

## Head of School's Message

As I am sure that you are all aware, we never have a dull moment at Winstanley! Since the last newsletter, the students and staff have been busy getting involved in all sorts of events, which I have listed below. Please enjoy reading full accounts of each of these events in this edition.

- Anti-Bullying Week
- MasterChef
- Winter Sports Day
- Children in Need (total raised so far - £822 and counting)
- Skills Show/Careers at the NEC in Birmingham
- Our first ever Key Stage 4 Awards Evening
- Bradgate Park Trip for Year 7
- Enabling Excellence Year 11 Study Tips

On top of all of these exciting events, we continue on our journey of working closely with Bosworth Academy in the LiFE Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Many of our teachers have now linked up with their counterparts at Bosworth and have begun collaborating to improve the educational outcomes for every student within the LiFE MAT. There is a real sense of purpose from our students who have also recognised the need to work hard to enable them to be successful.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, as without that, I know the plans and developments taking place here at Winstanley would not be possible. I am confident that the next time you come to Winstanley, you will see some pretty striking colours on our buildings as we beautify our surroundings and begin to reinvigorate our learning environments.

**Gareth Williams**  
Head of School



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**Winstanley Remembers**  
Our students really got behind the poppy appeal buying poppies and wristbands to support the British Legion who raise money to support our armed services and their families. We also held a minutes silence on November 11th so that students could sit quietly and think about the sacrifices made by others. **#shinevalues - Supporting Others!**



**Hard Work pays off!**  
Connor Hunt in Year 8 is determined to raise enough money to take part in the World Challenge Trip to India in 2018. He was busy at the weekend undertaking odd jobs for neighbours to help finance the trip. **#shinevalues - Hard Work!**



## Celebrating Success!

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we held our first ever Key Stage 4 and GCSE Celebration Evening, it was a fantastic event for students, parents and teachers to recognize academic achievement, effort and excellence. Well done to everyone receiving an award and great to see so many of our previous year 11 students who came to collect their GCSE certificates. #ShineValues – Supporting Others, Hard Work, Independence, Never Giving Up and EXCELLENCE!



All winners really deserve a mention and more photos from the evening can be seen on Flickr, see the link on our website.

**Jack B** (11HG) – Achievement, Media Studies, **Dylan** (11TH) – Most Improved Attendance, **Joseph** (11PR) – Effort, History, **Logan** (11HN) – Effort, Geography, **Amy** (11PR) – Achievement, PE, **Patrick** (11HG) – Achievement, Computer Science, **Paige** (11TH) – Effort, Business Studies, **Mariyam** (11HN) – Effort, Drama, Achievement Geography, **Student of the Year, David** (11TH) – Achievement, Learning Support,

**Lucy** (11HN) – Achievement, Music, **Scott** (11HG) – Effort, Health & Social Care, **Dion** (11PR) – Personal Progress, Learning Support, **Cory** (11HN) – Effort, Resistant Materials, **Jack M** (11TH) – Effort, ICT, **Alfie** (11PR) – Achievement, Resistant Materials

**Gemma** (11HN) – Achievement, Catering and Sociology. Effort, French, **Chloe** (11KA) – Effort, Music, **Ozlinah** (11PR) – Personal Progress, Pastoral, **Macy** (11TH) – Most Improved Attendance, **Fergus** (11KA) – Achievement, English, Maths and French, **Student of the Year, Shannon P** (11HG) – Effort, Respect, **Paulina** (11HN) – Effort, PE, **Jade** (11PR) – Effort, Art, **Shannon R** (11KA) – Effort, English, **Danielle** (11KA) – Achievement, Science, **Morgan** (11HG) – Achievement, Respect, **Emily** (11KA) – Achievement, Business Studies and Art, **Ebony** (11PR) – Achievement Health & Social Care, **Nickelle** (11HN) – Effort, Computer Science, **Kyle** (11KA) – Achievement, ICT. Effort, Learning Support, **Filip** (11KA) – Effort, Science, **Tim** (11KA) – Full colours sport and PE, **Cory** (11HN) – Full colours sport and PE, **Kaine** (11HN) – Full colours sport and PE.



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## Park Life

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October Year 7 visited Bradgate Park as a reward trip but also to give them a taste of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and the type of activities that they can undertake through the scheme. On arriving at Bradgate Park they were split into two groups and then set off from different points with each group following and reading a map. Staff tracked the groups from a distance to allow the students a sense of independence, and to enable them to work closely as a team. The walk around the perimeter of the park is approximately five miles and the students enjoyed being outdoors and exploring this beautiful part of the county.

