

Windsor Sixth Form Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we are approaching the end of a very busy half term, our Year 12 students have completed their first term in Sixth Form and have settled in well. You would have received their progress report this week to reflect how they have started their academic studies in Sixth Form. If you have any concerns about your son/daughter's progress, please contact Mr Richards Head of Year 12 in the first instance.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 13 Parents Evening last week. I hope you found the information useful with regards to discussing your son/daughter's progress and targets for the future. If you were unable to attend and would like to hear feedback please contact Mrs Pedley spedley@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk in the first instance. Year 13 trial examinations start on Tuesday 4th January. This is an opportunity for staff to assess the students' ability to analyse, apply knowledge and develop ideas under exam conditions. An updated timetable to accommodate testing as per Government guidelines when students return is attached to the bulletin. There will be a number of BTEC and CTEC examinations also taking place, so students must familiarise themselves with the timetable and exam room locations.

Many of our Year 13 students have already received offers from universities for their chosen courses and are now beginning to decide which university they wish to place as their first choice. For those students who have yet to submit their applications, we would remind them that they need to be completed by Friday 7th January, at the very latest. This is to enable us to meet the universities deadline of Wednesday 26th January 2022.

Students return to Sixth Form after Christmas on Tuesday 4th January for a Lateral Flow Test. No timetabled lessons will take place for students. Once students have done their test they are able to leave unless they have an exam. Examinations will start at 10.30am to accommodate testing. Other times remain the same. Lessons will commence on Wednesday 5th January for all Sixth Form students.

Finally, I hope you have a peaceful break and that the students all come back energised and ready to learn in January. The Sixth Form team wishes you a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dhanoya
Assistant Headteacher

Dorset 2021- Geography Field trip

Earlier this month the Year 13 Geography students went to Dorset to complete some fieldwork for their A-level course. Students visited the seaside towns of Boscombe and Swanage and also visited the renowned Chesil Beach to collect vital primary data which will be used in their final NEA. For the human aspect of the course, the group investigated inequality and deprivation in the town centres and questioned the effectiveness of local regeneration projects, whilst they analysed beach profiles and sediment movement along the coast to acquire data on the physical geography of the area. The field trip was incredibly beneficial for those looking to pursue Geography at a further education level, and was an all-round enjoyable 3 days, although the weather at times was chilly to say the least!



Well done!

A big thank you to Mr Langford and Miss Hodnette for supporting the trip.

Successful Trade Fair for Young Enterprise!

On Saturday 4th December 2021, the Young Enterprise team participated in a Christmas Trade Fair in the Stourbridge Ryemarket. This was the first phase of the Young Enterprise Enrichment experience. This year the Young Enterprise group is called 'Heartfelt' and the main aim of the group is to raise awareness regarding positive parent and child relationships. They made kits for families to make with their loved ones, a festive way to spend time together. The kit contained 2 felt hearts, a piece of paper, a piece of thread, a ribbon, some wool and an instructions sheet telling you how to construct the product. The families stitch the 2 hearts together with a little message to be written inside making a promise to each other for the year ahead. The Young Enterprise group sold many of their kits and represented the Sixth Form exceptionally well, with planned mystery shoppers commenting on the powerful message the team were able to exhibit in their product.



We would like to congratulate the Young Enterprise team for all their hard work and effort that they put into their products!

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Sakinah in Year 12 for her beautiful hand painted and illustrated winning design selected by Mr Lanckham, with runners up Emily in Year 12 and Alasdair in Year 7.

Well done everyone who entered - fantastic art and graphics work.



Cardiff University Higher Education Webinars

We will be running a series of higher education webinars for Year 12 and 13 students between December - January, covering all the important things you need to think about when applying to university.



Our sessions are tailored to guide you through the decision making process. From how to choose a course to what it's like to be a student at Cardiff you can join us on line on the following dates:

Why Cardiff	21 December 2021	16:00 - 17:00
Student life at Cardiff	5 January 2022	16:00 - 17:00
Applying to a Russell Group university	11 January 2022	16:00 - 17:00



[Book your place](#)

Nuffield Research Placements

Would you like to spend your summer developing your research and quantitative skills on a short project that will enhance your university application and future employment opportunities?

Are you eligible? Yes, if you have ever been eligible for free school meals or are the first in your family to apply to study at university.

If this sounds like you, then apply for the Nuffield Placement:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements/students>



Want to find out what it's like to work for employers like Spotify, Google, Virgin Atlantic, PwC, the Financial Times or Bentley Motors?

If you're aged 11-19 and attend a UK state secondary school or college, Speakers for Schools can help you get privileged access to over 700 leading employers, so you can:

- Boost your CV or personal statement in one simple step
- Expand your network and make more informed career choices
- Experience the world of work first-hand
- Gain insight into different roles and careers across a huge range of industries



It's absolutely free - there's no cost to you, your parents, or your school or college. You can access our online placements from anywhere in the UK and we have virtual and in-person placements running throughout the year. So, what are you waiting for?

[Sign up now](#)

James Morris Christmas Card Competition

One of our Year 12 students is a runner up in the James Morris MP Christmas card competition.

Congratulations to Joe on his classic and traditional Christmas card design. He has received a framed copy of the card with a personalised letter. Well done Joe!

Well done everyone who entered - fantastic art and graphics work.

Congratulations!



FREE LIVE Get into Medicine Day Saturday 8th January 2021 Sunday 9th January 2021

Students interested in pursuing a career in medicine are eligible to attend the LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Insight & UCAS Application Conference for free.

Our team of doctors will be looking at:

- What is it like to be a doctor?
- Perspectives from recent successful and Current applicants
- CV Building
- Getting Work Experience
- Medical Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- How to access Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.



