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Together We Learn
Together We Grow







Important Information

Strike Days

Reminder - School closed to all students: Wednesday 5th July Friday 7th July

Revised Trip Dates

 Please note: the trip to South Cheshire College on 5th July has been cancelled.





- The trip to Sir John Deane's College has been changed to 3rd July due to the upcoming strike days.
- Please note: The trip to Llandudno on 4th July has also been cancelled.



New School Day

Throughout this year we have been reviewing the structure of the school day, this will ensure that we are creating the best possible conditions for our students to learn well, behave well and that we are also meeting the government requirement to provide a school day that is at least six and a half hours long. As part of this process, we have been investigating the way some of the most successful schools in the country organise the day to see what lessons we can learn.

As a result, we have decided that next year we will pilot a new school day based on a three lesson day, each of which will be 100 minutes long. This will enable us to spend time recapping material from previous lessons so that students can be supported in recalling the essential knowledge and skills in each subject. It will also give more time for extended reading and writing tasks which will help us to address one of our key improvement priorities. The structure of the day will eliminate the need for students to move from lesson to lesson which will give them more time to process what they have learned before moving on to something else. It will also reduce the time they are out and about on the corridors and support our aim to make the Academy calmer when students are not in class. Experience in other schools suggests that working with three teachers in a day rather than five makes life easier for those students who find relationships with large numbers of adults challenging. Our teachers recently spent time on a training day working with external experts in teaching and learning to consider the best ways to take advantage of the opportunities the longer lessons offer. Therefore, from the start of term in September 2023, our school day will be as follows:

0845	Form Time
0920	Lesson 1
1100	Morning Break
1120	Lesson 2
1300	Lunch
1335	Lesson 3
1515	End of school day

Throughout the new school year, we will carefully monitor the impact of the new school day on student learning, levels of literacy and behaviour in and out of class. The views of parents and students will be very important and, once the arrangements have had chance to settle down, I would welcome any comments that you have.

With every best wish

Laura Halsall

Principal

Winsford Academy joins forces with MMU

This week we were visited by Dr Helen Wadham a Reader in Sustainability from Manchester Metropolitan University. She is going to be collaborating with our school about the impact our school dog, Cookie, can have on students and staff.



Cookie has been settling into our school community and working with Julia from "All to play for" with groups of students each day at lunch time in order to train her and enable her to learn about the world.



Girls Football Opportunity

A great opportunity has arisen for our Year 7 and 8 girls. Weaverham Girls U14's Football Club are looking for aspiring football players! The club will run all summer and is an easy way to build confidence and expand your football skillset. It is a great place to be sociable and get exercise, as well as meet new people and make some lifelong friends! If you are one of our Year 7 or 8 girls, and are interested in this amazing opportunity, contact the coaches (Neil and Charlotte) on the numbers on the poster.

They train every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm at Weaverham High School. They offer a no-pressure, safe environment for everyone and currently have girls recruited from six different high schools!







Sports Leaders

A very big well done to Miss Harrison's Sports Leaders this week. They do an amazing job week-in week-out and even volunteer their own free time after school until 5pm! Our Year 7-10 Sports Leaders recently successfully delivered the 'Shooting Stars' Disney-themed festival to seven different primary schools from across Northwich and Winsford. The students were an absolute credit to our school and created a real 'BUZZ' in the sports

hall. Furthermore, our Leaders received fantastic feedback from parents and teachers for their engaging enthusiasm, motivation and leadership skills. Well done everyone!

If you are one of our students and are interested in becoming a Sports Leader, and helping with our feeder primary schools, please speak to Miss Harrison in PE for more information!





Junior Master Chef Experience

A great experience for our students took place on 23rd June 2023. Two Year 10 hospitality and catering girls took part in the Master Chef final at Warrington and Vale College. Both Isabel and Chloe made an orange and green risotto served in a butternut squash, followed by mixed berry sponge cake. Their design brief was to design a two course seasonal meal for two people for under £10. After achieving this budget they beautiful meal pictured made а below. Amazingly, out of the 20 finalists, they both came 3rd! Well done girls!











