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**Together We Learn
Together We Grow**



Parental Consultation

Toilet use in School Time

Seeking your views on changes to our approach to children going to the toilet in lesson time

We are aware of a small number of children with medical needs who need access to the toilet throughout the day. Following conversations with families and the sharing of medical information, these children are issued toilet passes which they use to show that they have permission to leave lessons. In addition to those children, we have a significant number of children are currently missing substantial amounts of learning time by asking to use the toilet during lesson time. We are keen to work with you, our staff and our children to look at how we can resolve this problem, allow the children reasonable time to use the toilets but reduce the impact on their learning.

Currently we allow children to use the toilet at break time and lunch time. We discourage them from using the toilet during lessons, but currently do allow them to go during the middle 20 minutes of our lessons if they say they need to. Until the summer, we felt this was essential because there was no time between lessons to go to the toilet. This meant children may have had to wait for 2 hours at a time.

From September we made changes to our school day. There is now a five-minute changeover time between our one-hour lessons. The children are encouraged to use the toilet between lessons and at break time and lunch time. This means **children currently have seven opportunities every day to use the toilet**, at least once every hour. With that in mind **we would like to move to not allowing children to go to the toilet during lesson time**. We welcome your views on this proposal and would ask that you complete this short form so that we can include your thoughts in our plans.

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

Year 8 Girls Football Success

On 13th October 2023, our Year 8 team beat Wilmslow a whopping 10-0 in Round 2 of the National Cup! Fantastic football was played by all the girls. Goals were scored by Lily (3), Ella (2), Amelia (2), Esme (2) and Summer (1). Wilmslow voted Eris as Player of the Match!

Huge congratulations to all the players!

Also a big thank you for Mr Etherington for reffing the game!



On Monday 16th October 2023, there was another successful game for our very own Winsford Academy Lionesses! Our U13 Girls beat Fallibroome 5-0 in Round 2 of the Cheshire Cup. There was a strong performance from all of our girls who demonstrated great skill and determination throughout.

Goals by Ella H (2), Summer J-W (1), Amelia S (1) and an absolutely great header from Lyla T (1). Well done girls!



Year 8 Boys Football

Year 8 boys took on All Hallows Academy in the 1st round of the Cheshire Cup on Monday 9th October 2023 after school.

The boys unfortunately lost 3-1, but played some super football. After being 1-0 down at the end of the first half, the boys fought back through James P's header to level the score. Sadly, the opposition scored two goals near the end of the game to win the match. The Man of the Match was awarded to our goalkeeper Daniel E who was superb throughout the game! Keep up the great work!



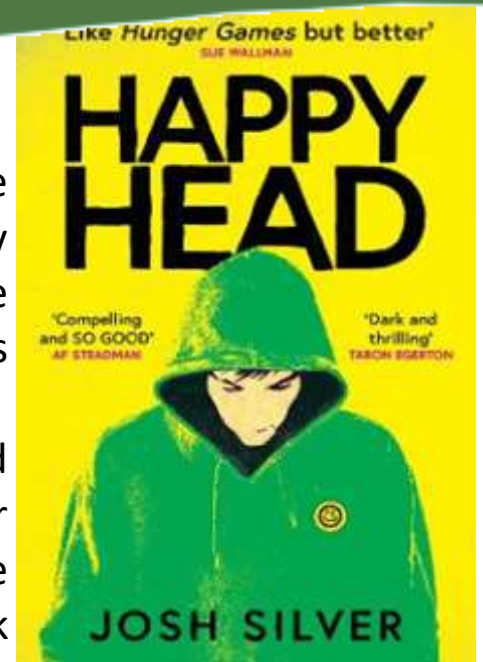
Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2024

The Winsford Academy hosted the Cheshire Schools' Book Award Launch 2024 on Wednesday evening 11th October. A very enthusiastic audience of students and librarians from six schools across five authorities attended the evening.

Author Josh Silver presented the event and announced the eight nominated books for this year (his first published book *Happy Head* was one of the shortlisted books for the Cheshire Schools' Book Award).

