

# WINSFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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Together We Grow**





# TERM DATES

<b>Autumn 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2024</b>	<b>Summer 2024</b>
Mon 4th September 2023- Fri 27th October 2023	Mon 8th January 2024- Fri 16th February 2024	Mon 15th April 2024- Fri 24th May 2024
<b>Half Term</b> Mon 30th October 2023- Fri 3rd November 2023	<b>Half Term</b> Mon 19th February 2024- Fri 23rd February 2024	<b>Half Term</b> Mon 27th May 2024- Fri 31st May 2024
Mon 6th November 2023- Fri 22nd December 2023	Mon 26th February 2023- Thu 28th March 2024	Mon 3rd June 2024- Fri 19th July 2024
<b>Christmas Holidays</b> Mon 25th December 2023- Fri 5th January 2024	<b>Spring Break</b> Mon 1st April 2024- Fri 12th April 2024	

## Inset Days:

**Monday 8th January 2024**

**Good Friday - Friday 29th March 2024**

**Easter Monday - Monday 1st April 2024**

**Monday 6th May 2024**





# Act Of Remembrance

As part of our act of remembrance the Art and History department collaborated to create an art installation. Our poppy installation was inspired by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper. In 2014 both artist collaborated to create an installation of ceramic handmade poppies at the Tower of London. The poppies encircled and flowed from the Tower, creating a remarkable display visible from all around the Tower, but also a place for personal reflection.

Staff and students created handmade paper poppies during their Art and History lessons, as well a group of keen Year 7 students at Art club. Using camouflage netting each poppy was attached to the netting to create a waterfall effect of poppies. Poems written by students in History were also used within the display.

Our poppy installation has also been used as a place for reflection by staff and students, many comments have been made regarding its impact and raising awareness of remembrance within our school community.









# PE News

Well done to Ella-Louise C (Year 8) and Phoebe N (Year 9) who represented U14 Crewe Alexandra on Wednesday 25th October against U14 Manchester United and comfortably beat them! Keep up the great work and commitment outside of school!! Team PE!



## 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.





# PE News

A huge WELL DONE to the Year 8 girls who beat Fallibroome 2-0 in Round 3 of the National Cup on 10th November 2023. Esme E scored the two screamers of goals and Lyla T was voted as 'Player of the Match' by Fallibroome! Well Done to all of the girls!

Miss Harrison said *'I continue to be so proud of the girls and their commitment to the game. They work so hard for each other and have shown great resilience and enthusiasm in each game they have played. I look forward to Round 4 with them, whoever we come up against! Thank you to Rob Hopley (Coach of Winsford Town & Parent of Ella H) for his endless support and guidance with the girls!'*



Well done to the U14 girls who beat Alsager 5-0 on 7th November 2023 in Round 2 of the Cheshire Cup. The girls played some fantastic football and worked hard for each other with no subs! Well done to Ella H for getting a hat-trick and two goals from Esme E. Alsager voted captain Carlie E as Player of the Match, Well done Carlie!! Bring on Round 3!





# Year 8 Rowers

Our Year 8 rowers continue to make excellent progress at Northwich rowing club every Friday morning. Students are learning to row as a team and coaches Kevin and Helen are delighted with their progress! Keep up the great work. Our Year 8 rowers include: Liam B 8JBW, Amber B 8JBW, Tyler C 8AGW, Nancy D 8JBW, Daniel E 8KME, Lily H 8CBR, Reece J 8NWM, Finlay L 8NWM, Gene P 8NWM, Ella P-W 8AGW, Oliver R 8RLD, Livia T 8SDX AND Caitlyn-Rose W 8AGW.





# Student Recognition

We would like to thank our head girl and boy, Tom and Rosie for accompanying Mrs Lockhart as Winsford Academy representatives on Saturdays town remembrance service.



