

# 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

## Year 10 Assessments

Year 10 will be sitting their first assessments during the fortnight beginning **Monday 2nd October 2023**. Exam booklets detailing the dates of each assessment and topics covered, has been sent out to parents and carers, if you have not received please do not hesitate to get in touch. There is also a section with advice on how to revise.

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 the revision timetable below:

## P6 - After School Revision

Week A				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
English	Maths	Science	Staff meetings	Drama SLN Theatre 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	



# Fundraising for St Luke's Cheshire Hospice

Harley Key took part in the 3 peak challenge with neighbours & family on the 11th August 2023 to raise money for St Luke's Hospice.

The challenge which they successfully completed in 24 hours, including driving between mountains, involved the climbing of Ben Nevis / Beinn Nibheis (1,345 m or 4,413 ft), the highest mountain in Scotland, Scafell Pike (978 m or 3,209 ft), the highest mountain in England and Snowdon / Yr Wyddfa (1,085 m or 3,560 ft), the highest mountain in Wales. The total distance they walked is estimated at 26 miles with a total ascent of 9,800 feet (3,000 m).

Please view their story from the link below:

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# Library Clubs

## Wellness Club

### Homework Club @ the Library

Open every night after school until  
4.00pm (except Wednesdays).

Come along and get help from the  
Librarian with your homework.

Use the computers and books for  
research.

Meet with friends to work together on  
homework.

Take books out for homework or for  
reading for pleasure.



### Homework Club @ the Library

## Colouring Wellness Club

Colouring Wellness Club.

All year groups welcome.

After school every evening (except Wednesdays) from 3.15-4pm.

Specialist materials provided.

De-stress and improve your artistic skills at the same time.

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# Cambodia Trip

We started the expedition off by getting the bus down to Heathrow to meet the other schools from Poole and Portsmouth before boarding our 12 hour flight to Singapore Airport, celebrated as the 'best airport in the world'. Here we were able to view the butterfly garden before the second leg of our journey to Phnom Penh. We arrived at midday and stayed in a hostel for two nights. We spent the next two days in the city visiting S21 prison and the killing fields; a very emotional visit where we learned about Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge; a truly horrific period in Cambodia's history and were humbled to meet with the three remaining survivors. We then got to experience a true Cambodian market.

The next day we were up early to travel to our first camp, Beng Pae where we stayed in traditional long houses. Up-on arrival we went to the monastery to receive a water blessing from the monks to keep us safe. Project work here entailed digging wells at two homes so the family would have access to clean water, an amenity we really take for granted in the UK. We spent our project days split between digging the wells, mixing concrete to make floor tiles and cement rings for the wells. We also spent a day at the school teaching the children and helping them with their English pronunciation.

From here we went to Sihanouk and stayed over before boarding the boat to Koh Rong, a stunning island to complete the PADI open water diving course. Both students achieved their PADI open water qualification after 3 days of diving. Whilst there we got to know the dive shop managers, Dennis and his family as well as the dive shop's resident monkey.

We then travelled on to Siem Reap to visit Angkor Wat for sunrise, the largest religious monument in the world, also considered the '8th wonder of the world'. We visited Angkor Wat, Bayon Temple and the famous Tomb raider temple and another traditional market before leaving the next day for camp Beng MeaLea.

This was our final camp. We made water pots by mixing clay with our feet and then sticking it to a timber mould, laid a playground tile floor, made a chicken coop and vegetable garden for a local family and spent time in the school teaching the children. Evenings consisted of playing cards and our students teaching group dance routines to Beyonce songs!

We headed back to Phnom Penh for one more night in the hostel before flying home! This trip was the adventure of a lifetime gave us the opportunity to really make a difference. It has changed our perspective on what is important in life and has helped us develop new skills and qualities, including resilience and independence. It was a life changing summer for all involved!





# Cambodia Trip





# Student Recognition

## Matty J—Karate Success

Matty gained an amazing haul of medals on 9th September 2023 at the Official GB Open Karate Championships, located in Birmingham:

Matty brought home:

- ◆ Silver Medal in his Kata event!
- ◆ Bronze medal in his individual Ippon Kumite/ Fighting!
- ◆ Bronze medal for Rotation Kumite/ Fighting!

