

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy Term 5 and we have packed a lot in. I want to say a big well done to our Year 12 and Year 13 students who have approached their exam season with great determination and commitment. Good luck for the remainder of your exams. Year 10 have also been working hard as they approach their end of year Mocks in Term 6.

This term has also seen our first school production. 'We Will Rock You' has been a huge success and shows what talented and dedicated students we have at Winterstoke Hundred Academy. It was lovely last night to see a full hall for the first performance and for all the support from parents, carers and friends for our staff and students. Thank you to the staff team that have given up hours of their time to put the show together.

It is lovely to be able to share some of the exciting events that have happened this term. We are very proud of all the efforts of our students, and I want to thank the staff team for putting on these opportunities for them.

I am already looking forward to Term 6, which will see our new Year 7s join the school for three days of transition, our first sports day on our own school site and many more events.

-Matt Randle, Principal

Road Safety Reminder

Members of the public have noted vehicles blocking the road outside the main entrance of the Locking Parklands site. We would like to remind parents to please park in a safe place and drive carefully when visiting the school for any reason, even if just dropping off/picking up students.

We will Rock You

Wow, wow, wow! Haven't our students in the performing arts department shone this week?! We Will Rock You has been a huge success, and we really hope those that have come to watch enjoyed the show! The students have been working tirelessly in rehearsals since October and I am overwhelmed by the commitment, the dedication, the talent and the wonderful community that has grown this year in our department. I am so proud of all the students involved, and we cannot wait to do it all again next year. It was fantastic to hear such wonderful feedback from students who watched, wanting to get involved in next year's production so look out for a launch in September as we welcome a fantastic new drama teacher, Mrs. Davies and build on the success of this year!

Thank you to all the staff that have supported the students in rehearsing the students, designing and creating the set and generally keeping the cast (and me!) grounded and focused. Mr. Stokes, Miss. Ford, Mrs. Howarth, Miss. Anderson, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Plomer-Fielden and all the staff that have come to watch and support the students. It means a lot to the students and it's lovely to see the students out of the classroom in a different light sharing their talent! So, one last time.....WE WILL ROCK YOU! Enjoy a well-earned half-term rest!

Mrs Evans



Revision Guides

Recommended Revision Guides for English, Science, Maths and some optional subjects are now available to purchase for year 10 students via ParentPay at a discounted price. The guides are designed to consolidate and support the work we do at school by strengthening the understanding of the topics covered. If you have any questions regarding revision guides, please email finance@wha.clf.uk

-Head of Year 10

Year 9 Options

It is an important time for Year 9 Students who are choosing their options subjects. It was great to see so many of you at the Options Evenings. Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

-Head of Year 9

Mental Health Ambassador Opportunities

If students would like to be a mental health ambassador, please keep an eye out for notice from your tutors about how to apply for this. This is an exciting opportunity for Sept 2024 for students to create mental health and well-being opportunities and champion well-being in our school community.

-SENCO

Bristol Bears - "Bear in Mind"

Huge congratulations to our Y9 girls as they complete the final stages of the programme with coaches Kirsty and Geraint. We headed up to Ashton Gate on the 22nd May for a celebration event and to reflect on the progress they have made throughout the course so far. Well done Team! There will be an opportunity for further participation in these workshops in the new academic year.

-SENCO

Podcast Finalists

WELL DONE to Rufus Whitford and Ozzy Dawson in Year 7 who recorded a podcast with the violence reduction unit that has made it to the final! The voting process was made public and we are excited to see if our students make the final. We are incredibly proud of the final podcast which you can listen to here: <https://youtu.be/D0lySupY9YY>



Dog Mentoring

Bodhi has settled amazingly well into life at WHA and we are so proud that he recently completed his assessments and training to be our dog mentor. We are now beginning dog mentoring with a small number of students and will grow this provision as time goes on and Bodhi grows bigger still (if that is possible).



-SENCO

Ex-professional football player delivers anti-racism talk to years 7 and 8

Winterstoke Hundred Academy welcomed Leroy Rosenior MBE, a former topflight professional footballer whose career included stints at clubs such as West Ham, Fulham, Queen’s Park Rangers, and Bristol City. Leroy, a leading voice in this field, is now also the Vice President and Ambassador for Show Racism the Red Card, an organisation dedicated to combatting racism and discrimination in the sporting arena.

The visit aimed to give students an understanding of the importance of equality, diversity, and inclusion, both in sports and wider society.

Leroy delivered impactful workshops to more than 300 Year 7 and 8 students about his work as an anti-racism campaigner.

