

Celebrating Our Community

At the end of June The Winstanley School came alive with colour, culture and community spirit as we celebrated the Great TWS Get Together - a special day marking PRIDE, Culture Day and The Great Get

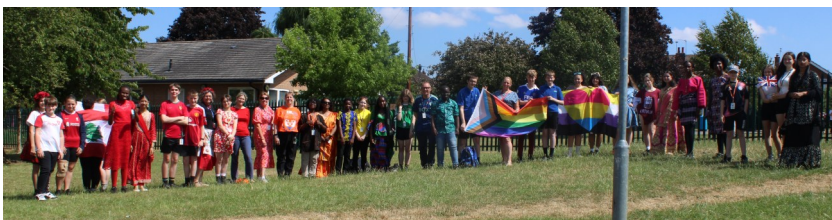
Together in memory of Jo Cox.

The morning began with powerful and thought-provoking workshops on racism, ableism, misogyny and homophobia.

In the afternoon, the celebrations began with students taking part in a whole host of exciting activities:

- The first meeting of our Eastern European Club
- A very popular Meet the Great Dane session
- Pebble painting, face painting and a group art project
- A Cultural Dress Fashion Show, where students proudly represented their identity while being cheered on by their peers
- Ice cream van - very popular, given the very hot weather!

It was a fantastic afternoon full of joy, laughter and unity - a true reflection of everything The Winstanley School stands for.



Welcome

What an amazing year! When I look at the newsletter and see all things have taken place just in this half term I realise what a fantastic school that I lead. I want to pay tribute to the brilliant staff who have worked tirelessly to support the students and make sure that they get a great experience. I also want to thank the students as yet again they have stepped up and have taken on board all sorts of opportunities to 'shine brighter than they thought they could.'

I am very excited about next year and I am sure that it is going to be even better if that is possible! 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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Colour Run Fun

To finish off an amazing day we ended the Great TWS Get Together with a joyful Colour Run - and what an incredible way to bring everyone together! Students and staff ran, jumped and laughed their way through clouds of colour, surrounded by cheering friends and unforgettable energy. The Colour Run was a vibrant celebration of togetherness, belonging and fun, marking the perfect end to a day focused on inclusion and identity.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and made this such a memorable moment. The photos say it all - pure happiness!



Bronze Success!

This term around 30 of our amazing Year 9 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition – our most successful year yet for participation! They camped overnight at Topstones campsite in Rutland, took on an assessed expedition using maps to navigate unfamiliar routes, cooked their own meals on camping stoves and took part in some brilliant team-building activities. A huge well done to all the students for their determination, teamwork and resilience – and a massive thank you to Mr Harston and the DoE team for organising such a fantastic experience and making it accessible for everyone who wanted to take part.



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Good Luck Year 11



On the 16th June, we wished a fond farewell to our Year 11s, as they returned for one last assembly. 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 enjoyed some 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 19th June 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. For the third year running Winstanley House proved to be the perfect location, the staff there made the evening really special and nothing was too much trouble. A few words of thanks to our school staff whose hard work went into planning the event. We look forward to seeing students again on exam results day on Thursday, 21st August.

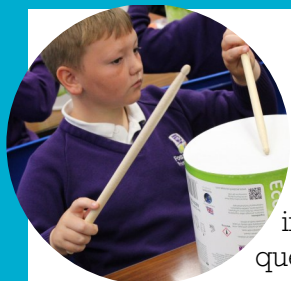


Water Safety

With the recent hot weather and school holidays fast approaching, we want to remind everyone of the very real dangers of playing near deep water - including rivers, lakes, quarries and other open water. Recently, we marked National Drowning Prevention Week with a series of assemblies to raise awareness among our students about the risks and how to stay safe. For



helpful advice and resources for parents and carers, we recommend visiting the Royal Life Saving Society UK website - www.rlss.org.uk



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, including contact details for any holiday queries. We also welcomed Year 5 students for taster days, giving them a chance to experience secondary school life through a range of lessons and activities. A Pop-Up Uniform Shop will be held on 6th August from 10.30am, offering blazers, jumpers and PE kit.

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A Proud Day Summer 2025

Students and staff were honoured to attend a powerful event at De Montfort University, hosted by the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre, celebrating Stephen's legacy of equity, justice and courage. As the first school to have Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors, these values are at the heart of our school community. It was a proud moment to

see former ambassador Reuben - now studying at Oxford return to chair the Question Time panel, having first attended the very first Symposium, and being inspired by meeting Baroness Doreen Lawrence. The day brought together ambassadors from schools across the region for workshops on Creative Leadership, confidence-building and community action. Highlights included a session led by Cllr George Cole and an inspiring address from Baroness Lawrence herself. Our Year 11 leavers also took part, and it was wonderful to welcome back former Winstanley students who continue to inspire. Each ambassador received a pin and certificate as a lasting reminder of their commitment to Stephen's legacy. We are incredibly proud of all our ambassadors, past and present, for the positive change they are leading in school and beyond.