Elements Word Search

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Aluminum Barium Cadmium Chlorine Einsteinlum Gadolinium Holmium Krypton Magnesium Neon Osmium Polanium Radon Scandium Sulfur Thorium Vanadium

Americium Berkelium Calcium Chromium Erbium Gallium Hydrogen Lanthanum Manganese Neptunium Oxygen Potassium Rhenium Selenium Tantalum Thulium Xenon

Antimony Beryllium Californium Cobalt Europium Germanium Indium Lawrencium Mendelevium Nickel Palladium Praseodymium Rhadium Silicon Technetium Tin. Ytterbium

Argon Bismuth Carbon Copper Fermium Gold lodine Lead Mercury Niobium Phosphorus Promethium Rubidium Silver Tellurium Titanium Yttrium

Arsenic Baron Cerium Curium Fluorine Hafnium Iridium Lithium Molybdenum Nitrogen Platinum Protactinium Ruthenium. Sodium Terbium Tungsten Zinc

Student News

Winsford Town Sports

On 23rd June 2023, our fantastic Sport Leaders helped run the 'Winsford Town Sports' which was held at Winsford Academy.

We welcomed primary school students from Years 3-6 to compete in various athletics events and our Leaders even led and officiated the events.

Miss Harrison (PE Teacher and SSCo) said: "I cannot thank the leaders enough for their commitment in leading the primary events. It's so nice to work with such dedicated students and watch their leadership skills develop each week. Well done to all involved and keep up the great work!"



On Saturday 24th June 2023, twentythree talented students sang solos and duets on the main stage at the

Delamere Street Festival. There were some absolutely fantastic performances and our students did us proud. The atmosphere they created was incredible. The audience seemed to be very impressed by the quality of singing and the confidence displayed by all those taking part. There were many positive comments from those watching. The diverse selection of songs included 'Proud Mary', sung very confidently by Chloe F, commemorating the late Tina Turner; well-known anthem 'Don't Look Back in Anger,' sung by Kiera Marlow (her first time performing in public and she was awesome); and a brilliant rendition of absolute classic 'House of the Rising Sun' performed by Cian G on guitar and vocals. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part.

They performed from 12 noon until 2:25pm in front of a huge audience! A massive well done to all students involved; Kate, Gabriel, Darci, Kiera, Lilly D, Ella, Lillie M, Mollie, Alfie, Bobby, Luke, Cian, Imogen, Lily H, Livia, Chloe, Charlie, Roxy, Daniel, Jack, Tilly and Kelsie.







Student News



Student Recognition

Erin C has won a trophy for being the most improved player in the Lions Academy Youth Brass Band. She plays the E flat tenor horn. Well done Erin!



Erin said: "I have been playing with the Lions Youth Brass organisation for six years (half my life). When you first join the band you start playing in the debut band where you borrow an instrument and learn how to hold it. With the help of the tutors, you learn how to play notes. Last year I moved up to the Academy band and started music lessons in school with Mel W. I also attend the school orchestra Acoustix. Being in the Lions Youth Brass means a lot to me. We are all like a family and I have friends in the band. We rehearse every Tuesday and we enter competitions (National Champion-

ships) and put on our own concerts. Recently I won the most improved award in my band which I am very happy about. I love being part of the band and playing my tenor horn and look forward to moving into the youth band in the future".

Art/Literacy Workshop

Students in Year 6, who will be joining us in September 2023, attended an Art and Literacy transition workshop this week. The students created a piece of art inspired by the poem 'For a New Beginning' by John O'Donohue. This was all about how they're feeling coming up to high school and having a new beginning.



School Trips



The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze scheme Expedition

Date: Sunday 9th July 2023—Monday 10th July 2023 for Year 9 students.

Year 9 students have been taking part in an expedition to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. They completed the first part in May. The second and final parts will be completed in July. The plan is to arrive at Beeston Castle for 9am on Sunday 9th July. There will be six hours planned activity on the Sunday, back to the campsite (pitch and canvas) to sleep and eat and then six hours planned activity on the Monday.

Good luck to everyone participating!

The Regatta Rowing Event at Warrington Rowing Club

Date: Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Students will leave school at 12:25 and will travel to Warrington in the school minibus. All students will be supervised for the duration of their time out of school by Mr Freeman and will return to school at approximately 18:30.

Students should wear their rowing kit/PE kit for this trip, and bring their own packed lunch, unless they receive free school meals. In which case lunch will be provided.





