

# WINSFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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**Together We Learn  
Together We Grow**



# Important Information

## Flu Immunisations

The school nurse team will be at the Winsford Academy on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023** to carry out nasal flu immunisations for years 7-11. The letter and information leaflet from the school nurse team has been sent out to parents and carers by email and Class Charts. Consent must be given to receive the immunisation. Please follow the link in the email if you wish your child to receive the nasal flu immunisation.

## Year 10 Assessments

This week, our Year 10s have started sitting their first assessments. Exam booklets detailing the dates of each assessment and topics covered has been sent out to parents and carers. Many students are unsure of how to revise and we can support them with that. We hope that you find the booklet useful to support conversations at home around how to revise and to start planning a timetable of when this will happen. Please find below the revision timetable:

## P6 - After School Revision

| Week A                          |                   |                        |                |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Mon                             | Tue               | Wed                    | Thur           | Fri  |
| English                         | Maths             | Science                | Staff meetings | Drama SLN Theatre<br>Examination PE with GHT (A71) |
| Week B                          |                   |                        |                |  |
| Mon                             | Tue               | Wed                    | Thur           | Fri  |
| Music                           | Geography         | Computer science - A71 | Staff meetings | Examination PE with GHT (A71)                      |
| Art&Photography                 | Drama SLN Theatre | Art&Photography        |                | Art&Photography                                    |
| Design Technology A13 NHS       | Business - A80    | History                |                | Drama SLN Theatre                                  |
| Dance                           |                   | Spanish C10 JBE        |                |  |
| Hospitality and catering A4 GPE |                   |                        |                |  |

## Lunchtime

| Week A                          |                  |                 |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mon                             | Tue              | Wed             | Thur             | Fri              |
| Dance Rehearsals                | Dance Rehearsals | Set phrases     | Dance Rehearsals | Dance Rehearsals |
| Art&Photography                 | Art&Photography  | Art&Photography | Art&Photography  | Art&Photography  |
| Hospitality and catering A4 GPE | Science          | Science         | Spanish C9 VBN   |                  |
|                                 |                  | Spanish C10 JBE |                  |                  |
| Week B                          |                  |                 |                  |                  |
| Mon                             | Tue              | Wed             | Thur             | Fri              |
| Dance Rehearsals                | Dance Rehearsals | Set phrases     | Dance Rehearsals | Dance Rehearsals |
| Art&Photography                 | Art&Photography  | Art&Photography | Art&Photography  | Art&Photography  |
| Hospitality and catering A4 GPE | Science          | Science         | Spanish C9 VBN   |                  |

# Year 8 Girls Football Success

Well done to the Year 8 girls who beat Knutsford Academy a whopping 9-0 in Round 1 of the National Cup on Wednesday 27th September 2023. The girls played some lovely football and scored some great goals. They were really fantastic to watch! We now look forward to Round 2 where they will come up against either Wilmslow High or St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. It's another home game next week so good luck to everyone that will be participating!

Our goal scorers were: Ella-Louise C (2 goals), Ella H (1 goal), Lyla T (1 goal), Eris D (3 goals), Summer J (1 goal) and Lola N (1 goal)!





# Year 7 Boys Football Success

Well done to the Year 7 boys football team who took part in a football tournament in Knutsford on 27th September 2023, winning some games. The team were James S, Archie P, Jacob WM Theo W, Riley C, Jude N, Riley T, Seb G, Anthony H and Fletcher C. They played amazingly and were great to watch. Well done boys!

## **The scores:**

Beat St Nicks 1-0

Drew with Middlewich 1-1

Weaverham won 2- 0

Knutsford won 2-0



# Boom Reader

## Notice to Year 7 Parents

### What is Boom Reader?

**We are asking all parents and carers to support your child by listening to them read each night and encouraging them to log when they read for pleasure.**

All Year 7 parents will have received log in details to set up a reading diary app with step by step instructions via email.

- Boom Reader is a digital reading record where pupils and parents can log reading for pleasure.
- Pupils can log reading really quickly and easily.
- Pupils can write a review of what has been read.
- Pupils can create their own avatar and log reward gems/points.