Going Green

At the beginning of June, we held Environment Week. Our Eco Club has been working hard throughout the school year to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire positive change. During the week, they organised informative activities and delicious cake sales at break times. Students and staff showed their support, with all funds going towards exciting future eco-projects! To end the week, the whole school went green - staff and students wore green to show their commitment to protecting our planet and caring for the world around us. We were also proud to launch the Community Fridge, a fantastic initiative that redistributes surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. It's a great way to support the environment and help local families reduce the cost of their weekly food shop. This term, we've seen an increase in visitors to the Community Fridge - an amazing amount of food has been distributed and saved from landfill. The Fridge has been run by students completing their volunteering for DofE, as well as by our Eco Club. We hope to continue the scheme after the summer holidays.



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Sports Day

What an amazing Sports Day we had this year! With the sun shining and spirits high, the energy on the field was incredible from start to finish. Students took part in a wide range of events including running races, tug of war, javelin, shot put and long jump - demonstrating our SHINE values throughout the day. The final lesson saw the excitement reach its peak with the much-anticipated relay races and the thrilling Tug-of-War final. The whole school gathered on the field to cheer on their



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Houses, creating a fantastic atmosphere. We're proud to announce that Maple House were the overall winners - congratulations to everyone in Maple for an outstanding team effort! Among the year group champions, Maple took the top spot in Year 7, Elm led the way in Year 8, and Oak came out on top in Year 9. A huge thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the day such a fantastic celebration of school spirit.



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It was a real pleasure to welcome parents and carers into school this term to celebrate the achievements of our incredible students at this year's Curriculum Awards. The event recognised those who have shown outstanding effort and excellence across a wide range of subjects throughout the year. This year, awards were presented in school houses, helping to build a sense of pride and belonging amongst our students. Congratulations to every student who received an award - you have truly aspired to our SHINE values by supporting others, working hard, being independence, never giving up to achieve excellence. A special well done to our Students of the Year - each one was so deserving of their award, and we can't wait to see how they

County Success

A huge well done to our amazing students who recently qualified for County Sports after their fantastic performances at Area



Sports at The Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton! We are incredibly proud of them for not only doing so well, but also for representing our school with pride and great sportsmanship at Loughborough University last week. Kristers won Gold for Javelin and Nazifa won Gold for High Jump. Matty won Silver for Triple Jump. Josh competed in shotput, Archie competed in 200m and Jacob competed in hurdles, although they weren't medal winners they took part in their events with confidence and determination.

continue to SHINE bright in the next academic year! They are as follows-

Nazifa - Year 7 Maple, John - Year 8 Maple, Erin - Year 10 Maple, Gabriel - Year 10 Maple, Aleksandra - Year 10 Oak, Daniel - Year 8 Oak, Phoebe - Year 9 Oak, Lily-Grace - Year 7 Aspen, Junior - Year 8 Aspen, Faith - Year 9 Aspen, Henry-James - Year 10 Aspen, Preston - Year 7 Elm, Amaka - Year 8 Elm, Erin - Year 9 Elm and Riley - Year 10 Elm.



Future Careers



Some of our students recently had the incredible opportunity to visit Rolls-Royce at the Space Park in Leicester, thanks to the brilliant team at DeLaggilo RugbyWorks, who have been working with us this term. During this inspiring trip, students learned about Rolls-Royce's cutting-edge work in the aerospace, robotics, and nuclear industries. They even got hands-on with exciting practical workshops, building and coding LEGO remote-controlled vehicles – a fantastic way to explore the real-world applications of STEM skills! It was a fascinating insight into the world of future careers, and a day full of curiosity, creativity, and new possibilities. A huge thank you to DeLaggilo RugbyWorks and Rolls-Royce for making it happen!

Skills to Success

Over the last year we were excited to launch the *Evolve: Your Skills to Success* programme, in partnership with the University of Leicester. Selected students took part in seven interactive workshops designed to build essential life and learning skills. Through engaging sessions during school hours, students developed time management, critical thinking, confidence in lessons, speaking and presentation skills. Activities were practical, collaborative and tailored to support success across the curriculum.



The programme ended with a fantastic trip to the University of Leicester. Students attended a Student Life talk with Zara, who shared valuable insights into university life. Year 7s tackled an engineering marble run challenge, Year 8s took on the team-based "Mission Possible," and Year 9s enjoyed an informative campus tour. It was an inspiring experience for all!

