

Principal's Message

The new year has set off at a real pace, with visits from ex-England footballer Dion Dublin and singer from *The Wanted*, Nathan Sykes. Year 11 GCSE students' artwork was selected for an exhibition at Leicester Cathedral two weeks ago and the art group have successfully completed their mock exams. Good luck to all our artists of the future.

I know parents will want an update on the swimming pool. The earliest date for re-opening will be Easter 2016 but it may of course be later. The pool is a real asset to the local community and when it reopens it will look better than ever. The roofers continue to refurbish the admin block and work is on schedule. Many thanks to parents and visitors who have commented on how good the English block is looking with its refurbished windows.

I will be holding an open surgery on Thursday, 12th November for any parents who would like to meet with me, and of course the Leadership team is always available at parents' evening.

We look forward to seeing students on Monday 26th October; the Friday before the traditional October half term week will be a day of school closure until 2018 because of the way the county council has changed its system of issuing term dates.

Mr Russell
Principal, Winstanley Community College

Inspirational visit!

On Friday 9th June we were very pleased to welcome Dion Dublin to Winstanley Community College. He came into school at the request of his brother Mr Dublin, who is our Intervention Co-ordinator to host an inspirational assembly for Year 11 and other pupils who were selected to attend his motivational talk.



It was great opportunity for our pupils to meet local celebrity Dion, who has achieved great things in the world of football, including being capped four times for England and playing for local premiership teams Coventry and Aston Villa.



After his successful career as a footballer, Dion has moved into radio and TV presenting and made his debut this year as the new presenter on the BBC's popular daytime programme 'Homes Under the Hammer'.

Dion has just returned from the USA after completing a series of motivational talks with some of their top sporting clubs, so our pupils were very honoured that that he found time in his busy schedule to come along and share his experience and knowledge with them, particularly the Year 11 pupils who will be taking their GCSEs next summer.



His visit to the school also made the news and was featured on BBC Midlands Today and Central News. Jacob Holland and Jessica Clarke were both interviewed by BBC Radio Leicester, and were proud to represent the school.



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Fundraising Fashion!



Our World Challenge Team have been busy over the school holidays thinking of new ideas for raising money for their expedition to Morocco. On 29th October they will be hosting a charity fashion show and clothes sale. Pupils and staff will be modelling the clothes, which will be on sale afterwards. There will be massive discounts of up to 75% on lots of high street names like Next, New Look, M&S, River Island, GAP and many more. If you would like to come along and support our fundraisers tickets will be on sale to pupils in The Cube and to parents via reception. If you don't get chance to buy a ticket you can pay on the night. It sounds like a great way to raise funds and to pick up a bargain. The evening will begin at 7.30pm and finish around 9pm.



Nathan's a big hit!

It's all go at Winstanley just lately with two special visitors in one week. On Tuesday 6th October year 7, 8 and 9 pupils had a special treat when they were treated to a live performance from Nathan Sykes, formerly of The Wanted. He visited the school to promote his new single and also as part of his new role as an Ambassador with The Princes Trust.



He performed 2 of his songs live on our stage and then answered questions from the audience who were keen to know how he had got into music, what inspired him and how he has the confidence to get up on stage and perform. Nathan was very keen to answer these questions and stressed the importance of getting a good education and studying hard as this will help with getting ahead in the music industry.



Lucia from 7MMN said "I loved his amazing voice, his personality and his dress sense. I really enjoyed it, it was the best day at Winstanley so far."

A big thank you to Nathan and to Mrs Underwood who arranged the visit.

Exhibition for a good cause

Three of our pupils were proud to have their paintings displayed at Leicester Cathedral as part of an exhibition celebrating youth. The special event was aimed at raising awareness of SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) which takes the lives of 600 people a year, and was organised by the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust.



Liam, Heaven and Krystian were all very proud to take part along with pupils from other schools from across Leicester, and their self portraits really stood out amongst the other exhibits. The event also featured musical performances as well as celebrating artistic talent. If you would like to find

out more about the work that the trust undertakes visit their website www.jhmt.org.uk



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A Moving Experience

Mrs Roberts and two of our GCSE history pupils, Lauren and Gemma from Year 10 have recently returned from a government funded trip as part of the WW1

Legacy . They were part of an organized Battlefield Tour along with other schools from across the country, which was aimed at raising awareness of the sacrifices made in the war and increasing young peoples understanding of the history of WW1 and its relevance to our world today.



They updated us via twitter of some of the places they visited and moving sights they have seen including Langemark German Military Cemetery, the Somme and Ypres. Gemma said "It was a very moving experience, and it gave me a greater understanding of the war and the sacrifices made. We spoke to a veteran from Afghanistan while we were there he told us about losing his friend in the conflict, this really bought home the enormous sacrifices that were made in WW1 and the vast impact it had on an entire generation of young people. I am really grateful for the opportunity to visit these places and hopefully use the knowledge I have gained in my history GCSE."



