



The Winsford Academy

Issue 5

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This begins with some wonderful news, Max Johnson, one of our Year 9 students is one of just 25 young people to be honoured with a British Citizen Youth Award. This award is given each year to young people who have made an outstanding difference in their communities and society as a whole. These selfless young people have shown kindness, and a commitment to a multitude of causes, raising funds and awareness, all dedicated to making a difference. Each inspirational young person will be presented at The Palace of Westminster with the BCyA Medal of Honour and given the opportunity to use the letters BCyA after their name as a legacy of their achievements and service.

Since 2017, Max has worked to raise awareness about organ donation and was the face of the British Heart Foundation Christmas campaign 2018, raising £579,431. Despite his own medical challenges, featured in a BBC documentary 'Heart Transplant – A Chance to live' which increased organ donor registrations by 500% and spearheaded The Mirror campaign to 'Change the Law for Life'. This campaign persuaded the government to change the organ donation law to the 'opt-out' system, which came into effect in Spring 2020.

Each Medal of Honour bears the words 'For the Good of the Country' and is presented to only a small number of exceptional young individuals annually. We are incredibly proud of Max and what he has achieved. His example of determination, service to others and resilience in the face of difficulty represents the very best of our school and our community and sets the standard for the rest of us to follow.

In previous newsletters, I have told you about the golden stars that we have been awarding students you have demonstrated real commitment in their lessons. I'm very pleased to be able to report that this instant celebration of success coupled with the immediate feedback that students receive through the classcharts system appears to be having a real impact. Both staff and visitors to the Academy have commented on the improved attitude to learning that many of our students have shown this term. We will therefore be maintaining the golden stars system through to half term and

beyond. Effective lessons absolutely at the core of our work is a school. And I want to place on record my appreciation of our teaching and support staff who have done so much in the background over the first few weeks of term to ensure that so many lessons have been so successful for so many students.

My next priority is to ensure that the same calm, ordered, environment that characterises so many of our lessons is also in evidence at breaks and lunch times. With this in mind, and following discussions with senior colleagues, we are continuing to trial an adjustment to the school day. At the start of the day students go directly to lesson 1 where they will receive their registration mark. For students in Key Stage 3 this means that they will line up with that class teacher for lesson 1 and go with them straight to class. Lessons 1 and 2 will then take place as normal and students will go to break directly from lesson 2. This means that break will take place 20 minutes earlier than previously, giving students the opportunity for a snack earlier in the morning. Lessons 3 and 4 will follow break but, after the end of lesson 4, students will go to their form rooms for form time with their tutors. One benefit of this is that students in years 7 and 11, will be able to take part in intervention activities (for those in Year 7) and Maths and English revision sessions (for those in Year 11) in this time. At the end of form time, tutors will take students to join the queue for their lunch, or, if they are not eating in school, to spend their lunch time outside. In the event of a wet lunch, students will be able to use their form rooms to shelter from the rain, but the only students using the street will be those who are eating their lunch.

We will of course, monitor the impact of this change carefully and will be grateful for any feedback from staff and students. We will not get every change right first time. Some we will need to modify; some we may need to abandon. The important thing is that we are all working together as an Academy community, day by day, week by week, to give all our students the best experience that we possibly can.

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.**



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Sports News

District Cross Country Trials 2022:

Well done to the academy students who took part in the annual district cross country trials held at Hartford High school on Wednesday 12th October.



The academy students endured 3-4km race distances in wet and cold weather. The students were fantastic and did not let the poor weather spoil the evening. A special mention to James P who finished in the top 10 places in his respective race and now goes on to represent the district in the Cheshire trials in January 2023.





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Year 7/8 girls squad played Brine Lees in the first round of the Cheshire Cup. The game was a real nail biter, after shot, after shot, kept being saved by their amazing keeper. During the match the opposition didn't have a single shot on goal and we very much dominated the game. The final score of 2- 0 was not a reflection on how strong the girls were and throughout the game never gave up or lacked effort at any point.

The side-line was very frustrating after so many shots being saved by their keeper and we couldn't believe that the score wasn't at least 9-0. I think we need some target practice!