Students can register for FREE using the coupon code Teacher21 here:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Supporting students to explore their future with free online mentoring

We have an amazing opportunity to access UK based STEM ambassador 1:1 online, personalised mentoring where you can talk about your future study and career options.

You will be sent and receive messages with your mentor via a secure platform to talk about things like:

- Your options – to work out the best path for you
- How to deal with challenges and uncertainty
- Where to find trustworthy information and answers

The mentors are all STEM Ambassadors who are DBS checked volunteers who work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) careers / organisations or have studied STEM qualifications.

The next opportunities listed below:

Years 12 and 13 start on the 24th January for 10 weeks.

Years 12 and 13 start on the 4th April for 10 weeks.



If you are interested, you should register for the sessions via this google form:

<https://forms.gle/ApLgMPVcDfFjSyNe9>

For more info please see this page <https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/brightside-mentoring-2022>

Rewards Assemblies

Well done to all students who received awards for their achievements this term and congratulations to the students who won in the raffle draw.



Websites and apps that are helpful for managing Mental Health

If you are experiencing increased distress or anxiety during these uncertain times, please don't suffer in silence, pick up the phone and speak to one of our specialist mental health professionals who will be able to support you.

Contact our 24-7 Mental Health support line which is available for Black Country residents of all ages - please call **0800 008 6516**.

Helplines:

- Papyrus_0800 0684141
- Samaritans 116 123
- ChildLine_0800 1111
- SHOUT - text service 85258
- Dudley Emotional support service: 0808 802228



Apps:

- Virtual hope box
- Headspace
- Calm harm and Clear Fear
- Breathe
- Kooth.com (online counselling)
- Catch it



SANE

0300 304 7000
(4:30pm - 10:30pm)
sanemail@org.uk
www.sane.org.uk



Samaritans

116 123
(24 hour helpline - free to call)
www.samaritans.org



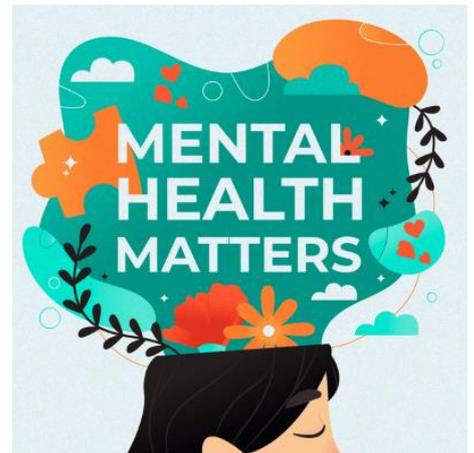
Anxiety UK

08444 775 774
(Monday – Friday, 9:30am – 5:30pm)
www.anxietyuk.org.uk



Rethink Mental Illness

0300 5000 927
(Monday – Friday, 9:30am - 4pm)
www.rethink.org



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th December 2021 - Monday 3rd January 2022 - Christmas break
Tuesday 4th January - Y13 Trial Exams begin
Wednesday 5th January - Lessons commence for Students
Friday 14th January - Y13 Trial Exams end

The school calendar of events for the forthcoming academic year can be found on the Windsor website
<https://www.windsorhighschool.org.uk/school-life/term-dates-and-school-calendar/>



The Sixth Form email is:
sixthform@windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

KOOTH

KOOTH support remains available throughout December and over the Christmas period. To sign up, head to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) and click 'Join Kooth'.



Kooth offers invaluable support to our students and will still be available for young people over the holiday period, with reduced hours for online chats/messaging on the following days:

Friday 24 December **Christmas Eve** 12 - 8pm, Saturday 25 December **Christmas Day** 4 - 8pm.
 Monday 27 December **Bank Holiday** 4 - 8pm, Tuesday 28 December **Bank Holiday** 4 - 8pm,
 Friday 31 December **New Years Eve** 12 - 6pm, Saturday 1 January 2022 **New Years Day** 4 - 8pm.
 Monday 3 January 2022 **Bank Holiday** 4 - 8pm

December 20	December 24	December 29	December 31
Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board	Kooth Live Forum	Kooth Discussion Board
<p>Let's Talk About: LGBTQIA+ & Religion: Join our safe space to chat about experiences of religion within the LGBTQIA+ community.</p> <p>7.30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>Give Yourself a Gift: With so much focus on spending and buying gifts for others at this time of year, let's share some ideas on something special we can do just for ourselves.</p>	<p>Let's Party: Stop by our final live forum of the year for a fun, chatty space to celebrate our whole community.</p> <p>7.30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>New Year, Not New You: Do New Years' Resolutions stress you out? Join our conversation about setting positive intentions for the year ahead that feel right for you.</p>



Creating brighter futures together

This psycho-education Plus Programme will give you a deeper understanding of emotions and will equip you with a self-management portfolio, full of coping strategies and techniques that will allow you to make a positive change for a happier, healthier life.

About the programme

This is a full 10 week complimentary course, which will run weekly and will be delivered by an experienced Wellbeing Trainer who will be able to support you in your learning.

Who is it for?

This course is for Sandwell Residents aged 16 and above, who would like to manage their wellbeing more effectively.

Sessions we cover:

- Managing Stress
- Managing Anxiety
- Challenging Unhelpful Thinking
- Managing Low Mood and Depression
- Effective Communication and Assertiveness
- Managing Frustration and Anger
- Sleep Hygiene and Relaxation
- Confidence and Self Esteem Building
- Embracing Joy and Happiness
- Wellness Planning

Programme details:

The Plus Programme will be delivered in person at Hope Place and all course materials will be provided to you in advance.

PLUS programme dates: Thursday 27th January - 7th April, 10am - 12pm
 Please note; there will no class on 24th February due to half term.

For more information, please call 0121 565 5605 or email training@kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk

