



# The Winsford Academy

Issue 4

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, this week I should like to thank all of those students who took part in our open evening. Whether as guides, working with subject teams, or even carrying out the especially daunting task of speaking in the theatre, they all acquitted themselves magnificently. The response from all the prospective parents was very positive and our students were a credit to themselves, to the Academy and to their families.

I should also like to say something this week about the importance of attendance. One of the first things I did when I became Principal was to commission a firm of attendance experts to conduct a review of the way we manage the attendance of our students. As a result, there will be a number of changes to the way our systems operate taking place over the course of this term. However, our consultants also stressed the very important role that parents can play in ensuring that students attend as often as possible. This is vital as all the research shows, almost without exception, that students who attend the most at school are also those who achieve the best outcomes, both in terms of exam results and also in terms of their eventual progression into employment.

The first thing that every parent can do is to make sure that their child understands the importance of attendance and that all the adults in their life are "singing from the same song sheet". Whilst we absolutely understand that there are times when a child is just too unwell to come to school. Parents can play a very important role by encouraging their children to attend on those days when they just feel a little bit "off it". Thirdly, when a child has been unwell and has needed to take time off, parents can play an important role in supporting them in returning to school as quickly as possible. Very often the longer a child is off school the harder it is to return, and the harder it is to catch up with the

work that has been missed. Finally, sometimes a child is absent not because they are unwell, but because something has happened in school which makes them uncertain about returning. This could be they're worried about getting into trouble, that they have had an argument with other students, or that there is some aspects of the work that they're worried about. In cases like this please encourage your child to come into school and discuss whatever is bothering them with their form tutor or a member of our pastoral team. We are all here to help and it is much easier to solve all these problems if the child is actually in school.

This week I have met with the student leadership team for a working lunch. They are working with Mrs Tringham on some exciting plans that will help our zero tolerance to bullying. We have volunteered to be a host school for the Diana Award and Mrs Tringham is working with our students to get our anti-bullying ambassadors up and running.

Last week I mentioned that we were currently reviewing all of our arrangements at lunchtime and we have decided to make one very significant change to our lunchtime routine. From the start of next week, unless the weather is very bad, we will ask all our students once they have eaten their lunch and if they are not taking part in a lunchtime activity, to be outside to enjoy the outside area and get some much needed fresh-air. There will, of course, be lots of clubs that will be running, which is a benefit of one lunchtime. This matches the normal practice in many other schools, and is reported to be a great way forward in terms of promoting health and wellbeing. We have invested in picnic benches and there are lots of activities going on outside.

Ms L Halsall  
Principal





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### Lunch-Time Clubs



#### Monday

Reading Club - B23  
Maths Revision - B57

History Revision - C14 and C11

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football - 3G

Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama Club and GCSE Rehearsals

Year 7, 8 and 9 Dance Club and GCSE Rehearsals

Year 7 Chess Club - A98

Art GCSE Independent Portfolio Club



#### Tuesday

Reading Club - B23

Maths Revision - B57

Food Technology KS4 Coursework - A1 and A4

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Football - 3G

Year 7, 8 and 9 Centre Stage Drama Club

Year 7, 8 and 9 Dance Club & GCSE Rehearsals

Melodix Singing Club

Year 7 Chess Club - A98

Art GCSE Independent Portfolio Club

#### Wednesday

Reading Club - B23

Maths Revision - B57

Year 7 - 11 History Film Club - C10

Year 7 Spanish Club - C9

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football - 3G

Food Technology KS4 Coursework - A1 and A4

Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama Club and GCSE Rehearsals

Dance GCSE Rehearsals

Art GCSE Independent Portfolio Club



#### THURSDAY

Reading Club - B23

Maths Revision - B57

Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 Football - 3G

Northern Attitude - boys singing group

K-Pop - C13

Art GCSE Independent Portfolio Club



#### Friday

Reading Club - B23

David Attenborough Club - C17

Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 Football - 3G

Art GCSE Independent Portfolio Club





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### Pre-Ordering at Lunchtime

We have fully launched our pre-ordering service that allows you to pre-order meals at lunchtime will reduce the amount of time students spend queuing

- . All students have been given a letter with code and instructions on how to download the app.



### So, what can you do with Fusion Online?

#### Check your balance

No longer do you need to queue at a device in the school to check whether you have enough funds remaining to order that meal you've been thinking about; you can now check your balance at home or at any time of day.

#### Order your food in advance

Obviously, the most important part of a pre-order service is the ability to order food in advance, and you can do precisely that.

Show your unique order number and our canteen staff will have your food ready and waiting for you to collect, no queues, no hassle!

#### View your upcoming meal selections

If you've placed multiple pre-orders, it's easy to check what you've ordered from within the app. We'll show you all your meal choices along with your unique order number, so that when it's time to collect your food all you need to do is turn up and show your order number.

**If you haven't received the letter please email  
[admin@winsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@winsfordacademy.org.uk).**






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**CHESHIRE  
SCHOOLS'  
BOOK  
AWARD 2023**

**LAUNCH EVENT**

**Wednesday 2nd November, 4.30pm-6.30pm**  
**at Winsford Academy**

WITH  
**CYNTHIA  
MURPHY**



**#CSBA23**

**WWW.ELSCESHIRE.ORG.UK**



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# Attendance Matters

Each week we will be running an attendance competition for the form that has had the best attendance.

**Weekly  
Rewards**

## Be in to win!

Every 3 weeks there will be a prize draw for students who have attended school every day and a prize will be given to one lucky winner.

If pupils fell unwell or wish to be collected for any reason they must speak to a member of staff who will contact home if necessary. If parents collect children without this being requested by school then the absence will be unauthorised.



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# GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Year 7 and 8 girls football teams visited St Nicolas High school last week for some friendly games.

The Year 7's smashed it and won 7-4 and the Year 7/8 mixed team won 5-2. There were some fantastic goals scored and the girls played to very high standards. The coaching that has taken place from the coaches at Winsford Football Club have clearly had a massive influence on the girls standard. Training and playing outside of school each week is clearly benefitting the girls. This evening many parents from both teams came to watch and this shows what a great sporting community we have at the Academy and beyond. Well done to all girls who played.

Here's to the next few matches and onto the cup!

C. Evans, J. Goodwin, P. Nowell, P Billinge, M. Hurst, E. Hopley, E. Entwistle, E.Davis, L.Rogers, L Noden, E. Clark, A.Silker  
R.Williams, S. Jones-White, M.Jones, L.Thomas, F.Yarwood







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# PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch</b> 13.25- 13.55pm	<b>3G</b> Yr7, 8, 9, 10	<b>3G</b> Yr8, 9, 10, 11	<b>3G</b> Yr7, 9, 10, 11	<b>3G</b> Yr7, 8, 10, 11	<b>3G</b> Yr7, 8, 9, 11
<b>After-school</b> 3.00- 4.00pm	KS3 FOOTBALL CLUB	FOOTBALL FIXTURE NIGHT BODY PUMP CLUB GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB	FOOTBALL FIXTURE NIGHT BADMINTON CLUB FITNESS CLUB		EXAM PE STUDY SUPPORT with GHT in A71 (3.00 - 3.30pm)  YR11 INTERVENTION

## Health Studies

Just a reminder that you can contribute towards your son/daughter's food lessons on ParentPay.

Students will not need to bring ingredients into school to take part in practical lessons.

The amounts are £5.00 per term for KS3 (or £15 for the year) or £10 per term for KS4 (or £30.00 per year).

Thank you for your support.

