

Winterstoke Hundred Newsletter – March 2023

A Message from The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of another term, it's our pleasure to share with you some of the news, events, and items for your information concerning life at Winterstoke Hundred Academy.

From our 2nd ever Swimming Gala, to information on the progress on the new build, we hope you'll find plenty of interest inside.

As ever, if you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter.

Best wishes,
Ian Garforth, Principal

ParentPay

Since the introduction of ParentPay at the beginning of this term, life has been made much easier (hopefully!) for all Parents & Carers – Pay360 is not missed!

Four hundred and sixty-five accounts are now active and fully functional!

There are still forty-four accounts that have yet to be activated. If for any reason you are unable to access your ParentPay Account, please email finance@wha.clf.uk for your account to be reset.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, there is a **daily allowance of £2.40** to spend at break and lunch times. If your child goes over this daily limit, you will need to top up your child's account.

A meal deal is £2.40 or items can be purchased separately.

Any spend over £2.40 per day would need to be paid for by the parent/carer via ParentPay.

Any unused free school meals balance does not carry over to the next day.

Any Student with a debt on their Parent Pay account will not be able to make a purchase of a snack or a drink at break time, but they will be able to eat at lunch time.

Non-Free School Meals

For any child who does NOT qualify for free school meals, the daily spend limit is £4.00.

Any Student with a debt on their ParentPay account will not be able to make a purchase of a snack or a drink at break time, but they will be able to eat at lunch time. This this will be limited to the £2.40 meal deal on offer.

New build

We frequently hear from guests, parents and visitors a genuine sense of excitement and interest as the new building in Locking Parklands takes shape. The building is now topped out and weather-proof. The 2nd floor (mainly Science) is recognisably 'nearly there', with furniture such as work benches, etc, about to be installed.

On the first floor, there's still plenty of scaffolding and work in progress, but all in accordance with the planned time lines, and we're excited to be planning more and more, from signage, to lockers, to room allocation.

We look forward to sharing more with you soon!

Parking

The car park does get very busy, which can lead to conflict between drivers when cars are blocked in.

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This is a reminder that only the parking bays must be used for parking. The roadway through the car park must be clear to allow cars to leave and also for the use of the emergency services should they be needed.

The spaces for blue badge holders should only be used by drivers who possess this, and the blue badge must be displayed on the dashboard.

Uniform

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to wear leggings to school (as has always been the case since we opened), nor any other item of clothing constructed from stretch material. Should a student arrive in uniform not in accordance with our uniform policy and guidelines, we will, in the first instance, offer them an alternative from our stock in school. It is also possible that parents/carers can bring in replacement items. Whilst students are not in acceptable uniform, we do ask them to be in our Separated Learning Room, so it is in their best interests to find a quick solution and be back in lessons as quickly as possible.

If parents/carers can ensure that any clothes constructed from stretch material or lycra (such as leggings, or stretch trousers) can be replaced over the Easter break, we would be very grateful.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers for Term 5 and 6 will be sent home in term 5.

These can be used to support homework and for final MCQ and DOOYA revision later this year.

Please check Class Charts for more information.

Key Dates for Term 5:

- 17.4.23: Start of term 5
- May: Year 9 Options choices
- 8.5.23 - 19.5.23: MCQ 4 fortnight
- 25.5.23: Y9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccination
- 26.5.23: End of term 5

Key Dates for Term 6

- 5.6.23 Start of term 6
- 5.6.23 - 22.6.23: DOOYA Assessment
- 7.6.23: HPV Vaccination
- 26.6.23 - 30.6.23 Year 12 Mocks
- 7.7.23 INSET DAY
- 13.07.23 Year 7 Progress Evening
- 21.7.23 End of term 6

Creative Arts Showcase

On Tuesday 21st March 2023, students from all year groups participated in a fantastic Creative Arts Showcase.

There was such a range of amazing, confident performances, from vocal solos to a band, energetic group dances, thought-provoking devised drama pieces and our brilliant KS3 choir bringing big voices and energy.

Mrs Evans was so proud of every student that took part, whether performing or assisting with the tech and backstage help. "You all stepped it up a level from the last show, and I'm truly excited to see our department grow and blossom as you all progress and grow in confidence!"

Miss Ford worked with her art students to create the most fantastic display of artwork in the atrium to enjoy before the show and during the interval.

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The feedback was amazing and the work that had gone in was really appreciated.

We are very happy to have Miss Ford's expertise at WHA, and excited to see how the departments will work together on future productions.

Our sixth-form students organised all the refreshments and did a sterling job so thanks very much, and a huge thanks to all the staff involved in any way, from managing ticket sales to being there to watch and support our talented students.

We've certainly raised the bar so make sure you don't miss the next one in the summer term, date to be announced soon!



An Evening of Brass Music

During the course of the evening, Miss Evans will be conducting the Lions Brass 4 Youth Band at All Saints' Church 7:30pm Friday 21 April 2023.

Tickets are £8.00 at the door, and under 16s are free.



Duke of Edinburgh

We have some upcoming events:

- 19/4/23 Training Day (for those who haven't yet completed the expedition training only)
- 9/5/23 Parents' Briefing (Outdoors and Active will be there to advise on food and kit for the expedition)
- 25/5/23 – 26/5/23 Qualifying Expedition Bronze Award

Huge congratulations to the students who have already completed all three Activities (Volunteering, Physical and Skill) are:

- Morgan Hughes
- Evelyn Swinney
- Chloe White
- Sid Wiltshire
- Adam Zagrobelny



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The certificates students have achieved so far were given out in assembly on Wednesday.

Swim Gala

Congratulations to Pankhurst house for their Swim Gala victory. It was great to have over 100 students working so hard for their respective houses.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the event. The next major whole school sporting event will be Sports day in the summer term.



Special mention to Izzy Topham (yr7) who swam 8 races including 4 for year 8&9 to replace ill students.