



The Winsford Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

As I come to the end of my first half term and the start of the next half term as Principal of the Winsford Academy, it is good time to reflect on everything that has happened and all the time you've learned.

My first thought is that I have loved the challenge of my first few weeks here at Winsford. I never expected becoming a Principal would be easy and the first half term has certainly had its moments! However, I became a teacher because I wanted to change young lives and I have always believed that being a Principal would give me the greatest opportunity to do exactly that. I chose the Winsford Academy not because I thought it would be easy but because I thought I could make a real difference. Already I believe that I can see some elements of that difference beginning to take shape and I am looking forward with relish to continuing this work during this half term break.

One of the things that I have learned is that we have some extraordinary students here at Winsford. I have really enjoyed the opportunity of meeting many of them in lessons, around the Academy, and in one to one discussions. They are full of ideas full of energy and, in so many, cases ready, willing and able to make a positive contribution to the life of the Academy and the wider community. I look forward to seeing them thrive and blossom over the coming months and years. I also look forward to providing them with the tough love that they need so that they know that they are known and cared for as special individuals and that we will always challenge and support them to be the very best they can be refusing to let them sell themselves short in either their work or their behaviour.

I have also learned that many of our staff here are second to none. I have worked in four different schools before I came to Winsford, and there are teachers and support staff here who are a match for the very best that I have met anywhere. They are a tightly knit team who work tirelessly for the benefit of the young people in their care. Our students are lucky to have them.

I am, therefore, delighted to announce that, following series of interviews in the last week of half term, we have strengthened this exceptional staff team further by the appointments of two further Assistant Principals. Mrs Lockhart, who many of you will know from her outstanding work leading our Art and Design and Design Technology teams, has been appointed Assistant Principal and inclusion Manager. She will continue to work with Mr Bearcroft in the leadership of Special Educational Needs across the Academy to ensure that we have a genuinely whole school approach to meeting the needs of some of our most vulnerable students. In this work, they will be joined by Ms Laura Bailey who will take up a second additional Assistant Principal post. Ms Bailey is a highly experienced teacher and SENCO. She joins us from the Oaks Academy in Crewe but is a Winsford resident who knows both our school and our community well. I look forward to working with both of them in their important new roles. We were also very pleased to appoint Ms Wyatt as Head of Art and Design and (in the first instance at least) as Head of Design Technology. This is a well-deserved promotion for an outstanding teacher, and I wish her well.

Finally, I have learned that Winsford itself is a truly remarkable community. Like everywhere else at the moment it faces challenges but it does so with an energy and the sense of togetherness. I can see huge opportunities for involving our parents and the wider community more in the life of our Academy as well as finding ways for us to participate more in the life of the community. We will be working on this over the coming terms, but, in the meantime, if any of you has any ideas about how we could take this work forward please do not hesitate to contact me on laura.halsall@winsfordacademy.org.uk.

Ms L Halsall
Principal





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What is Numeracy?

It's the ability to understand and use maths in daily life, at home, work or school.

It means having the confidence and skills to use maths to solve problems in everyday life. Numeracy is as important as literacy - it's sometimes called 'mathematical literacy' - and we need both to get on in life.

To help students develop their Numeracy skills I am excited to announce a new monthly competition for Year 7, 8 and 9 with positive points for all entries and prizes up for grabs!

On the school website you will find:

- A video to watch to help you learn this month's skill.
- Some worked examples that you can practice before you have a go at the competition questions.
- A form with the competition questions on for you to submit.

Deadline for the first competition is the 20th November and the winner will be announced in the following newsletter. Good luck!

We are Recruiting! Year 7's wanting Leadership Experience!

The Junior Leadership Team had an assembly with the Year 7 students to explain what the JLT do and how to apply. Applications are now open until Friday for any Year 7's who would like to represent their Year Group on the JLT.

Being on the Junior Leadership Teams includes attending meetings with Ms Halsall and Mrs Tringham, representing the school at various events and being actively involved in making positive changes to the school.

If any Year 7 students wishes to apply or has any questions they should speak to any member of the JLT (those wearing the purple ties) or Mrs Tringham.

What does the JLT do?

- Meet regularly with Mrs Tringham, Mrs Halsall and other staff to discuss issues in school
- Part of the process to appoint new staff
- Pupil voice - give pupils perspective and views on a variety of topics most recently changes to the school day
- Consulted about proposed changes to school
- Represent school at internal events such as Open Evening, Parents Evening
- Represent school at external events such as Remembrance Day Parade

Applications to Join the Junior Leadership Team

Applications should be in writing - no more than 1 side
Can be handwritten, typed or emailed to Mrs Bedson by next Friday 11th November at 9am.

