support and lend a listening ear to both staff and students on women's health issues.



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Winstanley Life Hello Yellow

On World Mental Health Day students and staff wore yellow to raise awareness for the Hello Yellow campaign by Young Minds! This initiative encourages young people to show their support and spread awareness about mental health.

At break time, we had an exciting photo booth where students proudly showed off their yellow outfits while raising awareness for this important cause. It was an inspiring and fun way to remind everyone that mental health matters. Thank you to everyone who got involved!



YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

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Masculinity Workshop

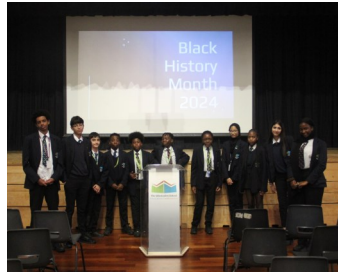
Earlier this month a group of our Year 11 boys had the opportunity to participate in a thought-provoking workshop led by Jeff from Progressive Masculinity. The session focused on exploring the concept of masculinity, how it's portrayed in the media, the pressures and expectations that come with being a man, the importance of emotional control and breaking the stigma around showing emotions. During the workshop, students discussed what it means to be a positive friend and ally and how to relate to others to handle issues like bullying. They also reflected on the kind of men they aspire to be, including fatherhood, building positive relationships and discovering their own paths in a non-judgmental and supportive space. We are proud of our students for engaging openly and thoughtfully in these important conversations, which will undoubtedly help shape them into compassionate and understanding young men. Twelve of our students took part this time but we hope to be able to offer this to more students in the future.



Inspiring Assembly

Huge congratulations to our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors who presented insightful assemblies in October for Black History Month. They did an incredible job highlighting important figures, raising awareness, and sharing valuable lessons. We know it's never easy standing up and speaking in front of your peers, but they handled it with confidence. We're so proud of them!

As part of continuing our commitment to celebrating diversity and standing against discrimination, on the 18th October we will be taking part in Wear Red Day in support of the charity Show Racism the Red Card.



MP Visit

On the 3rd October we had the pleasure of welcoming Peter Bedford, MP to The Winstanley School! He spent time visiting classrooms, observing students in action, and experiencing the fantastic learning happening here every day. Our new MP also met with the

Headteacher, Mr Bennett to discuss the school's achievements, future goals, and how we can continue to provide the best opportunities for the young people in our community.



We are on **Instagram**, join our other **1274** followers!



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Winstanley Life

Published Authors!

We are thrilled to share that some of our talented students have completed the First Story creative writing program! They have worked alongside professional writers, to develop their creative writing skills, boost their enthusiasm and let their imagination soar.

Through workshops and mentorship, First Story helps students to unlock their potential and express themselves in exciting, new ways. At the end



of their journey, each student has had their work published in a special anthology, marking their debut as published authors! This term they all received a copy of their book, which was a proud moment for all involved.

FIRST STORY
EAST MIDLANDS

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European Day
of Languages

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At Winstanley we celebrated the incredible diversity of languages that enrich our school community on the 26th September for European Day of Languages. From French and Spanish lessons to the many students who speak English as their second language, we recognise the power of multilingualism in bringing people together.

Learning a new language opens doors to different cultures, broadens our horizons, and helps us appreciate the beauty of our global community.

During CREW Year 7 students came together to build challenging replicas of the Eiffel Tower - using only newspapers! Through this fun activity, we honoured the rich diversity of languages and cultures across Europe, demonstrating collaboration and imagination! Let's continue embracing and celebrating the languages we speak and the connections they create!



Excellence

Year 7 student, Hanna recently achieved remarkable success in the world of judo. Competing in the European Judo Championships held in Gdańsk, Poland, on September 14-15, 2024, Hanna showcased her exceptional skills, securing second place and earning a prestigious silver medal. Not only did she excel in her own category, but she also demonstrated true sportsmanship by supporting her friend in the over +100 kg category. Just a week later, on the 22nd of September Hanna participated in her first Kata Tournament in St. Albans. Alongside her teammate from Leicester Judo Academy, she perfectly executed the defence technique Nage no kata, clinching the gold medal in the Junior category. This series of accomplishments highlights Hanna's growing prowess in judo and her commitment to both individual and team success.



