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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another extremely busy and successful year for Winchmore School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our students, and the work done with them by our extremely hard-working staff. We are expecting excellent results in this summer's examinations, at both Key Stages 4, and 5 where we are anticipating that the majority of our students to gain good university places; I am looking forward to seeing you all on results days and sharing in your success. I am sure that you will join me in thanking the staff for all of the extra hours they have put in to support our students in getting the best possible examination results.



As you will be aware our Ofsted inspection graded us as good, and said many positive things about the school, particular praise was

given to the huge extra-curricular offer, the curriculum development, and the provision for students with SEND. We know that students who engage in the life of the school outside the classroom perform better in their lessons, and have much better life experiences, so I would like to thank you for your continued support, and urge you to take advantage of even more of the opportunities on offer. I am delighted to share with you that Karen Tidmarsh won the National School Travel Champion award. There have been over 180 trips run this year, with 1000 students having participated in at least one trip (some students have been on 5 or more!) This would not be possible without Karen, and the exceptional work of the staff who give their time to make this happen. The level of performance in music, dance and drama seems to go up every year, as does the number of borough sports champions we have in the school, and the number of nationally recognised athletes and performers.

Another piece of wonderful news is that we are now the most popular secondary school in Enfield for students moving from year 6, this is thanks to the fantastic learning environment created by staff, students and you, the families who support our work.

Work has been completed on our MUGA which the students have named the 'Champions Court', which is a fantastic addition to our facilities, and the construction of our long awaited 6th form centre (which is now worth over $\pm 10M$), is due to begin in August, lasting for approximately I year. We are very excited about the extra facilities this will bring us for the over 500 students who have applied to join us in year 12.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for all your support over the last year, and to quote an HMI who told me recently that children are lucky to come to this school, I would add that we are lucky to work at this school. I am very proud of our community, especially our staff and students.

I would like to wish you all a lovely, restful summer break, and look forward to seeing you all safe and ready for the New Year in September.

Jim Owen





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Science Club

In Monday's science club students embarked on an exciting journey into the world of the human heart by dissecting sheep hearts. Overcoming initial hesitation, they fearlessly explored the chambers, valves, and arteries, gaining hands-on knowledge of the cardiovascular system. Witnessing their transformation from apprehensive to confident young explorers was remarkable. Some students displayed a level of composure that hinted at future surgical talent. This dissection experience not only revealed the complexities of the heart but also nurtured skills like attention to detail and teamwork. The passion, resilience, and potential exhibited by our students have set them on a path towards success in the medical field. We eagerly anticipate the next adventure, as our science club continues to shape brilliant minds and open doors to extraordinary opportunities.

Mural in SC7

Mr Frost would like to say a big thank you to all of the students who contributed to the mural in room SC7. It looks fantastic.



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Winchmore School has taken part in our first Sports day since 2019 over 18th and 19th of July – the fully energised year groups brought their all to both days.

Since Covid. Winchmore has been unable to run a sports day on this scale and the planning and preparation that has gone into these two days has been immesurable, a testament to our superb PE department and the many volunteers that have gone above and beyond to make this day a success!

There has been a palpable excitement which has only grown as the events heated up. read on to find out about the highlights of both days. written by our incredible student journalists!

MIXED ROUNDERS

Among the various sporting activities, the rounders event stood out as a highlight, this was a true testament to the power of team work. The participants displayed exceptional coordination and collaboration.

This was a crazy crazy game!"

working together to strategise their plays and support each other on the field. The game not only required individual talent, but also emphasised the importance of communication and unity within the team leading a bystander to exclaim that "This was a crazy, crazy game!"

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TENNIS

After Sunday's Wimbledon final. Winchmore's Tennis event was keenly anticipated by all, and it did not disappoint. Students showed their love and passion for the sport and the atmosphere was charged with their competitive spirit. Players continually demonstrated their proficiency in serving, forehand and backhand strokes, volleying and court coverage.



'Forget centre court, we have the champion's court' - Mr Steele, Member of staff



FOOTBALL The fields were alive with energy. Our young lionesses did us proud today. Amazing team work and attitudes and really well organised. Students exhibited a display of impressive skills and techniques. A student was heard saying "Sports day is about community which is

showcasing their mastery of dribbling, passing and shooting, consistently demonstrating their ability to control the ball with precision.

"Sports day is about community which is what we do" -Anonymous student

BASKETBALL

Lebron James, Steph Curry, Michael Jordan... Could the next big NBA rookie be discovered at Winchmore School? The basketball game was a captivating event that kept students and staff on the edge of their seats. The players showcased their skills, coordination and determination, making every second of the game a joy for all to behold despite one student being heard to remark "The hoop's too small' - don't worry anonymous. I'm sure some of the players would agree with you!



'The hoop's too small' - Anonymous, Year 9

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Over in the courts today you could see fire in the competitors eyes as they fiercely battled each other for ball supremacy. with one student telling us. "I don't lose." and another responding with. "I also don't lose". Just wow. Athletes such as the towering Stephen Cooper showed their amazing abilities with the ball, executing excellent shots and dunks. Jahmarley William Dundas had "God on his side" in his words. letting us know he read his bible today for good luck. which seemed to work as he was definitely one of the most energetic players on the court, showing why he's valued on the school basketball team.

TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis event held during our Sports Day was an exciting and actionpacked competition. Participants from all over the school gathered to create a thrilling and intense spectacle of skill and determination. Hand eye coordination is a must and quick feet is a bonus for those who want to come out on top, but it's like Andre in year 7 says "Optimism is the way to win" and we fully agree!



'Optimism is the way to win' -Andre, Year 7

At the tables, the competition and the stakes were at a nail biting levels as the table tennis game took place.

The sport stood out as one of the highlights as it displayed the participants skill and focus to win the game. Furthermore, this daring game gave the competitors fire in their eyes they were in doubles so a large amount of teamwork was needed to win the game. Duos like the phenomenal Dylan Mallea and Yunis Mutlu, the incredible

Mohammed Dandool and Abed Uddin and the exceptional Mason Harvey and Safa Mahmood all exceeded in their games with perfection and wit. Players like Dylan and Yunis agreed that the art of table tennis is enjoyment, but the games can be tense and so you have to be prepared or experienced for what's to come. I wouldn't be surprised if we see these students as professional table tennis players down the line!

Conor Green, YIO



As the referee's whistle pierced through the air, dodgeballs flew, and the chaos ensued. Quick footed players darted. ducked and dodged with lightning fast reflexes to evade the incoming projectiles. Spectators erupted in cheers as impressive dives and acrobatic manoeuvres kept players in the game. brilliantly summarised by an anonymous Year 7 student "The hardest part is trying to dodge the balls" something I think we can all attest to.

'The hardest part is trying to dodge the balls' -Anonymous, Year 7



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We hear you Miss Jama!

"I'm tired"

- Miss Jama

I think that we can all agree that our most relatable quote of either day must be awarded to Miss Jama!



Thank you to the Expressive Arts Faculty for their hard work on both days and well done to all of the volunteers who have given up their time and for the students who have put so much effort into your events- you've all done yourselves proud!

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Mural Painting

Some of our Year 7 attended an art trip to the North Middlesex Hospital to paint a mural celebrating 75 years of the NHS.





Winchmore 'Millionaires' and Library Award Winners

Millionaires Club

This week the Library staff along with the English Faculty, have announced the members of the 2022/23 'Millionaires Club'. This Award goes to any student who has read more than a million words this academic year as part of the Star Reading programme.

Our winners are: Year 7 - Katie Cosh Year 8 - Gianni Visi, Kaya Erol

There were a number of students who were close to reaching the million word count and we are sure that next year we will have many more Award winners.

Special commendation Awards from the Library Team

The Library staff also chose to recognise students whose behaviour and involvement with the library had been of a very high standard this academic year. *These Awards went to:*

Year 7 - Lucy Slater, Sandra Porada Year 8 - Loren Hussein

Book Review competition winner

The book review winner for 2023 is Bailey McGuire, 7L, for writing a review on his favourite book titled Boy Underwater.

Thank you to all the students and staff who have supported our numerous Library events this year and we look forward to welcoming you all back to the Library in September.

Mrs Tanti, Mrs Savary and Mrs Winter

Trip to see The Crucible

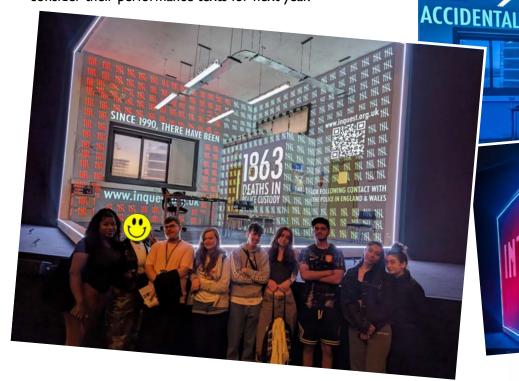
On Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th July Years 8 - 12 students visited the Gielgud Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue to see 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller. It was a prime opportunity to learn about the play in preparation for the GCSE written exam and live theatre reviews at A Level. Comments from the students highlighted how everyone took something different from the production: 'I love the costumes.' 'It made me think about how rumours can spread.' 'I want to see more shows with the actor playing John Proctor.'

The rainfall on stage was captivating and most certainly inspired students to consider how to create symbolic staging in their own practical work. It was a lengthy production and received mixed reviews, yet the students were fantastic. The theatre staff took the time to commend our Year 8 and 9 for how brilliant they were. A true credit to Winchmore.



Trip to see Death of An Anarchist

On Wednesday 19th July we had a fantastic final theatre trip of the year for our Year 12 A Level Drama students. Accidental Death Of An Anarchist was brilliantly funny and equally political. The style, set, sound, lighting and costumes gave our students so much to consider about the intention of theatre for a contemporary audience. The consensus was that it was a 5 star show and the best performance most had ever seen. We were even lucky enough to be upgraded to the stalls. We hope this gives them inspiration to go away over the summer and consider their performance texts for next year.



A LEVEL RESULTS DAY Thursday 17th August

GCSE RESULTS DAY Thursday 24th August

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Wishing you all a wonderful summer break



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