Get started  
with the  
BoomReader  
app

**NEW  
APP**  
UPDATE TODAY!

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Download the  
BoomReader app

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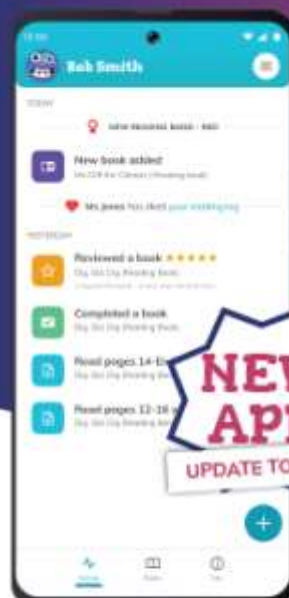
Create your  
parent account

3

Connect to your child  
(Using the school code & PIN)



[boomreader.co.uk/parents](http://boomreader.co.uk/parents)



No more  
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diaries!

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UPDATE TODAY!



Reading diaries are  
never left at home on  
the busy school run!



Easy to see all reading  
for your family in one  
place



No damaged or ruined  
reading diaries



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Login at: [pupils.boomhub.app](http://pupils.boomhub.app)



Use your school code and  
then pupil code to login



Click your edit your avatar to  
make your avatar awesome!



Click the home button when  
you're done



Click GoRead to get reading!



Click on your book to log  
your reading



Click add reading log when you are done.  
If you have finished the book- flick the switch button to 'yes'  
and you can review it!



What to do with all those  
gems? Buy cards and  
complete each set! Challenge  
your friends and family to  
GoApps Card Challenges!



Parent App Quick Start Guide

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Download

Available on the  
App Store  
GET IT ON  
Google Play  
search:  
boomreader parents

2

Create Account

use your email to create  
your parent account

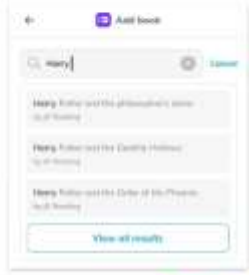
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Connect to Child

School code: 12345  
PIN code: 67890



Add a new book or reading  
log just by tapping the plus  
button.



All the reading activity for  
your child.



See every book your child  
has read.



Add reminders and access  
your child's account



Connect to all your children's reading  
diaries in one app.  
Effortlessly swap between each of your  
children's reading diaries.

Need help?  
[parents@boomhub.app](mailto:parents@boomhub.app)

Download the app and find out more at:  
[boomreader.co.uk/parents](http://boomreader.co.uk/parents)



SCAN ME



# Mrs Walsh's Y8 Classes

Mrs Walsh: "My lovely Year 8 have been studying the Spanish Armada in lessons and were set a 100 word challenge to explain the failure of this Invasion. Students had to write about problems and make a decision as what was the main reason England defeated the mighty Spanish fleet.

They were amazing. Well done Year 8. They showed great qualities such as resilience and problem solving to make this task a success".





# Library Clubs



Join the Cheshire Schools' Book Award Club 2023-24.

This is a great opportunity if you are interested in reading, meeting authors, talking about books and belonging to the wider community.

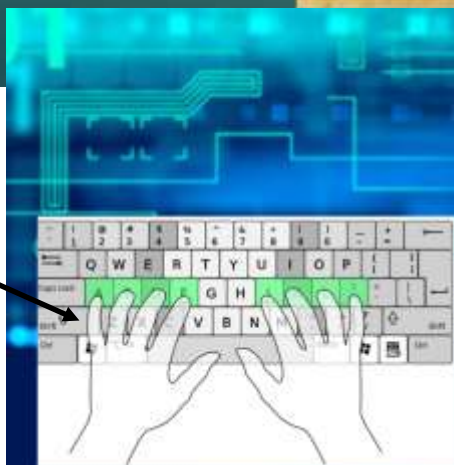
Please ask Miss Till in the Library for details about joining.

All year groups welcome!