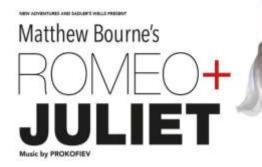
School Trips

Romeo and Juliet Trip

Date: Thursday 13th July 2023 for Year 9

Our Year 9 students have been selected to take part in an educational, cultural and curriculum-related excursion to The Lowry in Salford, to watch a rendition of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The purpose of this trip is to reinforce and appreciate how a play, that students are studying during lessons, should be

presented and seen in a theatre. This will enhance the students' understanding of this play and will assist in their analysis of Shakespeare's plays in KS4.



Bluebell Tapas Restaurant in Chester

Date: Friday 14th July for Year 10 GSCE Spanish students

As a reward for working so hard throughout the year, and more specifically in their recent mock exams, the Spanish department have organised a trip to the Bluebell Tapas Restaurant for the GCSE Spanish students. The coach will leave school after break and will take students to the restaurant; where they will get the chance to try typical Spanish dishes (paella and a variety of other tapas dishes) in an authentic setting. Students will be able to order in Spanish and could even use their Spanish speaking skills to have a conversation with a Spanish waiter/waitress. This will be an excellent experience for our students and

will allow them to experience Spanish food and culture for the afternoon.



Active Lives Survey

The Active Lives Children and Young People survey provides a world-leading approach to gathering data on how children engage with sport and physical activity.

School children across England are asked to take part in this survey, which sits at the heart of our vision – that everyone in England, regardless of their age, background and level of ability, should feel able to take part in sport and activity.

Our school and Sport England would like to find out about the sports and physical activities our students take part in, both in and out of school. The information collected will be used to:

- Provide a report to our school to help us understand what our students are doing and what we can do to support them
- Help Sport England invest in opportunities for children and young people to take part in and benefit from sport and physical activity.

Our school has agreed to take part in this research. Students in Years 9 and 10 have been selected to take part in the survey. This involves completing an online questionnaire which will take about 20 minutes and will be accessible via the student's class charts homework account from next week.

If you do not want your child to take part in this survey, please ask your child not to complete the homework link that will be sent out near the end of term

Kind regards

Mr Hunt Head of PE







Fusion Online

Pre-Ordering at Lunchtime

Our pre-ordering service has been fully launched and is up and running well. Fusion allows students to pre-order lunchtime meals which will reduce the amount of time spent queuing.

All students have been given a letter with code and instructions on how to download the app.



So, what can you do with Fusion Online?

Check your balance

No longer do you need to queue at a device in the school to check whether you have enough funds remaining to order that meal you've been thinking about; you can now check your balance at home or at any time of day.

Order your food in advance

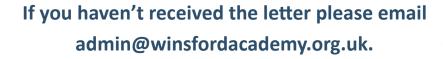
Obviously, the most important part of a pre-order service is the ability to order food in advance, and you can do precisely that.

Show your unique order number and our canteen staff will have your food ready and waiting for you to collect, no queues, no hassle!

View your upcoming meal selections

If you've placed multiple pre-orders, it's easy to check what you've ordered from within the app. We'll show you all your meal choices along with your unique order number, so that when it's time to collect your food all you need to do is turn up and show your order number.







Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Council, alongside Edsential and a range of community partners, is running a wide range of activities for the Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) that will run throughout the school summer holiday. HAF is a nationally funded programme for local organisations to provide activities for children and young people during the holidays.

Edsential

Community interest company, Edsential, is working with 47 organisations, including schools, community, voluntary and faith sector organisations, to organise 66 holiday activity clubs throughout the borough this summer period. The holiday clubs will provide local children and families with:

- healthy meals and snacks, along with family cooking sessions and nutritional/health education
- a variety of directly delivered physical activities such as climbing, swimming, yoga, golf, judo, skateboarding, dance and drama workshops
- diverse enrichment activities including arts and crafts, musical theatre, archery, street dance, mindfulness, forest school, and much more.

Families can also keep up-to-date with Edsential's Holiday Activities and Food programme on social media and the <u>HAF website</u>.

Youth Zones for 11-16 year olds (up to 25 for our SEND children and young people)

Operated by the Council's Youth Service, Youth Zones will be providing eligible children and young people across the borough with a summer offer. All children and young people will be offered a healthy balanced hot meal or packed lunch. Programme plans include arts and crafts, face painting, silent disco, Urban Music Event—including beat boxing, mc-ing and rapping, graffiti, dance workshops with Studio 13, Boo Zoo, Multi sports, inflatables and trips out.