Your letter should include:-

- A bit about you as a person- what are your interests
- Why you want to be on the JLT
- What you have to offer
- What you hope to learn/ develop by being part of the JLT
- What would be the first thing you like to do if you were accepted

Any Questions speak to one of the JLT- purple tie





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Cheshire Schools' Book Award Launch Ceremony November 2nd 2022-23.

The Winsford Academy hosted the Cheshire Schools' Book Award Launch this Wednesday. A very enthusiastic audience of students and librarians from six schools across five authorities attended the evening.

Author Cynthia Murphy was kept very busy signing copies of her book for students, answering questions and talking about her journey from childhood to teacher to published author.

The nominated books for this year's Book Award were also announced; we look forward to reading them this year and eventually picking a winner in May 2023.





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Lunch-Time Clubs



Monday

C35 Lunch Club
HUB Lunch Club—C Floor
Reading Club - B23
Number Study Zone - B57
History Revision - C14 and C11
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football - 3G
Year 7, 8, 9 and GCSE Drama Rehearsals
Year 7, 8 and 9 Dance Club and GCSE Rehearsals
B1
Year 7 & 8 Chess Club - A98
Visual Arts GCSE Independent Portfolio Club



Tuesday

C35 Lunch Club
HUB Lunch Club—C Floor
Reading Club - B23
Number Study Zone - B57
Food Technology KS4 Coursework - A1
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
B1
Melodix Singing Club
Year 7 & 8 Chess Club - A98



Wednesday

C35 Lunch Club
Hub Lunch Club—C Floor
Reading Club - B23
Number Study Zone- B57
Year 7 - 11 Film Club - C10
Year 7 Spanish Club - C9
Debate Club—B19
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football - 3G
Food Technology KS4 Coursework - A1 and A4
Cook Club A1 & A4
Health & Social Care Y11 Portfolio A1 & A4
Year 7, 8, 9 and GCSE Drama Rehearsals



THURSDAY

C35 Lunch Club
HUB Lunch Club —C Floor
Reading Club - B23
Number Study Zone - B57
Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 Football - 3G
Northern Attitude - boys singing group
K-Pop - C13
Visual Arts GCSE Independent Portfolio Club
LGBTQ+ Club—Drama Studio
Astronomy Club—C17



Friday

C35 Lunch Club
HUB Lunch Club—C Floor
Reading Club - B23
Number Study Zone—B57
David Attenborough Club - C17
Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 Football - 3G
Visual Arts 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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Emilia Adams Yr. 8 is training extremely hard in Thailand, for her upcoming big fights, she has been to Bangkok at the famous 'PK. Saenchai Muay Thai Gym' beating up one trainer with her killer knees and she did feel bad afterwards.

Emilia has now left Bangkok and arrived at Phuket; she has been training at 'Tiger Muay Thai Gym' one of the most well-known Muay Thai Gyms in the world, Emilia was put straight into the adult sparring classes at Tiger Muay Thai, at the age of 13 years old, Emilia has been sparring with women twice her age, full head contact with no protection and she has done fantastic!

Emilia has many more gyms to train at whilst she is in Thailand, hopefully looking to be matched for a fight, she is totally in love with the place, the people, the culture, it's truly amazing and she feels very blessed, plus the gyms are super cool!





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The Spotlight Project

FREE | New Images Youth & Community Forum
www.cheshiredance.org/spotlight

For Ages 11-18

Dance, Movement & Boxing Fitness for all abilities!

Every Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm Starts 8th November

Come along to **GET** active, **TRY** out new things and just **BE** yourself.

No experience needed, only take part in what **YOU** want. Join us to get moving, build your confidence & have fun.

Logos at the bottom: MBDA, youthfed, WYCF, Cheshire West and Chester, SPORT ENGLAND, Active Cheshire, Cheshire Dance.

Reminder - Parking on the school site

We would like to reminder all parents and carers who drive to pick their children up at the end of the day to please not park near or outside the main entrance. Doubling parking is causing issues with safety for our students and if needed, an emergency vehicle would not be able to gain access.

Cars that are double parked will be asked to move on to the school car park.

We would ask all drivers to respectfully follow instructions from our staff as our only aim is to help maintain a safe environment in and around our site. Any verbal abuse or intimidating behaviour will not be tolerated and will be reported.

Please note, CCTV is in operation across the whole of our site. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to make the school site and surrounding area safe.



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The Year 8 rowers have been making huge improvements with their skills and fitness both on the water and in the gym. In January the rowers will be taking part in a national competition where each rower has to row their maximum distance in 3 minutes on a rowing machine.





