



**The Winstanley School**

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# Wow!



Our star student **FERGUS** may be one of the few students in the whole county to achieve a Grade 9 in Maths, English Language and English Literature....as well as an amazing Grade A in Japanese after only studying it for a year!

# Welcome

As you will see, the school has officially reverted back to its original name – ‘**The Winstanley School**’, as the history, and role the school had played in the local Braunstone Town community is something that we cherish and want to recognise fully.

This year’s GCSE results have been confirmed as one of

the most improved sets of results in the whole of the country! We are of course, all immensely proud of this, and it is clear testament to all of the hard work put in by our students and staff to achieve such a fantastic set of results. I look forward to seeing this repeated year on year, so that our students can truly shine brighter than they ever thought they could! **Mr Williams, Co-Head of School**



# Winstanley Life

...And it wasn’t just Fergus who exceeded our expectations, we had fantastic results from lots of students who really pushed themselves to achieve great results often overcoming barriers and difficulties, like language and exam nerves. Special mentions to Joseph, Mariyam, Filip, Jade, Emma, Patrick, Gemma, Courtney, Chloe and Emily. We are amazingly proud of their achievements and hope they continue to **SHINE** as their journey continues.



# Autumn 2017

## Hello...



I joined The Winstanley School from Bosworth Academy in August this year where I had been working as Deputy Head. Prior to this I worked at Babington Community College for 23 years. I have been an OFSTED Inspector for the last 7 years. In 2001 I won **National Teacher of the Year** and was also awarded an **MBE** for services to Education. I have really enjoyed settling in and am really impressed with the students and staff here at Winstanley. I am very excited about the future and am convinced that the school will get stronger and stronger. I look forward to working in partnership with the students, parents and the local community.

**Mr Bennett, Co-Head of School**

In September we were privileged to welcome local MP Alberto Costa to Winstanley. Mr Costa said, “It’s always a pleasure to visit the schools in my constituency, and my morning spent at The Winstanley School was no exception. I’m very grateful to the Chair of the Governors for their kind invitation to visit; it was excellent to meet with representatives of the school’s academy trust, as well as Winstanley’s Co-Heads of School, and to hear about the school’s ambitious plans for the future”.

## MP Visit

Mr Costa concluded, “I was especially delighted to meet with Winstanley’s Student Council and to hear of their great work in representing their fellow pupils.

I enjoyed speaking to them about my role as their Member of Parliament and of course it was great to take part in a question and answer session and face a few challenging questions”.



# Improvement

Our **GCSE results** this year mean that we are one of the most improved schools in

**the country.**

Our school values helped our students **SHINE** with some amazing results!





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## Farm Life

Some of our students from Year 8 and 9 visited Stonehurst Farm on October 12th.

They had a lovely Autumnal day to explore the farm, find out more about the animals and have fun too. They enjoyed learning all about the different aspects of farm life from meeting some baby piglets, and finding out how to care for them, growing crops and how our food is produced and how important nature conservation is for our landscape and future generations. Everyone had an amazing day out which concluded with a tractor ride.



## New York

In the new year some of our students will be taking part in an exciting trip to New York. During their time there they will visit a

school and meet students and teachers to find out more about life in the USA. They will also be going to the theatre and visiting historical landmarks like the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and the 9/11 Memorial.



## Winstanley Life

We are now on **Instagram**, join our other 55 followers!

# Autumn 2017

## Bonjour!



During September we celebrated European Day of Languages with lots of great activities throughout the school day. Students took part in language themed lessons throughout the morning, had fun at lunch time with a challenging quiz where students could learn all sorts of amazing facts about European countries, and staff got involved by greeting students in different languages. Winners of the quiz were invited to a continental buffet where they tasted some new and familiar foods from across Europe.



## In touch...

Why not follow us on social media, we post regularly on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens..



Enjoying some continental treats and fundraising cakes with a European theme.

Year 7 students visited Beaumanor Hall in October for their Team Building Day



where they got plenty of fresh air and exercise. The activities were designed to help students make new friends, encourage resilience and reinforce our school values. It was a fantastic day out with lots of fun too!

## The Great Outdoors

## Tasty and healthy

We now have our own in-house catering team providing a fantastic range of tasty and nutritious meals in school. They are already proving popular with students who enjoy eating popular options like fish and chips, curry, pasta, burgers, roast dinners and sandwiches all made with fresh ingredients and prepared on site. Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled, the form is available on our website. We receive extra funding for the school for every child who is entitled which we can use to provide extra support and help.



# Independence

Great to see so many people at our **Open Evening** on 5th October. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to share our enthusiasm and our recent improvements with the local community and prospective students. Special thanks to our amazing Student Ambassadors who did a brilliant job showing visitors around and helping out in classrooms. We had some really positive feedback from visitors complimenting the **friendly** atmosphere of the school, smart, **polite** students and keen teachers who put on **interesting** and informative activities.



# Never Giving Up

If you are attending any events at school don't forget to support our World Challenge students who are raising money to go on a **life-changing trip** to India. They have already taken part in a range of sponsored events as well as cake sales, tombola's and raffles. They still have a long way to go so any help will be gratefully received.



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# Supporting Others

Well done to our new Humanities/ PE teacher Mr Megginson, he has been awarded an 'Outstanding Services to Cricket Award' by Leicestershire County Cricket Club. He is pictured here with Clint McKay, Leicestershire Captain and Will Fazakerley. Mr Megginson got the award for the volunteer work he does coaching disabled cricket at his local club, co-ordinating friendly matches and is the lead activator for All Stars Cricket. **Great to see our staff 'SHINE' too!**



# Let yourself SHINE

## Hard Work



It was nice to see Gemma and Chloe representing WQE at our recent Post 16 Options Event. They are really enjoying the new challenges ahead of them since leaving us in July. Year 11 students were encouraged to talk to the providers who attended and visit forthcoming Open Days to make the right choices for **Life After Winstanley**.



## Excellence

Students from 7CC have been finding some really imaginative ways of explaining cell structure using a variety of unusual materials. **Samuel** used icing to make a 3D model of a cell as well as a 2D drawing with labelled parts. **Kamile** used a range of materials, and **Cara** and **Macie** used plasticine. **Reuben** made a cardboard painted model and **Remi** produced a colourful model with felt tip pens. Other students used found materials, an egg shell and even jelly! They are all showing an enthusiasm for their science lessons and this type of kinaesthetic learning helps students to retain important information and new scientific terms. **Great work 7CC!**



# Congratulations

Well done to Bosworth Academy on gaining outstanding in all areas at their recent OFSTED inspection. We are already benefitting from shared practice within the multi-academy trust, with staff working closely in partnership and across both school sites. Working together will help us provide a fantastic educational experience for our shared communities.



# Winners

Well done to the following students who wrote some fabulous FREEDOM poems for **World Poetry Day**:

- Owen Tickle & Charley Kilburn** - Year 9
- Jaydan Bland & Joe James** - Year 8
- Ellie-Mae Durney & Keira Allen** - Year 7