

Principal's Message

The last seven months have flown by, but I can safely say that Winstanley Community College has made definite progress in such a relatively short space of time. You will remember that we had a very positive Ofsted report two weeks after I began my tenure as Principal, and that I have shared with you my desire to lead this school into a Multi-Academy Trust with Bosworth Academy throughout this year. I have also had amazing support from all members of staff and students and parents alike, to ensure that we continually strive for improvement.

It is with this in mind, that I am thrilled to advise you that the Department for Education has recently approved our application to join together with Bosworth Academy in the LIFE Multi-Academy Trust. We are now entering into the exciting stage of formally setting up the trust, to ensure that we are at the forefront of education for generations to come. The opportunity to collaborate and work closely together has moved at great pace since January 2016, when I took over as Principal, and it has been a pleasure to work closely with Chris Parkinson, the Principal of Bosworth Academy throughout the process. We both share the same ethos and values for educating our young people, and we feel that we are in a very strong position to ensure that education in this locality goes from strength to strength in both schools.

There are many opportunities that present themselves to our students, and long may they continue into the future. Currently, even in this, the very last week of term, we have eight students who have travelled to Morocco to take part in a "World Challenge" charity event. These students will have a real impact on the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. They are also taking part in a two-week expedition that they will remember for the rest of their lives. I know that their parents, and all of us at Winstanley are incredibly proud of them. I look forward to hearing what adventures they will have taken part in when they return.

The evening of Monday 11th July 2016, also saw the inaugural Year 11 Prom, which was held at the Marriott Hotel. It was a wonderful evening and it was fantastic to witness these young adults turn up in a whole host of different vehicles, ranging from an ice cream van to a top of the range Bentley! They all looked incredibly smart in the gowns and sharp suits, behaved impeccably and had a great time. I would like to thank Mr Stannard and his team for arranging such a wonderful evening, and I am already looking forward to next years.

To finish, I would like to wish our leavers, both students and staff, all the best as you embark on new chapters in your lives. I hope that you look back on your time here with great fondness and affection. I love being at the Head of this school and can't wait to lead this school onwards and upwards into a very bright future. Thank you to all parents/carers as well, for all of your support this year – it really helps make the difference. I wish you a happy and safe summer!

**Mr Williams, Principal,
Winstanley Community College**

School finishes at 12.10 on Friday!



It's been another busy and eventful year at Winstanley! We have lots to be proud of too! Recently a group of students were awarded the Bronze Arts Award, we have had a student perform on Britain's Got Talent as well as all our students who take part in really worthwhile activities in and outside of school. Our group of students who are currently on a World Challenge trip to Morocco have all worked extremely hard to raise the money for their trip and we look forward to hearing all about the opportunities it has offered them.



We have also had some fantastic opportunities for our students to 'shine' in school too. We had both staff and students showing off their skills in the kitchen in our Winstanley Masterchef competition, a wide range of talent on show both at our sensational Christmas Concert and in 'Winstanley's Got Talent', and not forgetting our GCSE Soiree which saw students from a number of subject areas coming together to create an evening not to be missed!

We've also had lots special visitors since September including Dion Dublin, Drew Sullivan, Nathan Sykes, Muzzy Isset and Steve Walsh who all had lots of helpful advice and support for our students.

As the school year comes to a close we can all look forward to a relaxing break—we wish all our students a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you on **1st September**.

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Students 'Stand Up to Bullying'

As part of our Respect curriculum at Winstanley Community College pupils were asked to create posters and videos to support Stand Up to Bullying Day on Tuesday 5th July. The charity – Stand Up to Bullying, aims to educate and change behaviour to help people in all walks of life to deal with and prevent bullying. Mrs Underwood, who includes these issues as part of her curriculum feels very strongly that bullying behaviour needs to be dealt with from a young age and education and understanding are key to preventing bullying and also enabling young people to deal with issues and know when to ask for help.

Four of our Year 8 students took the message to heart and independently made their own video during a lunch break. Filmed just on their phone, they wrote the storyline, acted in it and filmed it themselves and added music and text. We uploaded the video onto our school Facebook page on Monday 4th July, and by the end of last week it was proving to be a big hit with over 5000 views. The girls, Emma Francis, Zoe Roberts, Chloe Denton and Nadine Ivors-Walsh are thrilled that the video has been such a success, and have even been asked if it can be used



on an NHS Teen Health website. Everyone agrees that the film looks very professional and the students have done a fantastic job in raising awareness for such an important issue.

Scott Harris and Shannon Plews also worked hard and got lots of staff and students involved in creating messages and photos which we used as a video in school and via Twitter and Facebook. Well done to all involved.



Sports Day!