They also had to complete tasks around either Old John and the War Memorial or Cropston Car Park area. Staff felt that the trip was a real success with the students enjoying the freedom of the environment, having responsibility to follow a task independently and they all achieved aims and goals, which helps with attainment.

Mrs Turner, Head of Year 7 said “we all had a fantastic day out at Bradgate Park. Students were really well behaved and showed maturity and great collaborative skills when undertaking the tasks.”

#ShineValues - Independence



See more photos!

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# Mmmmm Masterchef!

This years' Winstanley Masterchef got off to a great start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November with our first five contestants Niall, Lucy, Macauley, Awa and Oliver making and completing some fantastic dishes and all easily within the time limit. Lucy made Chicken Fajitas, Oliver produced a complex dish of salmon with asparagus, herby mash and a meunière sauce. Macaulay cooked some perfectly seasoned steak accompanied by potato wedges. Niall was under pressure ensuring that his chicken stuffed with herby mascarpone and wrapped in prosciutto was cooked on time, he accompanied his dish with green beans and new potatoes and Awa spiced it up with a sizzling barbecue chicken dish with fluffy rice, pepper and crispy fried potatoes. The second heat for students took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Our contestants were all well prepared, organised and enjoyed their time in the kitchen preparing some well thought out dishes to impress the judges. Fletcher worked really hard to make a delicious cheese & potato pie with smoked bacon. Danielle made tasty honey and mustard marinated pork skewers with sweet potato crisps. Ozlinah was also showcasing her catering 'know-how' with succulent piri-piri chicken with spicy wedges, dip and salad.



Winstanley staff were keen to demonstrate their cooking skills in the next two heats making some complicated and tasty dishes. Judges enjoyed a choice of creamy chicken and mushroom lasagne with mashed potato from Miss Mistry and 'Feta Load of This', which was a very professional looking dish of sweet potatoes, spicy kale and smoky bacon from Mrs Mace, they will both be going through to the semi final. Staff Round 2 saw Mr Kaba making tasty fried pork with creamy mash and mushroom sauce, Mr Evans did a great job despite his recent injuries dishing up steak and roast potatoes. Using some oriental inspiration Mr Harrison impressed judges with sea bass and stir fried vegetables. Mr Howe, Mrs Wright and Miss Koria went for some indian inspiration with a lamb curry and pilau rice, balti chicken korma and chilli paneer. Miss Curzon showed practice makes perfect and finished well ahead of time with a tasty dish of chicken satay with coconut rice.



The staff semi-final takes place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November with Mrs Mace, Miss Mistry, Mr Harrison, Mr Howe and Mrs Wright competing for a place in the final.

The student semi-final took place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, and the competition was even tougher with two courses to prepare. Danielle made Lemon Chicken and Upside-down Strawberry Cheesecake. Awa made Jollof Rice with Chicken and a Victoria Sponge. Oliver made Spring Rolls and Teriyaki Chicken. Fletcher made Beef Burger with Wedges and No Bake Cheesecake. Ozlinah made Sweet Chilli Chicken Wings and Jollof Rice with Spicy Chicken and Niall made Moroccan Chick Pea Soup and Treacle Sponge.



All the food was delicious and beautifully presented, through to the final on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December are - Ozlinah, Oliver and Niall!



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## Celebrating Winter Sports!

At Winstanley we love sports no matter what time of the year it is! As a specialist sports college we like to not just have a Sports Day in the summer but



also celebrate everything that's great about winter sports too. On Tuesday, 22nd November we held our 'Winter Sports Day' with Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part in a wide range of activities including football, water polo, dodge ball, table tennis and trampolining. It isn't just about being competitive either with lots of students taking part in dancing for fitness.



We have a number of pupils in the school who have a high ability in specific sports both in and out of school and we believe that it's important to provide opportunities for them to show off their skills and shine! It was also a great opportunity for tutor groups to work together in teams, and this really shone through in bench-ball and water polo, with students enjoying our newly refurbished pool.



## Free School Meals

At Winstanley we believe that a healthy diet is essential to your child's learning, development and well-being. If your child is eligible to receive free school meals, we will provide a free hot meal or baguette plus either a drink or dessert every lunchtime to the value of £2.35 per day, and a free packed lunch whenever attending an off-site visit.

