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Phased Return for January

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Year 7 to arrive at school for 10.00am Year 8 to arrive at school for 11.00am Year 9 and 10 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams Year 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Year 7, 8 and 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am Year 9 and 10 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 7 and 8 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams Year 9 to arrive at school for 10.00am Year 10 to arrive at school for 11.00am Year 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am
Friday 12 th January 2024	Year 9, 10 and 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am Year 7 and 8 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams
* Review / staggered return the week after if required	
Monday 15 th January 2024	Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) - 8.45am Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) – 10.00am

Community Food Boxes

Supporting our local Winsford Community. On 13th December 2023, Winsford Academy kindly received 250 boxes of food that were donated to support our Academy parents. Each box contained at least 2 meals to help everyone out during the Christmas period. Big thank you to all the parents that came and collected their box.



PE News

Football Fans!

The Year 7 football team took part in the Mid Cheshire indoor 5-a-side tournament at Rudheath on 11th December 2023. James S even scored a goal!

Huge well done to all of the team for their efforts, keep up the great work; James S, Seb G, Anthony H, Riley C, Noah S, Riley T, Connor H, Theo W and Baeleigh A.



Girls Football National Cup

A HUGE WELL DONE to the Year 8 girls for beating Sandbach 5-1 in Round 4 of the National Cup. A really strong performance by all of the girls today!! Goals from Ella C and Lily R and Ella H getting a hat-trick!! The girls are now in the final 32 teams across the country which is an amazing achievement! We look forward to competing against Thomas Telford School in the next round! Thank you to Rob H (Ella H's dad) for his support coaching and all of the amazing parents for your continual support and cheering on the cold side-lines! Miss Harrison



Year 8 Rowing

Rowing Fans!

Year 8's continue to train at Northwich Rowing Club every Friday! Students are preparing for the January indoor rowing competition in Warrington.

Our Rowers: Liam B, Amber B, Nancy D, Daniel E, Lily H, Reece J, Finlay L, Gene P, Ella P-W, Oliver R, Livia T and Caitlyn W.

Best performances so far in 3 minutes by:

Daniel E 606m

Livia T 648m

There is a Christmas atmosphere at the club already! On Friday 8th December, students received their new rowing kit.



Scholarship Interviews

We recently conducted interviews on 12th December 2023, to find another student for Johnsons Moving Services to award a scholarship in memory of Nathan Clarke.

Nathan's dad, Colin Clarke (a former teacher at Verdin High School for 36 years), a representative from Johnsons (Viv) and Junior Millington (Yr 9) joined Mr Bancroft and Mr Blackaby on the interview panel. Our students did us proud, many interviewing extremely well!

Aimee Ashbrooke in Year 9 won the scholarship! Well Done Aimee!



SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS



Cheshire Young Carers is a charity that operates to identify and support young carers. We offer educational support through schools and provide free respite and activities during evenings and school holidays.

A Young Carer is..

someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family



This includes:

Learning disabilities and disorders
(i.e., down syndrome and autism)

Physical impairment
(i.e., cerebral palsy and diabetes)

Mental Health (i.e., depression and anxiety)

1 in 5
children
are young
carers in
the UK

They can provide physical care such as bathing and providing medicine, support around the home with cooking and cleaning, as well as emotional support.



We are working with your school to raise awareness and provide support for the young carers in your community.

If you believe you, or a member of your family, are a young carer then please either contact your school or **info@cheshireyoungcarers.com** for more information on how to access the Cheshire Young Carers service.

Student Recognition

WELL DONE to Emilia A in Year 9 for winning GOLD on Saturday 16th December 2023 at "Fight Series 5" Show. Emilia took on a Year 11 girl who is very strong and from a well-established Thai Gym! Despite Emilia just getting over COVID, Emilia dominated every round and got the end result as WINNER!!

Keep up the fantastic work in your Thai Boxing Emilia!



Year 8 Reward Trip

On the 14th December 2023, our Year 8 students enjoyed a fun filled evening of laughter at Silverblades Ice Rink. They enjoyed a selection of hot dogs, cheese burgers, and Quorn nuggets - keeping up their energy to skate the night away. We are so incredibly proud of our students and how they represented Winsford Academy.