For further information visit the HAF website or email EHPChesterandRural@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.





Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Provision for all children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

A number of organisations have been funded to deliver SEND specific HAF provision across Cheshire West and Chester. The varied offer will include sessions for children and young people such as arts and crafts, gardening, music and dance, cooking and baking, cycling and swimming. Activities will be on offer across the whole of the summer holidays and a healthy meal will be provided at every session for the children and young people in attendance.

For more information, email:

AimingHighForDisabledChildren@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Brio Leisure

Brio Leisure will be running various activity programmes from sites across the borough. The range of activities include multi-sport activities, Fun and Floats and Sports Camps, all of which will include a healthy meal

Criteria/eligibility for the programme

This holiday provision is for school-aged children from reception to Year 11 (inclusive) who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and for all children with SEND.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to students if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Any questions? Please email haf@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Cost of living support

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, families may be worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport. They may need help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money they're entitled to, or simply want to know more about national recent support measures.

Whatever their money worries may be, the Council has put together some useful information to help. The web page includes a wealth of information including the Household Support Fund, the Council's HELP Scheme, Warm Welcoming Spaces and much more.







For Children and Young People with SEND in Cheshire West and Chester

Cheshire Buddies

During the whole of the school summer holidays Central Cheshire Buddy Scheme will deliver sessions in partnership with Brio Northwich, GroZone Northwich, Bread together in Chester, and simply cycling in Wythenshawe

Buddies will deliver the following sessions:

- 4x Wednesdays in August 10.30am-12pm swimming at Brio Northwich 2,9,16,23rd
- 2x Wednesdays 1-4pm Bread together in Chester (9th, 16th August)
- Wednesday cycling at Wythenshawe 9am-1pm(23rd,30th August)
- Thursday/Friday 1-4pm Gro-Zone Northwich
- 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th August Visit EventBrite and search Cheshire buddies

Energise by Endorphins

Throughout the Summer Holidays Energise by Endorphins will be delivering fully energised sessions with activities for all abilities and interests. These include - sports, games, crafts, arts, drama, treasure hunts, science experiments, special visits and much more!

Our sessions are every Wednesday and Thursday from 26th July - 31st August 2023 10am - 2pm at Winsford Academy.

Book online at endorphins.uk or by contacting our bookings team at -

E: bookings@endorphins.uk or T: 0330 1332642















Brio Leisure

Brio Leisure will be offering a variety of summer activities across the following Centre's.

Neston Recreation Centre – Summer Sports Camps for 4– 12 year olds

Northwich Memorial Court - Theatre activities for 6 – 12 years and Teen Fitness 12 - 17 years

Our Summer SEND activities are available at Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Winsford Lifestyles Centre, and Northwich Memorial Court from 5 – 18yrs, our sessions include Fun and Floats, Multisport activities, and interactive crafts.

Booking can be found here:

0151 659 1010 EPSportsVillage@brioleisure.org 01606 550700 Winsford@brioleisure.org 01606 261100 NorthwichMC@brioleisure.org

Bridge Community Farms and Wellness Gardens

Bridge community farms and wellness gardens will support children and young people with SEND over 4 weeks of the summer holidays from Tuesdays to Fridays from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Activities will include:

Arts and crafts, painting, music and dance, forest and outdoor activities, mindfulness, relaxation and cooking skills.

To book a place please contact the team on Generalmanager@bwgardens.co.uk or 07446699995

Choices SEND Project

The Salvation Army Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 6RS

Indoor and outdoor sporting activities including
Basketball and Football inflatables, Penalty Shootout
Competitions and Street dance sessions. Arts & crafts
including Graffitiing. Facepainting and Glitter Tattoos.
Animal visit, African Drumming and Karaoke. Pizza
making, and healthy meal and snacks provided. For
ages 11 to 25 years

For more information and to book a place please contact

leanne.owen@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk 07783808853

Down Syndrome Cheshire

Down Syndrome Cheshire will be offering school holiday club provision, Monday to Thursday w/c 31st July and w/c 14th August for children and young people with Down syndrome. Sessions will run from 9am to 3pm.