Library Book  
Club

## Library Touch Typing Club



Touch Typing  
Club in the  
Library

All year groups  
welcome

Useful if you are  
considering working  
in Computer  
Programming

Get up to speed  
with Touch Typing  
and save time. No  
need to keep  
eyeballing your  
keyboard when  
with the power of  
muscle memory  
your fingers will  
find the letters for  
you

Work at your own  
pace in the Library

Monday,  
Tuesday,  
Thursday and  
Friday: 3.15-4pm

- As part of Libraries Week, visiting guests, Caroline Dunseath and Claire Mickleburgh (locality librarians) gave a motivational talk to year 7's on Monday, about the benefits of joining their local library.
- Every student and adult can access free books (including audio and online books) via phones and other devices.
- Check out your local library for more details.

 **BorrowBox**  
Your library in one app.



**Go Green at the library  
this Libraries Week!**

02-08 October 2023



# School Trips

## Water Park Outdoor Educational Centre

The Winsford Academy is continuing to run the very successful outdoor pursuits trip to the Water Park in Coniston. The trip has been run for several years with some very positive feedback from students, staff and Water Park staff. The trip is open to all students in Years 9, 10 and 11. However, it will be subject to behaviour and attitude within the Academy. Year 11 students who wish to attend will need to commit to revision sessions held at school in preparation for their summer examinations. The residential trip will be from Friday 24th May 2024 to Sunday 26th May 2024. The trip will include a combination of challenging and team-building activities on both land and water, which will teach the students new skills of adaptation, perseverance and independence. Only a few places are left so be quick if you'd like to attend!

Information about the Water Park centre can be viewed at:

[www.waterparkadventure.co.uk](http://www.waterparkadventure.co.uk)





# Student Recognition

## Muay Thai Boxing success

A huge congratulations to Emilia A in Year 9. Emilia won her most recent fight and now holds the Muay Thai Addict League Championship Trophy for her weight/class division. She beat her opponent using her quickness, dominance and powerful kicks causing her opponent to have two 8 count stoppages. The PE staff are very proud of Emilia who continues to train so hard. Well done, Emilia!



# Nana Sculpture

The Art Department are currently running two fantastic competitions based on the artist Nike de Sainte Phalle. Some of you may have seen the giant figure in the Art Department which is in the process of being made into a Nana Sculpture.

Niki de Saint Phalle was a French-American sculptor, painter, filmmaker and author of colourful hand-illustrated books.

Nana Sculptures were originally inspired by a pregnant friend of Saint Phalle's. The original sculptures were made of fabric and found objects. As more were created Niki De Saint Phalle used polyester, ceramic and other components to make the sculptures more curvaceous, eye-catching and thought-provoking creating an all in one beautifully voluptuous body.

The Nana Sculpture needs a name so we are asking students to come up with a name for the Academy's very own Nana Sculpture. To submit your entry please visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cXAbyvuE4W>.

We also need inspiration for a design for our Nana Sculpture, so are asking any students who would like to get involved to complete their own Nana design and the winning design will be added to the life-size Nana. If you would like to create a design please pop into Art and see a member of staff.