Josh was kept very busy signing copies of his book and talking to students about his journey from actor, to teenage mental health nurse to writer. He was a delight to listen to.

We look forward to reading the nominated books over the academic year and picking our favourites in May 2024.



Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2024



CESHIRE SCHOOLS' BOOK AWARD 2024



If you are looking for a Library Club to join, the Dungeons and Dragons Club is open after school! Please see the information below

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday in the Library from 3.15- 4pm



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:

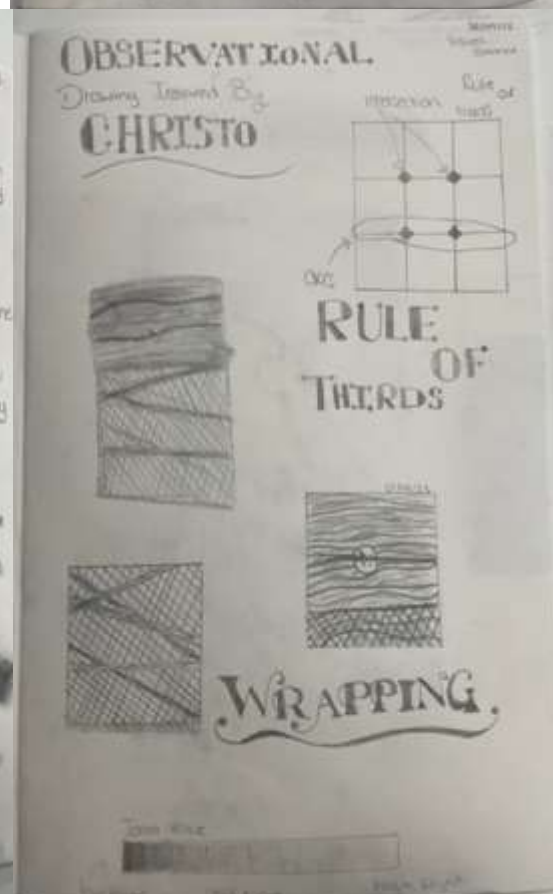
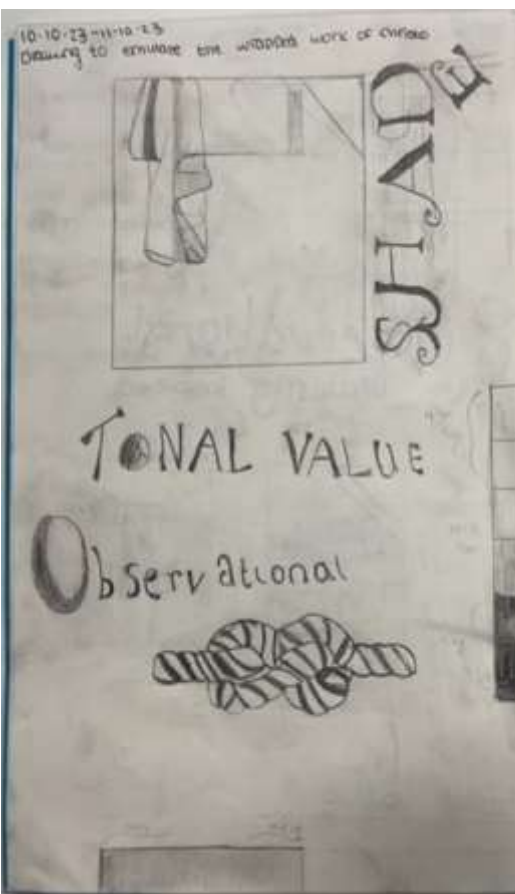
www.waterparkadventure.co.uk



Year 8 Art



Year 8 have been completing drawings based on the artist Christo. This week, they have been delicately replicating knot drawings, concentrating on light, shadow and textures. A huge well done to Ella-Louise, Faye, Maisie and Isla who have given this terms work 100% effort so far! Well done!



Year 8 Rowing

Despite the rain, Year 8 got on the water for the first time on Monday 16th October 2023. Students were able to show their confidence by standing up in the boats. Well done to everyone who participated; Liam B, Amber B, Tyler C, Nancy D, Daniel E, Lily H, Reece J, Finlay L, Gene P, Ella P-W, Oliver R, Livia T, Caitlyn W.