Performing Arts Christmas Showcase

Wednesday 20th December 2023 saw the talented students of Winsford Academy presenting their showcase of dance, drama and music in a packed Academy Theatre to a very warm and highly appreciative audience. There are simply too many highlights to mention, but simply to say that there was something for all ages and tastes. Every student involved did themselves proud and performed with creativity, confidence and enthusiasm.

The Academy Theatre has simply never looked better due to the spectacular lighting, smoke and fire effects led by a hard-working team of our very own students. It was wonderful that the students themselves also sat in the audience where they were able to enjoy each other's performances. In the final Christmas song, it was a spectacular sight witnessing every student on stage singing and dancing standing shoulder to shoulder and getting fully into the festive spirit.

It was also great to see so many staff, both past and present, in attendance supporting this event along with family and friends here to see just how much talent there is within the Academy.

To all the students involved, both on stage and backstage, we wish you all the very best over the Christmas period and look forward to seeing you safe and well in the new year.



¡Bien Hecho 11A!

On Thursday 21st December 11A Spanish class were treated to hot chocolate and croissants in their Spanish lesson for winning the highest attendance at after school intervention competition between the 3 Spanish classes. Well done for all your hard work 11A and especially to those students who consistently turn up to revision sessions – I promise it will pay off!

Miss Boyle



Upcoming School Trip

On Thursday 25th April 2024, Mr Lawson will be running a trip to watch a live professional performance of The Woman in Black at Crewe Lyceum for Drama students in years 10 and 11.

It is crucial that all Drama students watch regular live performance's as it helps them to improve their own performance work. More importantly, the AQA GCSE Drama written exam which is worth 40% of student's final grades requires a review of live theatre performance so this trip is very valuable to students as it will be discussed as a shared experience in lessons following the performance.

If your child is interested in this, please contact the school by either calling The Academy on 01606592300 or emailing adminoffice@winsfordacademy.org.uk



Upcoming College Open Days/Evenings

Cheshire college South and West

Thursday 11th January 2024

17:30 – 19:00

ALL CAMPUSES



**Cheshire College
South & West**

CREWE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN UTC

Thursday 1st February 2024

17:00 – 19:00

ALL CAMPUSES



**Crewe Engineering
& Design UTC**

Warrington and Vale Royal College

Tuesday 6th February 2024

17:00 – 20:00

Warrington Campus



**Warrington
& Vale Royal
College**

Reaseheath College

Saturday 13th January 2024

Saturday 10th February 2024

Saturday 23 March 2024

Saturday 20th April 2024

Saturday 8th June 2024



Lipa – Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

Saturday 20th January 2024

10am -2pm

Please note that bookings are restricted to 3 per booking.
(ie for one prospective student and two other people)



Year 7 Awards

Well done to all of the Year 7's that have been nominated for the following categories either via ClassCharts or personal teacher nomination: Kindness, Aspiration, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Top 10 Students on Class Charts. You're all an absolute asset to the schools and its community. Keep up the excellent attitude and enjoy your chocolate treat!

Miss Williams and the Year 7 Team! :)

Our Nominees:

Kindness: Ellie P, Olivia G, Willam B, Peyton T, Morgan B, Lilly-Sky H, Hollie G, Alfie P, William W, Aiden S, Ally H and Esme R.

Aspiration: Zoey O, Emily B, Paige W, Bella J, Erin L, Ellie P, Caleb C, Amelia S, Ally H, Riley S, Jack K and Neela C.

Responsibility: Amelia P, Lottie B, Adilyn L-W, Nicole P, Amelia G, Amelia H, Rose H and Hollie H.

Respect: Callum A, Jake R, Xanthe H-M, Caleb O, Chloe B and John T.

Resilience: Nathan D, Layna R, Riley T, Ashton F-C, Jenson L and Ava H.

Top 10 Students on Class Charts: Harry C-B, Zoey O, Cody K, William B, Ethan B, Emily H, Emily B, Archie A, Tyler S and Scarlett B.

Year 7 Awards



Kindness Award


This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have been selected for the kindness award!
Keep up the great work!

Date: _____

Signed: _____



Resilience Award

This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have been selected for the resilience award!
Keep up the great work!

Signed: _____



Aspiration Award

This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have been selected for the aspiration award!
Keep up the great work!

Date: _____



Top 10 Students on Class Charts Award

This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have won the Top 10 Students
award on Class Charts! This is a fantastic achievement!
Keep up the great work!

Signed: _____



Respect Award

This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have been selected for the respect award!
Keep up the great work!

Date: _____

Signed: _____



Responsibility Award

This certificate is awarded to

Name: _____

Congratulations, you have been selected for the responsibility award!
Keep up the great work!

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Winsford Academy

GOING PHONE FREE

Your
Questions
Answered

Dear students,

We're teaming up with Yondr to make our school a phone-free zone.

We really care about making our school a great and safe place for you all to learn. Studies show that having phones in class can affect how well you do at school.

Yondr is a system used all over the world, even at concerts, comedy shows, weddings, and other special events. As part of this system, you will get a simple case to keep your phones safe during the school day. The diagram below shows how this will work.

We've put together some FAQs to answer any questions you might have.

		
<u>CASE</u> As you enter school, your phone and other mobile devices will be placed in a Yondr case	<u>LOCK</u> Once inside the case will lock. You'll maintain possession of your phone at all times.	<u>UNLOCK</u> At the end of the school day we will unlock your phone.

Your Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Why can't we use phones in school?

A1: Using phones in school can sometimes cause problems like bullying and make it hard for us to learn. Phones can also make it tough for us to remember things and pay attention.

Q2: Can we use phones during break and lunchtime?

A2: No, we have to keep our phones in special pouches all day, even during breaks. This helps stop problems and makes sure we focus on having fun and being with our friends.

Q3: How can my parents contact me during the school day?

A3: If your parents need to talk to you, they can call the school reception, and they'll get a message to you.

Q4: How can I contact my parents during the school day?

A4: If you need to talk to your parents, you can go to reception or ask your head of year for help. They'll call your parents for you.



Q5: What if I'm feeling anxious and want to use my phone to talk to my parents?

A5: If you're feeling worried, adults at school can make the calls for you. They're there to help.

Q6: How will I know my timetable without my phone?

A6: Don't worry! You'll get a small card with your timetable on it. If you lose it, just ask your form tutor for another one.

Q7: How can I check the time without my phone?

A7: All our classrooms have clocks, so you can always see what time it is during the day. We are going to have lessons to make sure that you know how to tell the time using a clock.

Q8: How does the school know my parent's number in case of emergencies?

A8: The school keeps all the important numbers in a special system. If anything changes, you can tell them.

Q9: Will the pouch damage my phone?

A9: No, the pouch is like a cosy home for your phone. It won't get damaged in there.

Q10: What if I lose my Yondr pouch?

A10: If you lose it, you will need buy a new one. The cost is £25.00.

Q11: What if someone breaks my pouch?

A11: If it gets broken on purpose, your parents might need to pay for a new one.

Q12: What if I forget to unlock my pouch at the end of the day?

A12: No worries! You can come back to school, and someone will help you unlock it.

Q13: What will happen if I get caught on my phone?

A13: If you're caught, we will take your phone until the end of the day. If it happens a lot, your parents might need to come to get it.

Q14: How will I know my lunch number for pre-orders?

A14: Your form tutor will have the lunch numbers and tell you during registration.

Q15: Is our school the only one with a 'no phone' rule?

A15: No, many schools don't allow phones during the day. Even schools nearby, like Middlewich and Hartford, have the same rules.

Q16: What about other gadgets like Apple watches and earbuds?

A16: All those cool gadgets need to go in the pouch too, just like our phones.

Q17: What if an after-school event is cancelled? How will my parents know?

A17: They'll send a message through SIMs or ClassCharts to let your parents know if something changes.