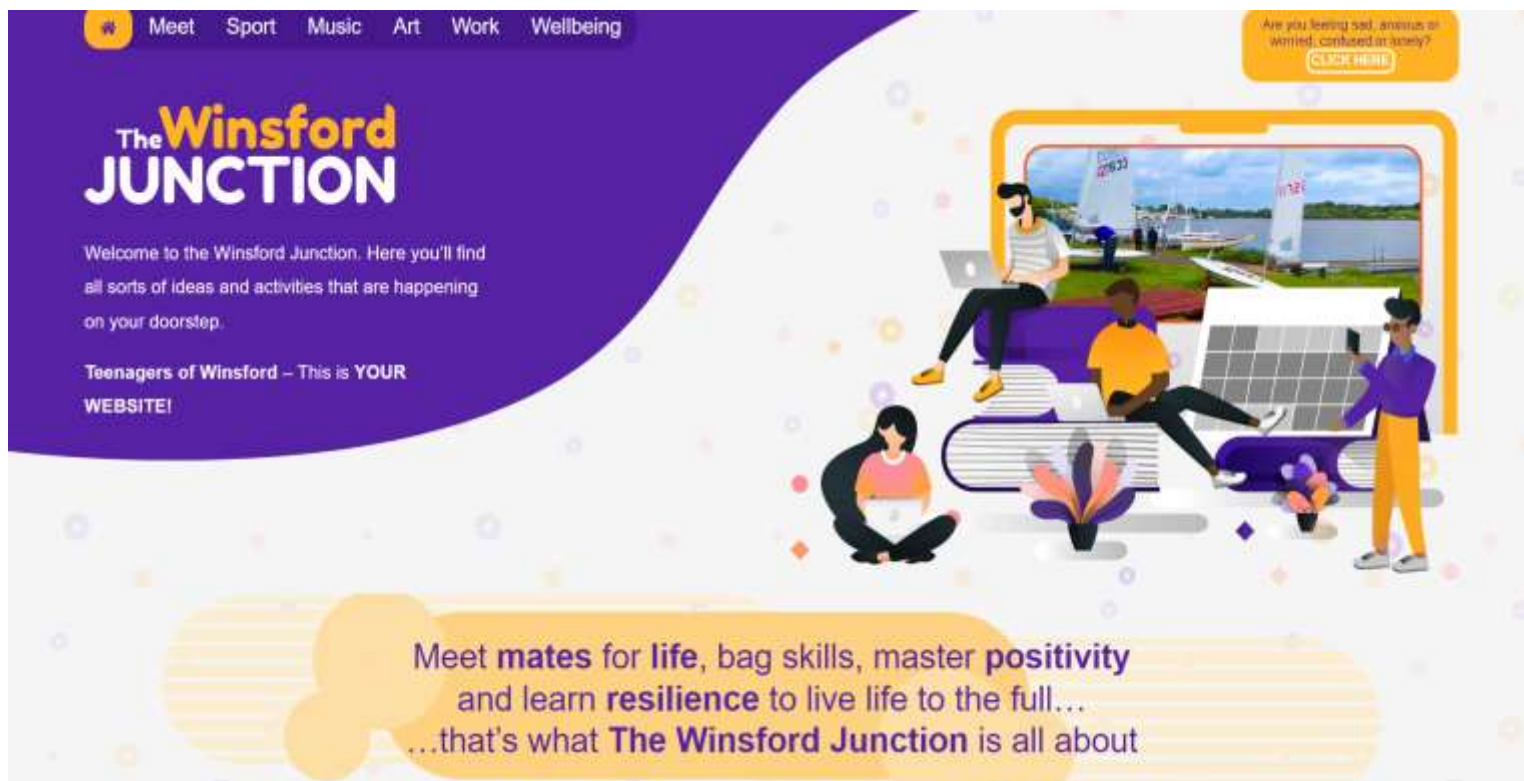


# The Winsford Junction

We are delighted to tell you about a new and exciting website that has been designed specifically for the teenagers of Winsford and surrounding areas. It's called **The Winsford Junction** and has been developed by **United for Kids**, a group which is part of the Winsford Care Community and aims to improve the emotional wellbeing of teenagers in the area.

You will find loads of fun things to do in the area, plus there are sections dedicated to wellbeing, both physical and emotional. They are also developing sections for work experience and volunteering and if you have anything to add to these sections or any of the others please let them know directly or via the website:

<https://winsfordjunction.uk/>



# Camp Kenya

A group of students from the Winsford Academy are taking part in a month-long expedition to Kenya next summer. The programme through 'Camps International' offers a mix of wildlife conservation and community projects. The students will have the chance to make a real difference through sustainable, life-changing project work that will improve the lives of rural communities and protect fragile wildlife habitats.

We are holding a Charity Evening on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to help the team fundraise for this amazing opportunity.

WINSFORD ACADEMY CAMP  
KENYA STUDENTS PRESENT

## CHARITY BINGO & RAFFLE NIGHT

RAFFLE & AUCTION PRIZES  
ON THE NIGHT, ALL AGES WELCOME!