Hard Work

We would like to extend a thank you to all the parents, students, and visitors who attended our Open Evening! A special mention goes to our amazing students who volunteered to guide visitors, assist with activities, and showcase their talents. Their enthusiasm and dedication truly shone throughout the evening.

During the event, visitors had the opportunity to explore a wide range of activities, from exciting science experiments, to engaging maths puzzles that challenged the mind. Art, design and music highlighted the creativity and skill of our students and it was great to have John, from Braunstone Heritage Group starting a new dig on the school field, helping to discover more about our local history.

Since Open Evening we have also hosted tours for prospective parents, showing around 20 families around during the school day. Everyone who visited was impressed by the excellent behaviour and hard work taking place. If you are applying for your child to join Year 7 in August 2025 the deadline for applications is the 31st October.



Let yourself

SHINE

Never Giving Up

Huge shoutout to our amazing school staff who participated in the Run Leicester Festival and marathon to raise money for Open Hands! Open Hands is a local charity that provides vital emergency support for people facing poverty in Leicester, and we're so proud of our team for stepping up to help.

So far, they've raised an incredible £1147 – and it's not too late to contribute! You can still donate through the JustGiving page if you'd like to support this fantastic cause. Let's keep the

momentum going and make a real difference together! Well done to everyone who took part yesterday.

Just Giving - <https://bit.ly/4h8w5Sb>



Independence

Huge congratulations to our Year 11 students who have received their official letters confirming their roles as Prefects!

After putting in a lot of hard work – from writing thoughtful applications, securing references, and attending interviews – they've earned these important positions within the school. They now step into their roles as leaders and ambassadors, ready to make a positive impact on our school community. We know they will represent us with pride and set a great example for everyone! They will be joined by other Prefects later in the year.



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Supporting Others

On the 15th October we were pleased to host the Hate Crime Team at Winstanley to deliver important workshops for all Year 8 and Year 9 students. These sessions focussed on what a Hate Crime is,

why it's harmful, and most importantly, how to report it.

It's crucial that we all play our part in creating a safe and respectful community for everyone.

Let's stand together against all forms of hate and discrimination!



Arbor

Download the App!

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.



Music News

We are thrilled to announce that The Winstanley School has been selected by Leicestershire Music to become a Music Mark School! This prestigious recognition celebrates our commitment to improving music provision and our active engagement with the Leicestershire Music Hub.



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Winstanley Life



Get Involved

Our after school Aspire Club is going from strength to strength with more than 100 students attending a variety of activities with more being added all the time. Students who attend get to socialise with friends in a safe environment, have some food and learn new skills, encourage your child to sign up for something after half term.



Autumn

Free School Meals

Did you know that applying for Free School Meals (FSM) not only provides your child with a hot meal, but allows our school to receive extra funding? We can use this funding to offer discounts on educational trips, extra support in lessons and enrichment activities. Even if your child doesn't have a free school lunch we will still receive the extra funding which benefits the whole school.

If you're eligible for FSM, apply today! There is more information on our website, or apply directly online via



LCC. If your child previously had free school meals through Leicester City Council, you will need to re-apply through Leicestershire County Council. [Leicestershire County Council](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk) [The Winstanley School](https://www.winstanleyschool.org.uk)

Winstanley Houses

As you may be aware our Heads of Year have now become Heads of House. That means your child will have continuity throughout their time at Winstanley, and this will give them a greater sense of belonging. If you have any worries, your child's tutor should be the first point of contact. Heads of House are as follows:

- Maple - Mrs Chambers
- Oak - Mr Harston
- Aspen - Mr Turner & Mrs Clarke
- Elm - Mrs Turner