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Recipe of the Week - Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce as made by our Year 9 students in Food Studies.

Ingredients

For the Meatballs:

450g minced pork/beef or lamb
25g fresh breadcrumbs (or 1 slice of grated bread crust)
25g parmesan cheese
1tsp mixed herbs
1 egg
Salt and pepper

For the Tomato Sauce:

15ml olive oil (or vegetable oil)
1 onion
1 clove of garlic (or 1 tsp easy garlic)
1 red pepper (or other colour)
1 yellow pepper
397g can chopped tomatoes
1 tsp fresh (or dried) parsley

Method

Wash your and have all your ingredients and equipment ready.
Turn the oven to gas mark 4 or 180°c

Make the breadcrumbs and grate the parmesan cheese

In a large mixing bowl add the mince, breadcrumbs, cheese, mixed herbs, egg, salt and pepper.
Mix together and then divide the mixture in to 12 and shape into balls.
Place in an ovenproof dish and cook uncovered for 10 minutes.

Peel and chop onion and peel and crush the garlic. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the onion and garlic until softened

Wash, de-seed and slice the peppers, add them to the onions and cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, parsley, salt and pepper and bring to the boil.

Take meatballs out of the oven and pour over the sauce. Cover and cook for a further 20 minutes

Serve with cooked pasta.

If you have a go at making this dish at home it would be great to see a picture of your finished product – you can send it to:

Gillian.Poole@winsfordacademy.org.uk



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Kelsie Ventre, Year 11 Deputy Head Girl, is a talented poet and has written a number of poems, often to do with the changing planet, the environment and nature. This is her latest one.

Lets Change

Look at the trees...

They provide us with oxygen
So that we are able to breathe.

But there's us,
Cutting down their leaves.

Forcing them
To suffocate underneath.
Beneath the flames.
We should live in shame.

Just look at the skies...

There's no light seeping through
For the plants to photosynthesize.

The smoke is casing.
Why don't we open our eyes,
And see what we are doing.
We need to prevent global warming.
Stop the Earth from suffering.

Just look at the ocean...

It's choking on pollution.
With animals within the sea
Trapped.

Crying.
Pleading out for safety.
Entangled in the waste...
Forming chips upon their pottery.

Now,

Just look at ourselves.
We are intoxicating the lungs of the Earth,
But all that we care about is how much
the trees are worth.
Then selling their pottery for ones
Self-gain.
Why can't we see that the Earth
Is in pain?

If we don't change our ways,
Then sooner or later
We won't have the chance to
Live through any more
Days.

Let's change...
Before it's too late.





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'Nobody is too small to make a difference'

The Winsford Academy shoebox appeal 2022



Send a smile to a child this Christmas time, imagine a year without any presents, for most people in the UK this is unheard of. For some people in poorer parts of the world the gifts given in the shoebox appeal are a dream come true.

Let's put some magic back into 2022 with the gift of giving, we would like to ask if The Winsford Academy students and staff who are able to, can donate something small that will make a huge difference to children who are less fortunate at Christmas time.

Each form group will be offered a shoebox to fill and if students would like to do their own, they can. There are a list of suggested items and items we ask not to be included in each form room and on the school website. Also, so the child has something to suit them it is optional whether the box is for a boy or girl or unisex and the ages categories. Please can we ask that only items in a new condition are donated due to hygiene reasons.

Toys: Dolls, cuddly toys, toy trucks and cars, harmonica, skipping rope, yo-yo, small puzzles.

School supplies: Pens, pencils, paints and paintbrushes, colouring books, calculators, canvas.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, combs and hairbrushes.

Other items: Hat, cap, gloves or scarves, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, slinky spring, wind up torch.

Please DO NOT include: Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.



Items can be put together in form or into individual boxes (in designated boxes or in wrapped shoeboxes) OR can be brought to Miss Edwards in C18 who will put them all into boxes. All donations and shoeboxes will need to be in C18 by 15th November to pack and check boxes before they are dropped off on 19th November, so they can reach the child in time for Christmas. Thank you, all donations no matter how big or small make a difference. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Miss Edwards and Mr Bancroft





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£1.00 Winter Warmer Meal Deals

We have introduced a selection of meal deal pots for only £1.00 in our “Winter Warmer Meal Deals”

Chicken Korma and Rice

Chinese Chicken and Rice

Chilli Beef and Rice

Italian Meatballs in tomato Sauce & Pasta

Spicy Sausage in Tomato Sauce & Pasta

Sweet and Sour Chicken & Noodles

Creamy Tomato and Mascarpone sauce & Pasta

These will be available to order online and to buy at the counter.