Bright for Bodie!

In June, our students brought a splash of colour to school by wearing something bright for *Shine Bright for Bodie Day*. The event raised awareness of the incredible work done by the Bodie Hodges Foundation, which supports young people and families through bereavement. We



were grateful to be joined by Lucy from the Foundation, who spoke to students about their vital work and shared leaflets to ensure everyone knows where to find support if they ever need it. A big thank you to our school community for taking part - together, we're helping to break the silence around grief.



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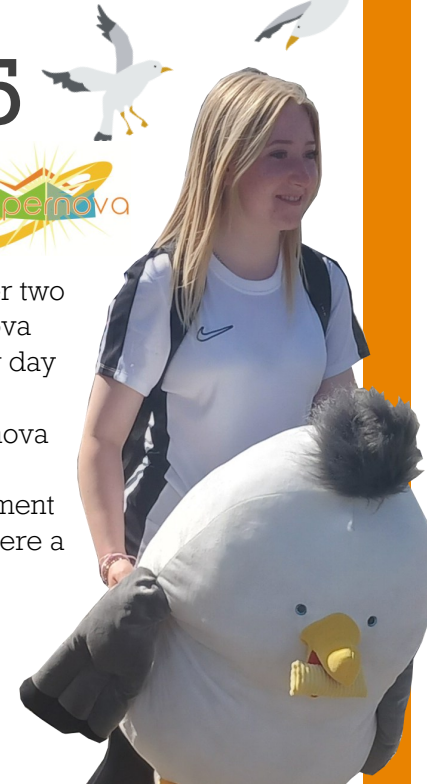
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Supernova Rewards



In the final two weeks of term, we were delighted to offer two exciting reward trips for students who met our Supernova criteria. Those achieving Gold status enjoyed a thrilling day at Alton Towers, while Silver achievers headed to Skegness for a classic seaside experience. The Supernova scheme recognises students who consistently meet expectations in attendance, behaviour, uniform, equipment and contributions to the school community. Both trips were a huge success. The weather was perfect for the seaside visit, with students enjoying ice cream, chips and plenty of fun at the amusements. Well done to all our Supernova students! For those who didn't qualify this time, we encourage you to return next term with the focus and determination to shine bright and become a Supernovas.



Supporting Others

In June some of our staff and students took part in a community litter pick around the Braunstone Park area. This event was organised by OneChurch. It was brilliant to see some of our regular Eco Club Upstanders leading by example and taking real pride in their local environment. Their efforts are helping to make the community cleaner, greener and more enjoyable for everyone, great to see students and staff **supporting others** in the local community.



Hard Work

Over the past year, a group of our students have been working with poet Owen from *First Story* to develop their creative writing skills. Through weekly workshops, they explored poetry, storytelling, and self-expression, showing real dedication and **hard work** along the way. The project culminated in the publication of their very own anthology, showcasing their talent and effort. This week, students received their copies

during a special presentation event, where they proudly read their work aloud to an audience of parents and staff.



Let yourself SHINE

Independence

Five of our Year 8 students recently represented Winstanley at a Languages Event held at Bosworth Academy, joining peers from across the LiFE Multi-Academy Trust. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves in a new environment, working alongside others to complete a series of language-based activities. Esra, John, Klayton, Seth and Eboni all took part with enthusiasm, showcasing not only their knowledge of languages but also their growing confidence and **independence**. It was a pleasure to see them demonstrate the skills they've developed so far at Winstanley - particularly their passion for learning new languages.

We break up from school on **Thursday, 10th July** at the normal time of **3.05pm** and return to school on **Tuesday, 26th August**.



Never Giving Up

Winstanley and Keyham Lodge faced off in our annual Higgins Cup match, and it was packed with energy, skill, and true sportsmanship. The Winstanley boys showed real determination and teamwork - **never giving up**, even when the pressure was on - and secured the win for the second year in a row! A huge thank you to Keyham Lodge for being fantastic opponents and helping make the game so exciting and respectful. We're already looking forward to next year's rematch and another chance to celebrate resilience, effort, and the love of the game!



Excellence

We're so proud of Year 10 students, Grace and Promise, who competed in the East Midlands Speak Out Challenge final! Both delivered powerful, note-free speeches with confidence and passion. The challenge began with a full-day workshop on 1st March, training students in public speaking and helping them build vital communication skills. Workshops like this also support GCSE English Speaking and Listening outcomes. Grace and Promise showed true **excellence** throughout the process, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented Winstanley.