Leroy’s commitment to combating discrimination was recognised in 2019 when he was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), a testament to his unwavering dedication to social justice.



Post 16 PSCO Drop-In

PCSO Beata Mazur drops into Post 16 every Tuesday giving students the opportunity to meet with her to discuss and share their thoughts, experiences and any concerns they may have. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to collaborate alongside Avon and Somerset Police.

Students also had a visit from PC Bailey and PC Georgiou who spoke to Post 16 about their careers in policing and how they are now on an exciting journey that is leading them to join CID. Students listened to an immersive scenario and had to work out what route they would take to solve a crime.



Thorpe Park Visit

At WHA we are committed in recognising students who display excellence on a daily basis, therefore Post 16 and Yr. 10 students visited Thorpe Park in April. It was a fantastic day to celebrate and reward students for their continued dedication and commitment to education.

Many fears were faced, mainly by staff riding The Swarm, Saw and many more thrilling rides! Who will be next to face their fears and join us on further trips to recognise your achievements.



- Post 16 Team

Year 10 Mock Exams 24th June – 5th July

Year 10 students have mock examinations in most of their KS4 subjects. These exams will take place in the exam rooms at Locking Parklands and timetables have been issued to students. Revision booklets have been distributed to students in tutor time; these have a revision timetable, and revision and well-being tips to support students in their exams. Mrs. Campbell has been sending weekly revision and well-being tips on ClassCharts. Good luck with these mock exams Year 10!

Mathematics - Year 10 Mock exams

The first round of students selected to take Mathematics exams at Higher Tier have been chosen and information has been shared on Class Charts with those students and parents. It is important to recognise that as this is the first time these students will have seen a higher tier paper and as such, we need to manage expectations as to what success looks like at this point in the course.

It is widely acknowledged that to achieve a Maths grade 5 at Foundation Level GCSE, accuracy is paramount, and students must be aiming for around 80%. At Higher Tier, a Maths grade 5 can be achieved with a more modest 40%. Foundation awards grades 1-5, Higher 4-9 with grade 9 being awarded to only about 3% of all students entered. The distribution of topics covered in the exam is different depending on the tier of entry as follows:

GCSE Maths content proportions		AQA	WHA WINTERSTOKE HUNDRED ACADEMY
Topic Area	Foundation Tier (%)	Higher Tier (%)	
Number	25	15	
Algebra	20	30	
Ratio	25	20	
Geometry	15	20	
Probability and statistics (combined)	15	15	

Please be assured that we will consider more students for Higher tier early in year 11 and any decisions about tiers of entry will be discussed with students and parents to ensure we make the decision that is right for each individual student.

<https://www.1stclassmaths.com/topic-frequencies>
<https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/aqa-gcse-higher-revision/>
<https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/aqa-gcse-foundation-revision/>

Mathematics- Year 9 end of year exams

All Year 9 students will complete a past GCSE Foundation paper in an exam venue during the first fortnight after half term. This will be their first opportunity to experience a full exam set up. Research has shown that the earlier students get used to formal exam set-ups, the easier they adjust to it being the norm. They will complete 2 x 90-minute papers on different days. The first will be a non-calculator and the second will be a calculator paper. 25% of the exam will be number based and this will give us valuable information about where to focus our year 10 teaching.

Maths Extra!

We continue to support students to complete their Maths homework with 2 Maths Extra clubs detailed below:

-Years 7/8/9 Tuesday 3-4pm in room 125 and

-Year 10 Thursday 3-4pm in room 125

All students are encouraged to attend to enable them to complete homework, whilst getting any support they require and a biscuit break!

Breakfast Club Update

Breakfast Club is a free provision open to all students in Key Stage 3 and 4. It is open Monday to Friday from 7:45-8:15 and is a great port of call for students to do some early morning revision before their Mock GCSEs for year 10, and DOOYAs for Key Stage 3. Mrs. Sexton will ensure pens, pencils, mind maps and other resources are available from the start of term 6.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month

June marks Gypsy, Roma and Traveller month. Every year during the month of June, people are encouraged to join together and celebrate the diversity and richness that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities bring to the UK, as well as learn about Romani history. Through celebration, education and raising awareness,

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month helps to tackle prejudice, change the story, and amplify the voices of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in wider society. This year's theme is 'What does family mean to you?' The theme focuses on the meaning of family, and the different shapes and sizes it can take. Mrs. Sexton will be leading assemblies in June and opening a competition to all students within the school to take part in, which will be announced on ClassCharts at the start of June.