Our activities will include the following; mad science, creepy crawly sport, dance, drama, crafts, life skills and independence skills. Please contact 01606 246171 lawrence@dscheshire.org.uk

SPACE

Activity Club

We will offer an activity club from for ages 5-13 years. We will offer a range of arts & crafts, music & dance, active play on the soft play frame, sensory play and story times. The sessions will run 3.30 -5.30pm Mondays & Wednesdays for 4 weeks from 31/7/23. Sensory Space

We will offer 4 two-hour sessions specifically aimed at children with "Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities". These sessions will require parents to stay with the children. There will be 6 children per sessions and activities will be aimed at exploring all the senses using lights, music and other sensory resources.

Please contact SPACE on 01244377646 or 07808641107 - admin@spacecheshire.org to book a place

Northwich and Winsford Choices (SEND)

Northwich, Winning house, Winning Lane, CW8 4DE and Winsford, New Image centre, Nixon Drive, CW7 2HG

Indoor and outdoor sporting activities including
Basketball and Football inflatables and dance sessions.
Arts and crafts, animal, cooking and music sessions.
Healthy meal and snacks provided. For ages 11 to 25
years

For more information and to book a place please contact Dean.latham@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk 07917894605

UNIFORM

At Winsford Academy, we encourage parents and carers to drop all old and outgrown/no longer needed uniform items to ourselves. This way when we cannot provide new uniform or, other parents cannot get hold of new uniform we can donate these items! Also, we could make sure they are getting to the people who are trying to obtain them but aren't able to pay the full new price from the market.



For Boys:

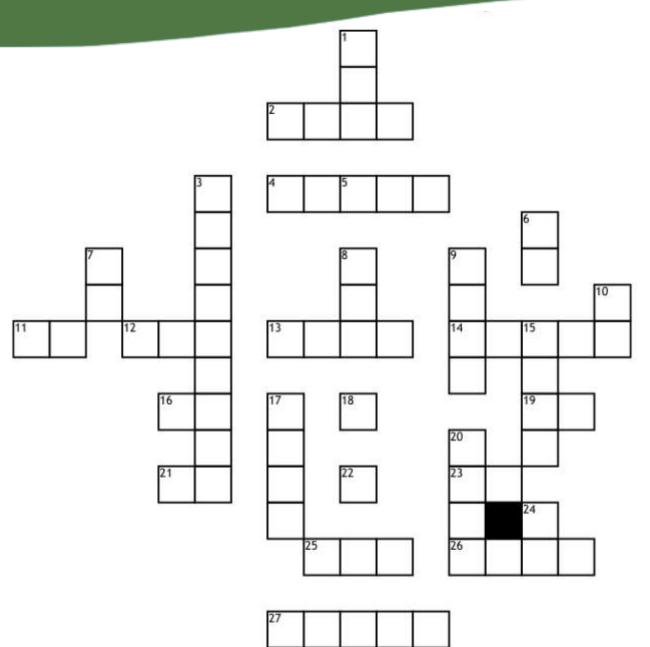
- White school shirt (top button fastened, shirt tucked in)
- School house tie
- Academy blazer with crest
- Black school trousers (no jeans, skinny or tapered)
- Black school shoes (no markings, no trainers)

For Girls:

- White school blouse (top button fastened, shirt tucked in)
- School house tie
- Academy blazer with crest
- Black pleated skirt (knee length)
- Black tights
- Plain black shoes (no markings, no trainers)



Maths Crossword



Across

- 2. 1599-211
- 4. 39 Cubed
- 11. 7 Squared
- 12. 10 x (36-3)
- 13. Pie(2 dp)
- 14. 0.546+3.246
- 16. Area of Square=(9x9)
- **19.** 32x3
- 21. (2x4)Squared -24+10
- 23. Median=106,37,92,54

- 25. 12x12
- 26. 2947-654
- **27.** Which is bigger: 1/3 or 14/15

Down

- 1. 2x2x2x2x2x2x2
- 3. What are the angles in the triangle 2:2:5
- 5. The 4th number in Fibonacci Sequence
- 6. Area of triangle (base=13) (height=8)

- 7. 7 Squared 15
- 8. What is the value of y if;6=2(y+2)
- **9.** What is the value of y if:22-y+42=56
- 10. 6+8+4+3+11
- 15. 92196/13
- 17. 1111+1234
- 18.72/9
- 20. 99x98
- 22. ((16x2)+56)/11
- 24. 6+3x11

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