Autumn Activities

From September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cooking Club (D2) Study club (Library) First Story Further Maths Yr10&11 Maths Block Darts (Inc Base) Board Games Nerf Club (Sports Hall) Singing Club (Music) Wellbeing Club Football MUGA KS3 ICT Club	Study club (Library) Hair & Beauty (Drama Studio) Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Room) Nerf Club (Sports Hall) Tea & Biscuits (Nurture) Football MUGA Board Games	Dance (Drama Studio) Swimming - girls (pool) Study Club (Library) Further Maths Yr 10&11 (Maths Block) DofE Board Games Girls Football (Muga) Lego Club Week 2 only (A1) Ceramics Week 2 Girls Football (Muga) Table Tennis (Sports Hall) Year 10 Gym Session	Study Club (Library) Swimming - boys (Pool) Year 11 Gym Session Basketball (Sports Hall) Board Games Disco-cise (Drama Studio)

Please speak to Mr Turner to sign up

Year 11 November Mock Exam Timetable



Good Luck

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DATE	AM/PM	Start Time	Finish Time	Duration	Room	Subject
Mon 04/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	02:00	SH	English Language
Mon 04/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:25 PM	01:45	SH	Biology (H+F)
Tue 05/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	11:15 AM	02:30	SH	English Literature
Tue 05/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	Mathematics (H+F)
Tue 05/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	01:15	MUS	Music Controlled Assessment
Wed 06/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:30 AM	01:45	SH	Chemistry (H+F)
Wed 06/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	Geography
Wed 06/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	01:00	SH	Spanish Writing (F)
Wed 06/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	01:15	SH	Spanish Writing (H)
Wed 06/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	01:00	SH	French Writing (F)
Wed 06/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	01:15	SH	French Writing (H)
Thu 07/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:30 AM	01:45	SH	Physics (H+F)
Thu 07/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:25 PM	01:45	SH	History
Fri 08/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:15 AM	01:30	SH	Mathematics (H+F)
Fri 08/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	Computer Science
Mon 11/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:15 AM	01:30	SH	Mathematics (H+F)
Mon 11/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	Drama
Mon 11/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	00:45	SH	Spanish Reading (F)
Mon 11/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	01:00	SH	Spanish Reading (H)
Mon 11/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	00:45	SH	French Reading (F)
Mon 11/11/2024	PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	01:00	SH	French Reading (H)
Tue 12/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	02:00	SH	RS
Tue 12/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:20 PM	01:40	SH	Film Studies
Wed 13/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:30 AM	01:45	SH	Business Studies
Wed 13/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	PE
Thu 14/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:15 AM	01:30	CS/C8	H&C (On-screen)
Thu 14/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	IT
Fri 15/11/2024	AM	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	02:00	SH	RM
Fri 15/11/2024	AM	11:40 AM	1:10 PM	01:30	SH	Media Studies

TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS ON HOW TO BE EFFICIENT

STAY ORGANISED

TRY NOT TO PROCRASTINATE

SET GOALS

CREATE A REVISION TIMETABLE AND A TO DO LIST TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK WITH SCHOOL WORK AND REVISION.

TURN OFF THE TV AND PUT YOUR PHONE ON FLIGHT MODE WHILE STUDYING.

SETTING GOALS WILL HELP YOU STAY FOCUSED WHEN REVISING.

STAY HEALTHY

TAKE BREAKS

BE FLEXIBLE

EAT WELL AND EXERCISE. ENERGY LEVELS WILL BE HIGHER AND YOUR MIND WILL BE MORE FOCUSED.

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE BREAKS. THIS COULD BE TAKING A WALK, STRETCHING OR MAKING A DRINK/SNACK.

LEAVE ROOM IN YOUR SCHEDULE TO ADJUST TO UNEXPECTED EVENTS.

Post 16

Over the next few weeks Year 11 students are encouraged to attend as many Open Events as possible, so that they are able to make informed choices about their next steps in education, training or employment. This week we have held two really interesting assemblies about apprenticeships by Caterpillar and SMB Group.

Students have also been taking part in mock interviews with volunteers from local employers. This will help them feel confident and prepared for the route ahead.

The full list of Open Events can be found on our website by following this link - [Post 16 Open Events](#)

There will be a regular link on our website for Careers News, go to www.winstanleyschool.org.uk or click here - [Careers News](#)



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