## Kyia L—Football

Well done to Kyia L (Yr10) who represented Crewe U16s against Manchester United on 26th October 2023. Although the Crewe lost 1-0 , Kyia played superb. Kya has a bright future in the female game and we look forward to tracking her progress across the years to come. Keep up the great work!





# School Trips

## Widnes Ice Skating Rink Trip for Year 8

If you would like your child to attend the Ice Skating trip please complete and return the reply slip to the trips and visits box situated on the Academy main street. There are a limited number of places available, the places will be given on a first come first served basis. However due to the limited places, if your child does not get a place on the trip, they will be added to a reserve list. Good behaviour and attendance have been a determining factor in terms of participation on the trip. However, if behaviour is not satisfactory leading up to the trip, they may not be able to attend. The cost of the visit is £20.00. This includes transportation, a meal deal, entrance fee and skate hire.



## Educational Visit to Chester University

This visit to Chester University will take place on Tuesday 21st November and there will be no cost to attend. Miss Harrison will be taking the pupils, and they will be travelling by minibus which will be leaving the school at 9am. This will be an educational sports visit. The pupils that have received a letter for this have been selected as they have been identified as a pupil who has the potential to go onto study at university in the future and because they have recently been working hard in their BTEC Sport lessons.





# Student of the Week

Each week during form time, tutors are asked to nominate a student who has shown great attendance, or attendance improvement along with good behaviour. Students who receive the award receive 5 positive points on their class charts record. Students who are nominated for student of the week are also entered into a half termly draw that give students a chance of winning prizes. Here are the winners of the September-October half term draw who all received a £5 amazon voucher:

**Year 7:** Lolah B (7ACT) & Lilliah B (7DRS)

**Year 8:** Lily B (8CBR) & Jake B (8JBW)

**Year 9:** Toby H (9KMY) & Zain B (9LGG)

**Year 10:** Ebony I (10PLD) & Luca B (10KRD)







## Attendance matters

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school. I understand the attendance journey for students can be fraught with illness, medical appointments, and other factors often out of your control, but when possible, students should be in school.

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**

The warning bell now sounds every morning at 8.40am and children are expected to make their way to their form or line up in readiness for registration time that begins at 8.45am. The school gates will be locked at 8.45am, and 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 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.



# Rewarding students



The academy is keen to ensure students are rewarded on a regular basis. We have now appointed Mr Etherington who will be leading on rewards across the school and will look to ensure students achieve rewards in many forms this year.

## Weekly data reviews:

Each week during form students spend time reviewing their attendance and behaviour points from the previous week. We currently run a league system in which students can score points based on this information. Students receive 3 points for 100% weekly attendance, 2 points for 90% and above and 1 point for 80% and above.

During the school year once a student hits a set number of points they can qualify for an attendance badge

### **Bronze:**

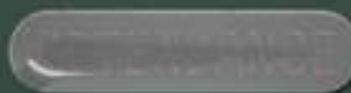
Need to achieve  
50+ points across  
the year

### **Silver:**

Need to achieve  
more than 70  
points across the  
year

### **Gold:**

Need to achieve  
more than 100  
points across the  
year



In addition to this, each week form tutors have been identifying a student of the week, the reward goes to students who have shown great attendance and behaviour or have shown vast improvements in these areas. Students will receive 5 class chart positive points for this recognition and in addition will get entered into a half termly prize draw for amazon vouchers.





# JOIN THE TEAM

## Cuddington and Sandiway U16' Girls team

**We are looking for new players to join Cuddington and Sandiway U16's Girls team for the 2023/24 Season.**

### WHO

Girls who in September 2023 will be in either Year groups 10 and 11 and have a keen interest in playing football as part of a team, get in touch now!

### WHERE

Training is on Tuesday evenings 7pm - 8pm at Hartford High School.

### WHEN

The League begins in September 2023. Matches will take place on Saturday mornings and the team will play in the Cheshire Girls Football League.

## interested?

For more information, contact Team Manager, Ed Jones:

 **07791 158205**

 **cuddington.sandiwaygirls@gmail.com**



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