St Luke's Community Christmas Fair

The St Luke's Community Christmas Fair is back at The Winsford Academy on Saturday 18th November 2023. Come along with friends and family for a festive fun day and get Christmas off to a flying start. Entry is FREE and everyone is welcome.

Come along, meet our nurses, browse the stalls including local craft and gifts, enter our raffle with great prizes, enjoy entertainment throughout the day and of course meet Santa!

Thanks to The Winsford Academy for once again being our venue of choice for this popular event that provides vital support and funds for your local Hospice.

We "Ho Ho Hope" to see you there!

There is no need to book, just show up on the day anytime between 10am – 2pm. You can find out more information at www.slhospice.co.uk/christmasfair



Saturday 18th November 10am - 2pm

www.slhospice.co.uk/christmasfair

Stem Club News

This week in Stem Club our inquisitive Year 7's learned about polymerization and were able to use this knowledge to make pet slimes. A lot of fun was had and mess was made as the students combined borax and polyvinyl to bring their slimes to life. These slimes were then coloured and personalized to each students tastes with some spectacular results. If the idea of learning more about science through experimentation interests you then come down next Monday after school and join us.



Year 8

Creative Writing

Last week, we marked the unique occasion of Friday the 13th in our English class by delving into the realm of creative writing. The task challenged students to craft stories infused with superstitions. Alicia J and Lily H not only met but exceeded expectations with their exceptional narratives, skilfully incorporating a diverse range of superstitions we had previously explored. Their stories offered a spine-tingling and captivating read. Well done, Alicia and Lily!

Friday 13th October

Writing Friday

Key Words

- adjectives
- gothic
- similes
- Superstition

Do Now

Create as many words as you can out of Superstition: Super, person, it, pit, Soup, up, pie, pot, our, tip.

It's the 26th

It's the 26th October (Halloween day). I can't wait to dress up like a vampire and watch the witches come to life. It's finally time to go trick or treating. We are at our first destination. I've kept on walking. OH! NO! I've walked on a brick road. What do we do? We keep on walking. Suddenly we are outside of a haunted house. We all walk up. We walk through the spooky, rusty house and we all scream with horror. Out of the corner of my eye a ghost-like figure comes towards me. So we all took a sweat and left. Without any breathe we all walk to the next house. The wind starts to howl like the wolves in the wicked woods. We walk back home as the clouds start to cry. We make

it back safely. Out of no where the phone starts to scream so my sister answers it and says hello and answers in fear and puts it down and says lets go upstairs and watch a movie but before we go up she locks the windows and doors in the blink of an eye I black figure appears at the window.

Monday 16th October

Silas and the lady in grey

Wednesday 18th October

How do I explore a novel?

mean, scary, bad person.

The frog wreathed around him like a long lost friend.

Surrounded him

emotional (sad, happy, mixed emotions, warm.)

Friday 13th October 2023

Lo: write a successful piece of writing

Writing Friday

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- superstition
- similes

Do now: create as many words as you can out of Superstition: Soup, put, up, super, person, it, tip, pie, pot

Early hours this morning I was awoken by my alarm. I got up and checked my watch. It was Friday the 13th. I turned my back to see if my sister was still sleeping. She was gone. All there was, was her shoes on the bed. I felt like I was in a dream. She never does that. When I finally got the motivation I got up and left my flat for work, although it's very annoying as I'm on the 13th floor. I was still pitch black, I began to walk down the pathway. I'm not sure how many gods I walked over. I know it was a lot. Deepening silence filled the air like a bunch of sleeping babies. Once I had arrived to work I put my keys on the side. I heard a bang on the door. I went to check it out. My heart was pounding faster than a cheetah pouncing for its prey. There was a man. He just stood. Not a word was spoken from him. He just stood there. He slowly raised his hand as I said to him "Can I help you?". As I turned around I could see his shadow. He had a knife. I quickly ran to my office.

