

Winterstoke Hundred Newsletter – 26 May 2023

A Message from The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another term, and accordingly have much news to share with you! In this newsletter, you will find details of some of the remarkable things our students have achieved and experienced. Whether the recent Duke of Edinburgh expedition on which our students have performed so admirably, to sporting success, to recollections of our first ever ski trip, it has been a busy period, and there always seems to be something happening at Winterstoke!

In addition to this, of course, Term 5 heralds the beginning of the exam season, and we wish our year 12 and Year 13 students the very best of luck in the external examinations and assessments.

We continue to place great importance on the key parts of the culture of our academy (including attendance, punctuality, uniform, behaviour, and politeness), and thank you for your support in enabling us to uphold these standards and values. This will, of course, continue throughout next term.

We hope you and your family have a relaxing and enjoyable half term, and look forward to your child returning in Term 6 ready for the last push towards the end of the year!

Yours faithfully,
Ian Garforth, Principal

Assessment

Well done to all our students on completing their last set of MCQ tests this year. Over the next month students will be completing their DOOYA assessments in lessons further details of these will be given to students via their subject teachers.

Year 9 Options

Students in Year 9 have begun options discussions with the Senior Leadership Team, and these are now being finalised in preparation for next year. Letters will be sent home in July confirming the choices that have been made.

Key Events: Term 6

5.6.23: First day of term!

5.6.23: Post 16 Exams Begin

7.6.23: Year 9 HPV Immunisation

26.6.23: Post 16 Exams End

13.7.23: Year 7 Progress Evening

21.7.23: Last Day of Term 6

UKMT Maths Challenge

Over 30 Year 8 students took part in the UK Maths Challenge this term, a set of very challenging maths problems as part of a national competition. All students showed hard work and resilience by taking on the challenge.

Particular congratulations to Ben Birtles and Logan Leigh on their gold certificates, and to Agnes Paul and Tyler Kingman for their gold certificates and receiving an invitation to the next round in June.

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F1 in Schools Club

F1 in schools is a new STEM club which challenges students to work in teams of 3-6 to design, test, prototype, manufacture and race formula 1 model cars along a 20-metre track.

The club will run every Tuesday until the end of term 6 meeting in room 051 from 3pm-4pm. All students in Y7, Y8 & Y9 are welcome.

The schedule is as follows:

- Designing and modelling week 1-2.
- Wind tunnel testing week 3.
- Computer design & CNC manufacture week 4-5.
- Car assembly and decoration week 5-6.
- Racing cars Week 6 onwards.
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Post 16 Eco-Club

The Post 16 students requested an Eco-club where they would be focusing on designing habitats for our native wildlife.

Picking up the baton from Sir David Attenborough's Wild Isles, the students have been encouraged to create homes for bats, bugs, birds and hedgehogs.

Please use the website address below to also become a "nature champion".

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/countryfiles-wild-britain>

Sharon Cox

Belgium Trip for Current Years 8 and 9

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the trip so far. Just to advise that the trip needs to be paid in full by 1 June 2023

If you have not sent back the medical forms, can you please do so as soon as possible.

Charlotte Sexton

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Beach Trip

Eco-club students conducted a beach clean with the Marine Conservation Society. On a Friday afternoon, we braved the rain and thunder to go down to Sand Bay and gather waste from a 100m stretch of the beach.

As rubbish was collected students recorded data on what was found that is added to national statistics and used to inform government about waste policies.

We also looked for microplastics in the sand and contributed to research about microplastics on our beaches.

Well done to the resilience and hard work of all who took part. In total 10kg of rubbish was removed from the beach.

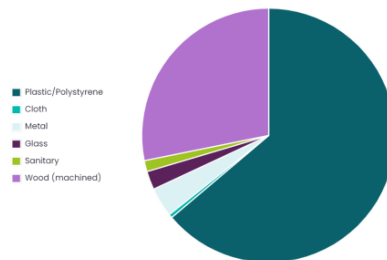
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Beach Clean Survey

5th May 2023 - 1p.m.
Stephen Kelly

Summary

Location Sand Bay	Survey volunteers 17	Total volunteers 17	Length of beach surveyed 100m
Width of beach surveyed 25m	Bags collected 2.00	Weight collected 10.00kg	Total items 213
Average items/100m 213.00			

Materials collected



Ella Downing Ski Trips 2023 & 2024

The Post 16 Ski Trip runs from 15th-22nd December 2023.

The lower school ski trip will return in 2024-2025, and details will be issued in due course.



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Sanitary Wear

Just in case you did not know, Reception has a supply of tampons and sanitary pads for your child to use, should they forget to bring in any supplies or run out during the day.

We do not hold any pain relief or heat packs for period pain.

Wheat bags, which can be heated by Reception in the microwave, are a useful item for your child to have in their schoolbag, along with a spare set of underwear. We are unable to issue heat packs, as these are used for injuries and the heat when activated only lasts 15 minutes.