The lead up to the WUKF European Karate Championships in France is just around the corner, and Winsford Academy are looking forward to further successes from Matty! On 12th September 2023, Matty was further awarded with “Outstanding Student of the Year”. His Sensei’s, Sensei Emily Pollitt and Sensei Kathryn of Koshido Ryu Karate Club in Winsford presented the Shield for his outstanding performance.



## Millie Greenhalgh—Rugby Success

Millie has had a fantastic achievement over the summer; She has been selected to play at County level with her rugby. Millie currently plays for Winnington Park RFU and has been selected for the England Rugby Developing Player Pathway for Cheshire RFU. Winsford Academy are looking forward to support and guide her along Cheshire RFU!





# Languages in Football Day

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the languages in football day. The year 9s were an absolute credit to us and there was a real buzz around school.

All students took part in a motivational talk with Steve Eadon. Steve was once a disengaged year 9 student who hated languages however at his school it was compulsory to take a language GCSE and he ended up loving learning Spanish and German. His language skills landed him a job at Arsenal football club and they sent him around the world coaching football and using his languages to interview players. The students learnt about different careers within the football and the sport world and how knowing another language is a non-negotiable in these jobs.

Steve then delivered some classroom Spanish sessions with a football spin. The students were engaged and enthusiastic and by the end of the session they were writing full football match reports in Spanish. Finally, some of our students took part in football coaching sessions where Steve used football-specific Spanish vocabulary.

The students really enjoyed themselves and we have already had lots of positive feedback from parents and students. Hopefully the day inspired some of our students and helped them to see the importance of languages. ¡Bien hecho Y9!





# 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 Year 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 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 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)

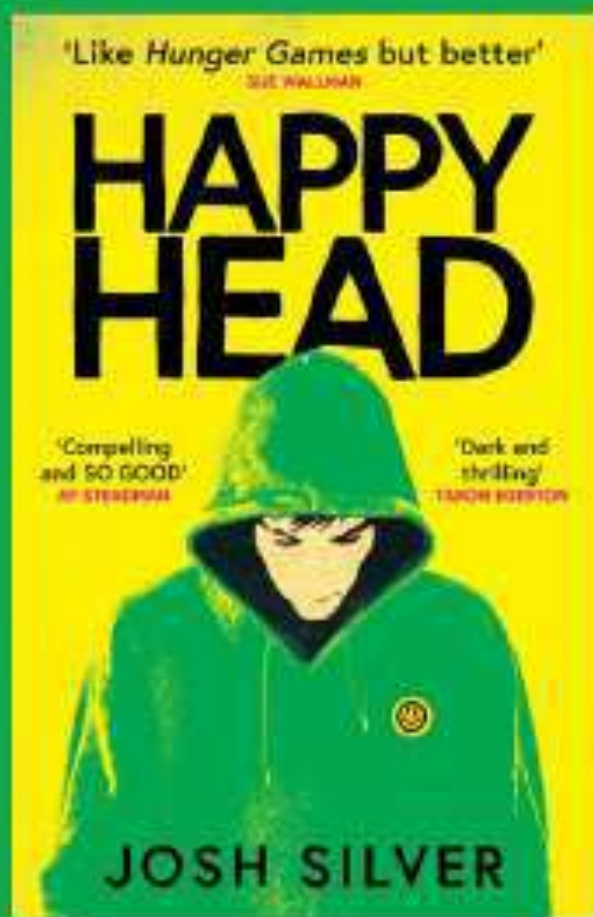


**WATER PARK**  
LAKELAND ADVENTURE CENTRE  
CONISTON WATER





# CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' BOOK AWARD 2024 LAUNCH



WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**JOSH SILVER**  
AUTHOR OF  
**HAPPYHEAD**

PLEASE RSVP WITH NUMBER  
OF ATTENDEES BY  
WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER



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11TH OCTOBER 2023  
4:30PM-6:30PM