College Open Evenings 2023-24



ABOUT US

SUBJECTS

ENRICHMENT

STUDENT SUPPORT

OFFER A LEVELS and mini BTECs

<https://www.sjd.ac.uk/events/>



7TH OCT 2023

Open Event

9.30am - 2pm



26TH OCT 2023

Open Event

5.30pm - 8.30pm



23RD NOV 2023

Open Event

5.30pm - 8.30pm

OFFER A LEVELS/ T LEVELS/ BTEC'S & TRADE COURSES

<https://www.ccs.ac.uk/events/>

OFFER VOCATIONAL T LEVELS/ BTECS & TRADE COURSES

<https://wvr.ac.uk/events-news/openevenings>



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Open Evening
11th October
17:30-20:00
All Campuses



Open Evening
14 November
17:30-20:00
All Campuses

Offer Acting, Dance, Music, Musical Theatre & Technical Theatre

<https://www.lipasixthformcollege.org/page>

Warrington campus, 5.00pm - 8.00pm:

Tuesday
10th
October
2023

Wednesday
18th
October
2023

Monday
6th
November
2023

Wednesday
7th
February
2024

LIPA SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Open Days for September 2024 entry will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am - 2pm

Saturday 18th November 2023 10am - 2pm

Saturday 20th January 2024 10am - 2pm

Please note that bookings are restricted to 3 per booking, (i.e. for one prospective student & two other people). This is because capacity is limited in the building and to ensure as many prospective students as possible are able to attend on the day.

OFFER T LEVELS/BTECS in Engineering and Design

Thursday 9th November 2023 6pm-7pm



Crewe Engineering & Design UTC

01270 218150 | enquiries@creweutc.org.uk

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Year 7 Cross Country

Well done to Year 7 students; Olivia G, Layna R, Bella J, Grace P, Archie A, Reuben C, Jacob T-B, Riley T, Louie B and Year 8 student Jack A who represented Winsford Academy at the District Cross Country at Hartford High School on Wednesday 18th October. Thank you to Team Captain James P who supported the students!

Miss Harrison, Miss Stoakley and Mr Bearcroft were super impressed with the students' effort and resilience!



Hebden Green Trip

On Wednesday 18th October, Miss Harrison took Sports Leaders from Year 10 and 11 to Hebden Green Community School for the day, to help support at an annual sports festival for their students with complex medical, physical and learning needs.

Nicola Warham (Teacher & Organiser from Hebden Green) quoted *"The young leaders were exceptionally well-mannered and were a delight to have with us. They were tasked with setting up and delivering Boccia, New age Curling and bowling whilst following the School Games format. The leaders delivered their sessions with incredible professionalism and supported the pupils in various ways whilst respecting their choices. Everyone made comments about how fantastic they were. I can't wait to work with the Young Leaders on many more exciting projects."*

Well done Sports Leaders! Miss Harrison continues to be very proud of you!!

If you are interested in becoming a Sports Leader and representing the Winsford Academy at primary school and sporting events, please speak to Miss Harrison in the PE Department.



Art Club

KS3- Year 7/8/9



**Wednesdays
from 3.15pm
-4.00pm**

For our first project at art club we will be recreating Niki de Saint Phalles's Nana Sculpture. We will be building the body and sculpting to a unique shape, We will then paper mache the body and prepare the surface for decoration. The final stage will be to both collage and paint the decoration onto the Nana using a variety of materials. Come and join the fun we would love to see you there.



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**Art Department
Mrs Wyatt**

FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS

Look out for our future events:

- Friday 24th November 2023
- Friday 26th January 2023
- Friday 23rd February 2023

WINSFORD BOOGIE *BINGO!*



SCAN ME

**LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE
WON. STAR PRIZE IS AN
APPLE iPad***

**COME DOWN FOR A FUN NIGHT OF
MUSIC, DANCING AND BINGO.**

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

**Address: Winsford Lifestyle Centre
The Drumber, Winsford, CW7 1AD**

**27TH FRIDAY
OCTOBER**

*Star prize is a 9th Generation iPad, kindly donated by Winsford 1-5 BID

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