### Who is Eligible

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

### How this Benefits the School and Your Child's Education

For every child who has been registered to receive a free school meal at any point in the last six years, the school receives £935.00 of funding; this is called **Pupil Premium Funding**, and we will receive this irrespective of whether or not your child actually takes a free meal. Pupil premium funding is used to support your child and to raise their attainment levels, so registering for free school meals even if your child does not want one can still benefit their education.

### How to Apply

More information about how to apply is available on our website, in the 'Parents & Pupils' section.



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## Children in Need

Our staff and students really got behind this years' Children in Need and organised lots of activities to raise money. Non-uniform day proved popular and everyone enjoyed feeling relaxed in casual clothes, we even had a few Pudsey Bear themed outfits.



At break time the student council were selling hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows and they were kept very busy, the cake stall was equally as popular with a big queue of customers all break time. Students from 8FD and 8CBN were keeping very quiet with a sponsored silence. Artistic students



Ozlinah and Emma were in demand with face-painting in the cube and 7EOH raised money with a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' competition.



At lunchtime there was a fundraising Staff v Students football game and the highlight for everyone was paying to see Mr Evans getting his legs waxed in the 'Winstanley Wax Off'.

The grand total so far raised is £822, so well done to everyone at Winstanley!



## Skills Show Visit

Our students had a great time at the skills show on Thursday 17th November. The Year 9 and 11 students loved the exciting and interactive exhibits and there was so much to see and do they were disappointed when it was time to come home. It was a fantastic opportunity to 'have a go' at skills experiences, meet colleges and employers, listen to inspirational talks and discover amazing career opportunities. The show was split into 5 categories so that visitors could explore different areas of interest such as Construction & Infrastructure looking at building trades like bricklaying, carpentry, gardening and plastering, IT and Enterprise, Hospitality & Lifestyle which included hairdressing with some stunning displays as well as cooking, floristry and beauty therapy, Media & Creative and Engineering & Technology. As well as local colleges and universities there were also major employers like the NHS, Army, O2, FESTO, Veolia, BBC, Toyota, Crossrail, Iveco and Virgin.



Our students enjoyed talking to employers like the Army, BBC and BAE systems. Nicki from

Year 11 sang live in front of a large audience at the BBC production stand. Kevin and Emma had a go at presenting using a green screen with the Grimsby Institute and year 11 girls found out more about opportunities for women in the media industry at the CompTIA UK stand. Year 9 girls enjoyed looking at the Hair and Beauty exhibits, with some fantastic body painting and also found the 'Operating Theatre Live' fascinating.



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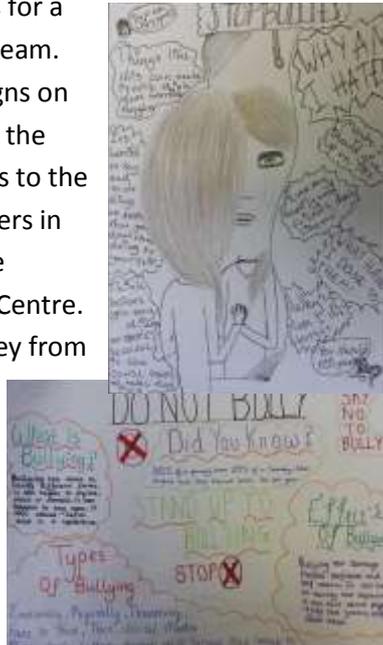
## Anti Bullying Week

For Anti-Bullying Week (14th—18th November) pupils

have been busy designing posters for a competition run by our Pastoral Team. We used the winning poster designs on our social media sites throughout the week. There were so many entries to the competition that we had six winners in total who were pleased to receive vouchers for Highcross Shopping Centre. In first place were Scarlett Thornley from Year 8 and Zoe Roberts from Year 9, in second place were Hadley and Callum from Year 7 and Kailum Year 10, and in third place were Jorja Warwick from Year 9 and Demi Jonas and Sharron Saunders from Year 7. It

was great to see pupils really engaging with the issues and wanting to make a difference with their posters.

By participating in the week our Pastoral Team hope to raise awareness of the impact of bullying, the effects it can have in the long-term and providing strategies for dealing with these issues in a school environment. Miss Hill from our Pastoral Team said “We work really hard with the pupils to ensure that they understand what bullying is and how it can be dealt with. We are always available to help pupils resolve issues. As a small school pupils get to know staff well and feel confident to speak about issues they may have.”