Creating Memories!

Our GCSE Art pupils have been creating some fantastic work in their mock exams. They have had to spend 10 hours undertaking a project and finished piece based on the theme 'memories'.

Although the thought of spending 10 hours under exam conditions seemed quite daunting the pupils found that they enjoyed working in a peaceful atmosphere and that the time went very quickly.



They have all used a wide range of different techniques that they have learnt during their time here at Winstanley, and used a variety of mediums that they felt were appropriate to their theme. They all enjoyed the experience and were proud of their finished pieces. We wish them all the best of luck when they come to create some more masterpieces for their GCSE art next summer.



Meet the Principal!

On Thursday 12th November Mr Russell will be hosting a 'surgery' for any parents who would like to come along for a chat or to discuss any issues they may have. If you would like meet Mr Russell please feel free to come into the school between 3.20pm and 4pm.

Senior leadership will also be available at Parents' Evening.



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Sporting Opportunities!

Our PE Department have lots of great sports activities going on at lunch time for anyone who is feeling energetic. Indoors or outdoors, there is something for everyone, it's a great way to spend your lunch break with friends.

Mondays there is Football on the Astro for Years 7, 8 and 9, Netball in the sports hall and rugby on the field. Tuesdays there is Football for Year 10 and 11s on the Astro and free running in the sports hall as well as an 'invitation only' club run through 'Living for Sport'. On Wednesdays there is girls' football on the Astro open to all years and boys' football for years 7, 8 and 9. In the sports hall there is trampolining, dodgeball and table tennis, there is also a dance club running in the dance studio. Thursdays year 10 and 11s take over the Astro for football again and there are inter-tutor competitions in the sports hall. Fridays there is year 7, 8 and 9s football on the Astro and basketball for girls and boys in the sports hall. If you are

free after school there is also basketball on Monday and Thursday and girls and boys rugby on Tuesday. For more information see the notices on the door by the sports hall or ask a member of the PE department.



Team time!

On October 7th Miss Harris and our new year 7's went on a one day team building day at Beaumanor Hall. Beaumanor Hall is a Victorian manor house in the village of Woodhouse (just outside Loughborough) which offers outdoor learning experiences for young adults of all ages. Beaumanor Hall provides a setting that is inspiring and exciting and their activities take advantage of the beautiful grounds and natural resources.

Team building activities included building shelters, crossing the 'crocodile infested' waters via planks and tyres, using and developing skills related to leadership and team work.

They had great fun working in their forms to solve a wide range of problems. Miss Harris said about the trip "It is important we develop these skills early on in Year 7 as they prove invaluable throughout this next stage in their education."

The activities used a number of exciting physical and mental games/puzzles to bring out team-working skills within a group. Secondary skills include problem-solving, leadership, self and peer-evaluation and physical co-ordination. These skills help pupils to achieve our SHINE values within the school. Year 7 pupil, Angel said about the day "It was lots of fun being outdoors on our first school trip. I enjoyed working as a team to cross the crocodile river."

Sing Up!

Well done to Davina Johnson from year 8 who has joined a choir for under 16s like herself who have Type 1 Diabetes. It's a great opportunity for her to meet other young people who also have to cope with the condition which can make planning activities quite difficult. The organisers of the choir, called 'Highs and Lows' think that singing is one of the best medicines, as well as being uplifting. The choir practices at the Phoenix Arts Centre and the group meets every week to practice songs which they have chosen themselves. Davina said "The choir is a really good opportunity for me to make new friends who really understand what its like to have diabetes. It's been great for my confidence and singing makes me feel happy." The choir has recently performed at Leicester Cathedral and has a number of other dates planned. Hopefully Davina will keep us up-to-date of future events.



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Learning to love classical!



Our Year 7s got to have a fun but educational trip to the cinema as part of their music curriculum. Mrs Olner our head of music has got our pupils involved with the 'BBCs Ten Pieces' which is an exciting initiative for schools, led by BBC Learning and the BBC Performing Groups that aims to open up the world of classical music to a generation of children and inspire them to develop their own creative responses to ten pieces of music.

The trip involved visiting a local cinema and watching a short film lasting 50 minutes that features stunning footage of the BBC Philharmonic performing a new selection of orchestral music, representing a wide range of styles and eras relevant to the music curriculum. Each piece is introduced by celebrity presenters, including Clara Amfo and Christopher Ecclestone and uses a mix of live action and animation.

Following the cinema trip the pupils are encouraged to explore the music further and develop their own creative responses inspired by one or all of the pieces in a variety of ways which might include dance, animations, digital art, performance, poetry or music composition. The result of this can be recorded and sent off to the BBC for the chance to be included in the finale at the Royal Albert Hall.