There are Hygiene Banks in Glastonbury, Taunton and Yeovil, where you can obtain sanitary wear without charge.

Boots in The Triangle Centre, Clevedon, is a drop off point for donating sanitary wear.

Cindy Gilvin



TRANSEND SKATEPARK

BOOK YOUR SPACE HERE!

POP UP SKATEPARK THIS HALF TERM
- ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2023 - 9AM-9PM
THE TROPICANA, MARINE PARADE, BS23 1BE

WWW.TRANSENDSKATEPARK.CO.UK

The poster features three photos of skateboarders in action, a QR code, and decorative arrows pointing towards the booking information.



WHA WINTERSTOKE
HUNDRED
ACADEMY

**CREATIVE ARTS
SUMMER
SHOWCASE**

Featuring collaborations with
MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA

**THURSDAY 15th JUNE
7pm SCHOOL HALL**

ATRIUM OPEN FOR ART DISPLAY FROM 6.30PM

Adult £5 Student/concessions £3

Tickets available on parent pay in advance or cash on the door
(proceeds to fund future school productions)

Refreshments and raffle by Year 13s to raise funds for their
end of year prom!

The poster is colorful and includes icons for a paint palette, musical notes, and a drama mask.

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FEEL FAB JUNE

















THIS HALF-TERM TAKE UP THE #PLEDGE TO PLAY CHALLENGE

'Feel Fab' this June by trying at least one activity every day in June half-term. Keep a track of yours and your family's activity below! Please include any sports/exercises/fun activities that you do.

Please share your diary with your class teacher to get your Feel Fab June Challenge certificate.

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabJune and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1



My Diary	Morning	Afternoon
Monday  		
Tuesday  		
Wednesday  		
Thursday  		
Friday  		
Saturday  		
Sunday  		

WHA Sports Day 14th July 2023 @ Hans Price Academy

Our 2023 Sports day is on Friday 14th July and is again being held at Hans Price Academy.

Parents and Carers are invited to come and watch their children compete in their house running events from 13:00pm - 14:45pm.

In a change to our 2022 sports event, we ask that spectators enter from the Drove Road entrance (the back entrance of HPA where the field is).



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Touch Rugby: Success!

Well done to our three touch rugby teams for their successful England Touch tournament in Maidenhead.

Special mention to the Year 9 girls' team who came home with a Silver medal with Sophie being top try scorer.

Another special mention to Keagan, Sid, Alfie, Grace, Heidi and Nala who have been selected to represent the Southwest at the National Touch rugby championships in September. This event is also an England trial for these students.



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Girls' Rugby

Girls from years 7, 8 and 9 attended a touch rugby day at Hornet's Rugby Club. The girls performed incredibly well, winning all but one game and were a credit to the school.



Heather Barnes

The Big Trip WBU

Over the Easter break, a group of eight Year 9 students visited Snowdonia National Park for the CLF Big Trip.

They had an amazing week out outdoor activities including rock climbing, gorge scrambling and going on an expedition.

All of them worked together as a strong group, showed huge resilience in the face of some very challenging weather conditions and all made personal gains by facing unknown experiences.

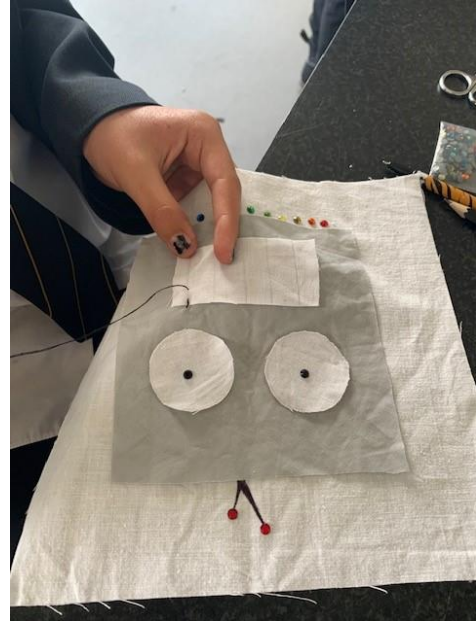


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Quilting and Japanese Sashiko Club

Our Quilting and Japanese Sashiko club have been busy since we started a few months ago, every Thursday between 3-4pm. At present, students are preparing a masterpiece to enter into a school category competition at the Festival of Quilts 2023 in August at the NEC, Birmingham. The theme is 'My Future' and students have come up with their own ideas about what their future really means to them. They wish to integrate nature vs modern technology. This work will display every aspect of their needle skills, machine skills and Japanese sewing technique. The students are really excited and proud to represent WHA on this project. To find out more about the festival or to purchase tickets for the visit, please follow this link

www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk



Noren McKinen