## Enabling Excellence

Our current Year 11s were given lots of useful information from our guest speaker from Study Skills Zone, with their special programme – 5 Steps to Exam Success. They came in to the school on 2nd November to deliver a session on revision strategies, prioritizing workload and time management. The session also involves working in groups and taking part in tasks designed to motivate and instil confidence.



The key aims of their strategy are:-

- Learn how to reduce and handle stress at exam times and how to keep their composure under pressure
- Scope out in detail exactly how many potential ‘revision slots’ there are before the exams start
- Practise success visualisation and goal setting
- Become familiar with the ‘growth mindset’: that it’s effort, not IQ, that matters
- Trade places with examiners to develop better exam technique
- Learn how to scope a syllabus to ensure all bases are covered
- Practise effective methods of reading, summarising & note taking
- Learn self & time management techniques for exam preparation
- Learn practical ways of revising and reviewing
- Prepare for sitting their exams (mind and body, dealing with stress and anxiety, diet, exercise, sleep)

## Christmas Jumper Day . 16th December

**WE'RE GETTING SILLY FOR A SERIOUS CAUSE**



Wear a Christmas Jumper with your school uniform and Pay £1 to join in!



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## Community Swimming Schedule

### Children's Swimming Lessons

Monday-Thursday, 3.45pm - 6.30pm . Tel 0116 289 8688

### Adult Swimming Lessons

Monday, 7.15pm - 8pm . Tel 0116 291 6987

### Adult Leisure Swim

Tuesday, 7.15pm - 8.30pm . Tel 0116 289 8688

### Braunstone Swimming Club

Monday-Sunday, various times . Tel 0116 291 8672

### Splash Babies

Sunday, 9am - 12.00pm . Tel 07968 015292

Saturday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm . Tel 07734 700447



## Upcoming Events/Term Dates

30th November - Year 11 Interview Techniques

1st December - Year 9 Subject Evening

2nd December - MasterChef Final

5th December - Mock Exams begin TBC

14th December - Christmas Concert

15th December - Bussy Malone Auditions 3.15pm

16th December - Christmas Jumper Day

19th December - Bussy Malone Auditions 3.15pm

21st December - Last day of term

5th January 2017 - Back to school

For a full list of term dates please see our website

**FREE FOOTBALL**

**PL KICKS**

<p><b>MONDAY   6PM-7PM   12-14 YEARS OLD</b> WINSTANLEY COLLEGE ASTROTUFF KINGSWAY N, BRAUNSTONE, LE3 3BD</p>	<p><b>MONDAY   6PM-7.30PM   12-19 YEARS OLD</b> SOAR VALLEY COLLEGE ASTROTUFF GLENGALES AVE, LE4 7GF</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY   6.30PM-7.30PM   12-19 YEARS OLD</b> BRAGSDON GROVE MUGA 12 COURT CRESCENT, LE3 1GL</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY   5PM-7PM   12-19 YEARS OLD</b> ST MARGARET'S PARISHS 3G ST MARGARET'S WAY, LE1 3EA</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY   7PM-8.30PM   10-14 YEARS OLD</b> ST ANDREW'S HALLCROFT THURBERG STREET, LE3 7QG</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY   3PM-4.30PM   14+ YEARS OLD</b> LEICESTER COLLEGE SPORTS ARENA CHARTER STREET, LEICESTER, LE1 3UD</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY   8PM-9.30PM   14-19 YEARS OLD</b> NEW PARKS BOYS CLUB NEW PARKS BLVD, LEICESTER, LE3 9SE</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY   4PM-5PM   12-19 YEARS OLD</b> MOAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASTROTUFF MADDOCKS ROAD, LE2 0TU</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY   6PM-8PM   12-19 YEARS OLD</b> BRAMWELL LEFS SCHOOL ASTROTUFF ANDLEY LANE, LE4 0FL</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY   4PM-6PM   12-17 YEARS OLD</b> ST MATTHEWS SPORTS HALL 10 MALABAR ROAD, LE1 2PD</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY   4PM-5.30PM   12-14 YEARS OLD</b> KINGSTON COLLEGE 750 BRASGOLD DRIVE, LE4 0S2</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY   4PM-7PM   8-14 YEARS OLD (BOYS)</b> <b>SATURDAY   4PM-8PM   12-18 YEARS OLD (GIRLS)</b> <b>SATURDAY   7PM-9PM   15+ YEARS OLD (BOYS)</b> GOALS SOCCER CENTRE (STARTS SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER) WATERLEY ROAD, LE3 0WJ</p>
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