Our Year 7s really enjoyed thinking about the music and are looking forward to putting this new-found understanding into practice in our new music department. Here are some of their thoughts about the project so far:-

"I liked the calm music in the field because it's very peaceful." Ellie 7PY

"I enjoyed listening to the different pieces of music, and how they used a variety of instruments." Brooke 7PY

"I want to compose my own music with drums, guitars and other instruments." Emma 7PY

"DJ Switch was very talented and turned classical music around." Deeqa 7KMA

"I enjoyed the end of the world because it was a lot deeper than the other pieces!"
Ashleigh 7KMA

We look forward to hearing how they are getting on with the project later in the year.



Mouth Watering Meal!

GCSE Catering pupils have been busy in the kitchen creating a three course meal with our new teacher and ex-chef Mr McGladigan.



They worked in teams to create the courses under professional catering kitchen standards and to the tight timescales to ensure that all dishes were ready to serve and try at the end of the lesson. The menu included some tasty treats including freshly baked flat-bread, chicken served with a fresh tomato sauce, pasta salad and some highly skillful profiteroles.



We look forward to seeing (and smelling) more yummy creations soon!



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Extra date for pop-up shops at Winstanley...

We have added another date to come along and buy extra uniform. Please see details below for what items are available and how much they cost.

Next pop-up Shop Date

Wednesday 14th October

3.30 - 6.30pm



KS4 Tie

KS3 Tie

Girls & Boys Navy Badged Blazer (Trutex)

Size 26" - 36" £24.95

Size 38" - 52" £28.94

Girls Black Badged Skirt

22-26" waist £14.95

28-38" waist £16.95

Ties £5.95

Available from the school in September at the new price of £5.95

Hoodies Badged

Size Up to Small £14.50

Size Med to 3XL £17.40

Polo shirt Badged

Size XXS to S £6.45

Size Med to XXL £8.54

Unisex Badged Sweater

Size XXs to S £14.95

Size Med to XXL £16.95

Uniform items bearing the school logo may be obtained from:

www.academyschooluniforms.co.uk

Tel: 0800 345 7353



Hair – We discourage parents from allowing their children to dye their hair. Any colouring we judge as outside the range of natural shades and hairstyles we judge as extreme are not allowed.

Girls checklist

Blazer – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo
 Skirts – Plain black from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo
 Trousers – Plain black
 Shirts – Plain white with collar Long or short sleeved
 Sweater - Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo
 Tie – School tie from school wear provider
 Socks – White or black
 Tights – Flesh or black
 Shoes – Plain black and sensible. No logos or coloured markings.
 For reasons of health and safety shoes must have a low heel and have a back to them.
 No Trainers.

Boys checklist

Blazer – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo
 Trousers – Plain black
 Shirts – Plain white with collar Long or short sleeved
 Sweater – Navy from school wear provider with Winstanley Logo
 Tie – School tie from school wear provider
 Socks – White or black
 Shoes – Plain black and sensible. No logos or coloured markings.
 No Trainers.

P.E. kit (Boys & Girls)

Blue polo shirt with Winstanley logo
 Black shorts/tracksuit
 In cold weather, a blue hooded top with Winstanley logo should be worn.



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2016-2017 Term Dates Winstanley Community College

Autumn Term

School opens	Thursday 1 st September 2016
Mid Term Break	Friday 14 th October – Friday 21 st October 2016
School closes	Wednesday 21 st December 2016

Spring Term

School opens	Thursday 5 th January 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February 2017
School closes	Friday 7 th April 2017

Summer Term

School opens	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2017
School closes	Friday 14 th July 2017

Fashion Show & Clothes Sale

SOS Charity Fashion Shows



REDUCTIONS START AT HALF PRICE OR MORE

MARKS & SPENCER DOROTHY PERKINS wallis
 DASH RIVER ISLAND NEW LOOK PLANET
 next ASOS WINDSMOOR
 Mon. S. TOPSHOP EVANS
 oasis Phase Eight MONSOON kaliko

At
Winstanley Community College
 Thursday 29th October
 Tickets £6
 7.30pm - 9pm



Upcoming Events

Wed 14th Oct - Years 7 & 9 Parents Evening
 Wed 14th Oct - Pop Up Uniform Shop
HALF TERM - begins at 3pm Thurs 15th Oct
 Fri 16th to Fri 23rd - Half Term

Tue 27th - Yr 11 VF4 Road Safety Talk
 Thu 5th Nov - Yr 10 Subject Evening
 Fri 20th Nov - Yr 9 & 10 Skills Show NEC
 Wed 25th Nov - KS3 Winter Sports Day

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

Required as soon as possible
 Hours: **1.00 pm – 2.00 pm**
 (term-time only)
 Salary £1556.10 per annum (paid in 12 equal monthly payments)

For full job description and application form contact
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