We held our annual summer sports day on Monday 27th June. Pupils from all years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a variety of track and field sports including javelin, discus, shot putt, long-jump and running.



Despite the weather which was cold and windy

we managed to complete all the activities.



Stars of Year 9 who started off this years Sports Day were Joel Shanks and Langa

Ndebele who both got 1st place in the discus. Michael Harding and Brodie Hempenstall won the 300m and Matheuz Kielbowicz and Patrycja Grzeszczak came first in the 800m. Tutor group 9LOR ruled, as they won the trophy for the most points, the relay and the tug of war.



Year 8 had a fantastic sports day with Ryan Walker and Charlotte Norman getting first place in shot putt, Corey Dacey and Zoe Roberts getting 1st place in javelin. 8FT won the tug of war and 8PL were the overall winners.

There were some enthusiastic performances from year 7's with Charley Kilburn and Brooke Bailey coming first in the 300m and Courage Machaka and Pheobe Dowthwaite getting first places on the 800m. 7PY came in top place overall and also won the relay and the tug of war.

Well done to everyone who took part all photos from Sports Day can be seen on our



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'Steeling' the show!

On Saturday 9th July, Winstanley's steel pan band performed alongside other Leicestershire primary and secondary schools at Pan Jam 2016 which this year was hosted by Crown Hills Community College in Evington. The school bands were also joined by a professional steel pan band and it was a lively day out for visitors.



This was their first performance away from Winstanley, and it was an exciting music festival to be a part of! Our band delivered fantastic performances of 'Oh When the Saints', 'Monkey Magic' and an arrangement of George Ezra's 'Budapest'. Well done to all band members:- Jake Blockley Riley, Olivia Clarke, Trinity Pattenden, Charlotte Norman, Lukas Kuizinas and Jorja Warwick. We look forward to lots of exciting performances again in the new term.



Learning to have fun!

After a year of dealing with some tough topics as part of our Respect curriculum the end of term is a chance to have some fun. Students bought in some old clothes from home and have been getting a soaking on the field. Respect teachers have set up a simple water slide and students have been sliding down the slippery slope with rubber rings while also being squirted with water pistols and being drenched with buckets of water. As well as just being a fun way to end the year it is also a great way to show pupils that you don't need to spend lots of money to have a good time! It's very easy to tell young people all the things they shouldn't do and this was a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate an activity that's simple, fun and free!



Goodbye Year 11!

We have now said goodbye to our lovely Year 11s who have recently completed their GCSE exams. All staff who have been involved in the exam process have been thoroughly impressed with the mature way that students have approached not just the exams but the revision and extra workshops which have been on offer to help them achieve.



Monday 11th July will see most of the Year group back together to attend their Prom at the Marriot Hotel. It will be an opportunity for them to celebrate the end of the exams and look forward to their next steps.

Exam results will be available at school on the 25th August.



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Goodbye and thanks!

As a school we were sad to say goodbye to Peter Henton who has been involved with the school as a governor for 27 years. He has been the chair of governors since 2001 and during that time he has supported the school through some major changes including converting to an academy, change of age-range and many new building developments. He has seen in his time 4 changes of Principal as well as many staff changes and he has worked tirelessly for the school.

He has always been a friendly face to new staff as well as attending many events at the school including open days, school concerts, award evenings and presentations. His enthusiasm for ensuring that Winstanley remains at the centre of the community in Braunstone Town has meant that as a governor he has always had the school and the pupil's best interests at heart. He has close connections with Winstanley as both his daughter and grand-daughter are ex-pupils. We will be sorry to see Peter go, but we thank him for all his dedication over the years and wish him all the best for the future.



Upcoming Events/Term Dates

15th July - Last day of Term

18th August - Uniform Pop-up Shop

25th August - GCSE Results 10 - 12noon

1st September - First Day of Term

Year 7s start at 8.35am

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 start at 9.50am

For a full list of term dates please see our website

Future Chefs!

Enthusiastic cooks from across the school are taking part in a national competition with the help of catering teacher and ex-chef Mr McGladrigan.

The competition which is organised by Springboard is for anyone aged between 12 and 16 years old, keen to learn more about cooking and want to be part of the UK's biggest cooking competition.

The competition enables students to compete through four stages firstly with friends and class mates, and then pupils from local and regional schools and if anyone reaches the final stage they compete nationally against the country's top young chefs!

We hope that the students will take this opportunity to not only compete but also find out more about the Catering industry through direct support from chefs & other hospitality professionals, bringing the industry alive in the classroom and getting the classroom out into industry.



See more photos!

Click the link on our webpage to view photos of all the latest events at Winstanley. Latest albums include Sports Day, Stand Up To Bullying and Year 11 Prom.



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