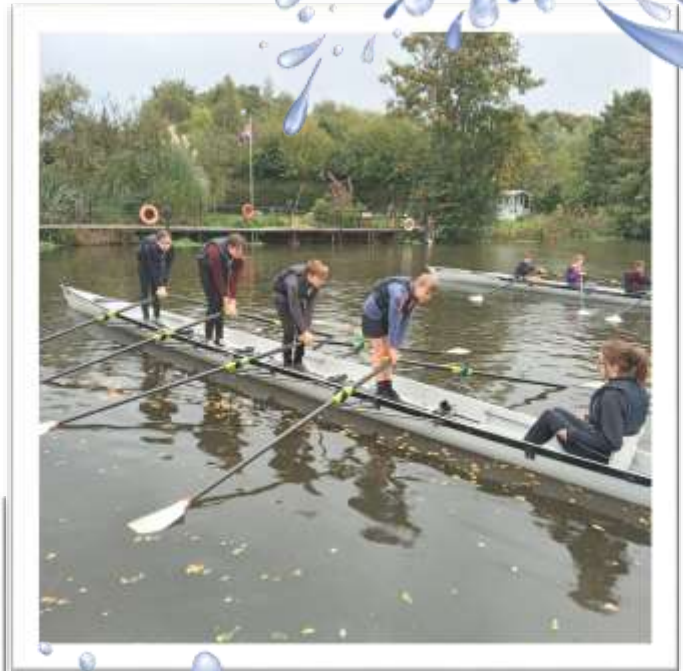
There were some amazing performances from Ezme E sending in cross after cross on the right hand side and some very unlucky shots from Carlie, Ella, Eris, and Lilly who just couldn't score on this occasion. Our defence is most certainly solid with Ella, Mia, Faye at the back with Ruby coming in to support at the back and midfield in the second half. Some shots from Phoebe B and Jess G also could have made the game a very different one in terms of the score line. Lola, and Lyla again, solid performances with very little error at all and with our little terrier Amelia getting stuck in at every opportunity she could, rattling their mid-field and defence. Onwards to the next round girls. Lets do this!

Mrs Bedson.





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Over the last two weeks we have hosted primary school festivals for the Yr 3-6 primary school children across Winsford. We have seen over 150 children take part and represent their school. Miss Harrison would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the Sports Leaders who have helped run the events and referee. A special thank you to Brooke (Yr 10) , Morgan, Ella and Daisy (Yr 9) and Ruby (Yr 7) who have volunteered their time over the last two weeks - you have been a credit to the school.





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Winsford Academy Biometric Recognition System

We have taken the decision to move away from fingerprint recognition for our cashless catering and taken the next step, Facial Recognition. This offers pupils the ability to collect and pay for school lunches without the need for physical contact, providing a fully contactless point of sale.

We will still need to use finger prints for our printing solution around the school.

In addition to offering a truly contactless solution, one of the main benefits is an increased speed of service, with the average serve time currently at 5 seconds per pupil! This truly contactless identification method allows catering teams to safely increase the speed of service by simplifying the payment process for students.

In you haven't already provided consent

Please complete the Microsoft Form by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h-sbvCjNzU-8DHhKj7hSfGWMpncLgGJLo12C8XIJSxUQzhYRjc4M0lxS1dSWFIQMlpNOVhOSIZVRS4u>

BookTok Book Club

#BookTok

**B23, Lunchtimes with Miss Gibbons and
Special Guests**



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**Winsford Academy Camp Kenya students present:
Charity Bingo & Raffle Night
Friday 18th November 2022
Ways Green Conservative Club
Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm
FREE ENTRY
Raffle and auction prizes on the night
All ages welcome!**



Drop-in immunisation clinics on the 1st Monday of the month at Wharton Childrens Centre. This clinic is for anyone in years 9 and above that have missed their routine HPV or Men ACWY/ TDP vaccines.

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP)
CWP 0-19 Starting Well Service
Wharton Children's Centre, Bradbury Rd, Winsford, CW7 3HN



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Attention ALL Parents and Carers

Join our FREE Virtual Parents Evenings
Get in the know: University

In collaboration with GM Higher, Higher Horizons+ are hosting 2 virtual parents evening, so parents can get in the know of University.

Parents and carers can join us on

Wednesday 19th October (Pre 16)

Time: 6pm

For a **FREE 45 minutes online webinar** exploring ways in which you can help your young person as they make decisions on 'What's next'?

Higher Horizons+
Pre 16 VIRTUAL PARENT EVENING
Wednesday 19th October
From 6pm
Via Zoom

Scan me to register
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Themes include:

1. How I can help my young person choose a university? Campus vs City, Move Away vs living at home
2. How does student finance work?
3. How can I help my young person revise for GCSE's, A Levels or BTEC's etc.

To register scan the QR codes on the images above or Search 'Pre 16 or Post 16 Get in the Know' on EventBrite.



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School Diary

Thursday 20th October 2022

Year 7 Meeting the Tutor Evening

Friday 21st October 2022

INSET DAY

Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October 2022

Half Term

Monday 31st October 2022

INSET DAY

Thursday 1st December 2022

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th December 2022

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 16th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023

Christmas Holidays