**FREE ENTRY!**

 **DOORS OPEN 7PM, EYES DOWN 8PM**  
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

 **WAYS GREEN CONSERVATIVE CLUB**  
WAYS GREEN, WINSFORD, CW7 4AN

ETHICAL JOURNEYS WITHOUT COMPROMISE

The poster features a large circular illustration of a savanna landscape with two giraffes and a tree. Above the circle are several bingo cards and a starburst. Below the circle are three bingo balls with numbers 7, 19, and 35.



# PE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER - BOYS

## YEAR 7

RILEY T  
LOUIE B

## YEAR 9

MATTY J  
CHARLIE M  
CHARLIE M  
OWEN K  
JAMIE B  
BOBBY R  
COREY H

## YEAR 11

NEIL S  
LUKE M  
JIMMY W

## YEAR 8

GENE P  
JAMES P  
JACK A  
LEO B

## YEAR 10

CONNOR S  
JOSH W-B  
JOSH C  
JAMES M



# PE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER - GIRLS

## YEAR 7

ISABELA J  
SCARLETT B  
SUMMER-JAY S

## YEAR 9

EMILIA A  
ALIYAH L

## YEAR 11

ALEXIA C  
BROOKE G  
ROSIE K

## YEAR 8

KIA L  
ESME E  
ELLA C  
AMELIA S  
FAYE Y  
MADISON B

## YEAR 10

ISABEL H  
ELLA W





## Attendance matters

September 2023 Edition

Dear Parent/Carer,

At The Winsford Academy, we believe that good attendance and punctuality are important in helping students achieve the best that they can be. We expect high levels of attendance and punctuality from all our students. Regular attendance promotes positive social development, develops self-discipline, and improves student progress. There is a clear link between attendance and academic progress, as a school we expect all students to aim to achieve at least 97% attendance. Students with no absence are twice as likely to achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades 5-9 including English and Mathematics.

We know that days off school soon add up, missing lessons makes it hard to catch up and students must work harder when they come back. We are therefore, asking you to support us by keeping your child's absences to a minimum during term time.

A brief outline of the school policy on attendance and absence appears below, with full policy and attendance details available on our school website.

### **Attendance**

If your child is absent, you must **notify the school on each, and every day of absence**. This can be by phone, (01606) 592300 or via email at [attendance@winsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:attendance@winsfordacademy.org.uk). If you need to discuss your child's absence or have any concerns about their attendance, please contact school and speak to the attendance team.

### **Punctuality**

School begins at 8.43am and children are expected to be in school for registration by 8.45am. The school gates will be locked at 8.45am. Students arriving after this time will be given a late mark. Students arriving into school after 9.15 am will be coded as U. This is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

### **Absence due to illness**

Any medical absence of more than 7 days (14 sessions) per academic year will need to be supported with medical evidence. This does not have to be a doctor's note but can take the form of either a dated GP/Nurse appointment card, a compliment slip signed and dated by the GP/nurse, a prescription or proof of prescribed medication relating to the current illness. If no medical evidence is received, then the absence will be coded as unauthorised (O). If a pupil accumulates 10 or more 'O' sessions during a termly period, the school may apply to the Local Authority for a Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carers. The Penalty is £60 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of the Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates court.

### **Unauthorised absences: Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)**

Parents/carers should be aware that The Winsford Academy may contact the Local Authority if a student has 10 or more unauthorised absences in any one term, with a view to issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice is issued individually to each parent/carers who fails to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. The Penalty is £60 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates Court.



### **Exceptional Leave of Absence**

The headteacher cannot authorise any leave of absence during term time for a family holiday. Leave of absence for other reasons can be requested but will only be authorised in ***exceptional circumstances*** and at the discretion of the head teacher. If leave is taken without prior consent, the school the school may apply to the Local Authority for a Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carer. The Penalty is £60 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of the Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates court.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter, if you require any further information regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the attendance team

Yours sincerely



Mr G Hunt  
Assistant Principal (Attendance & Punctuality)

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