Young Carers Update

Our Young Carers celebrated their education achievement and their role as young carers at our end of term gathering. Their journey is noticed and will continue to receive support from WHA.

A group of them were invited to attend one of the South West's largest gatherings at Young Carers Development Trust at UWE, during Easter half term. Our programme has been nominated by YCDT for a further upcoming mentoring project funded by National Lottery Funding.

Our Young Carers drop in session is available weekly on Monday, during tutor time in the textile room. If you have any question about WHA YC programme, please feel free to drop me an email at noren.mckinen@clf.uk



Quilting and Japanese Sashiko Club

Our quilting club has been exploring various techniques in completing a beautiful seasonally themed project. The group attended Exeter Craft4Crafters during the Easter half term, representing WHA as the only secondary school from the South West Region.

We are currently focusing on preparing delicate work to enter into a competition for the upcoming International Quilt Festival at Birmingham NEC this summer.

If you have any fabric that has been collecting dust or any unfinished projects, please send them our way! The club runs every Monday from 3pm-4.30pm until further notice. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop me an email at noren.mckinen@clf.uk

-Quilting and Japanese Sashiko club lead

Term 5 Newsletter – 24th May 2024

Work for CLF

There are over 30 job vacancies closing soon within the Cabot Learning Federation, mostly Teaching roles in Secondary and Special/AP. Please see below links if interested:

<https://clf.uk/careers/>

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/cabotlearningfederation>

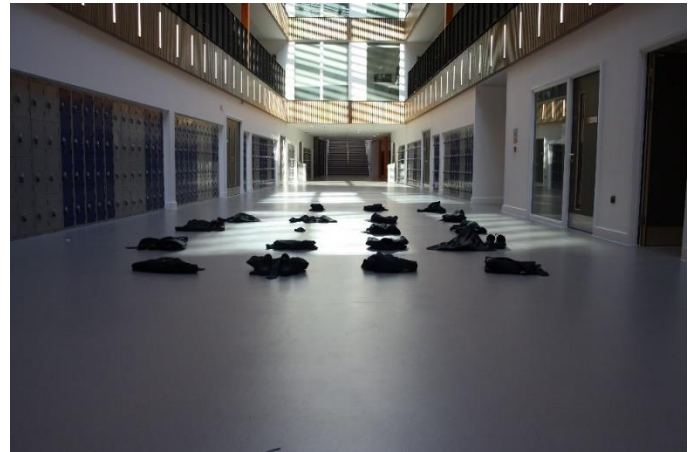
Y7 Art with a Message

This term year 7 students were asked to create artwork inspired by the artist Maria Prymachenko in support of the recent events over in the Ukraine.



Year 7 art cont.

Year 7 art students have taken part in several small projects, one in particular focusing on youth culture and reducing knife crime. In the photo below they recreated a campaign led by Idris Elba to encourage the immediate ban of zombie knives in the UK. This was inspired by the recent visit of the 'Knife Angel' sculpture located for the month of May in Weston Super Mare town centre.



WHA PTFA

We have been slowly raising small amounts of money providing refreshments on all open days and parent evenings. This week we have been supporting the school's production of WWRY and selling drinks and snacks. We raised about £100 on the 1st night and hope to make even more tonight! We will also be supporting the Post 16 dance show, and sports day selling refreshments. Don't forget to bring some money along but we also take card payments! All the money we raise goes directly back to the school - we have been so pleased to be able to support the school's production with some of these funds. We are always looking for new members to join us, and suggestions for ideas to raise much needed funds for the school are always welcome. Please contact the chair louise.birtles@clf.uk for more information

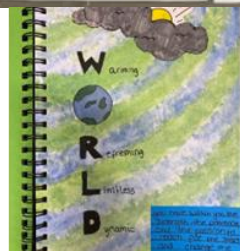
Y9 Hand-made sketchbooks

Students in year 9 art lessons have been making their own hand-made sketchbooks to explore their own identity. Lessons have included studying the self portraits of Frida Kahlo and analysing her personal approach to visual communication. Students have enjoyed personalising and adorning their hand-made books, making individual choices about what and how they present themselves, their ideas, and interests.



Year 10 GCSE Art Students

Year 10 Art students began their portfolio project worth 60% of their final GCSE art grade this May and most have made a fantastic start. The theme for the body of work is 'Our World'. This have started to explore and gather their ideas before selecting a range of artists to study and help inform their own ideas.



Safeguarding – please see below posters



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