



WEEK 2

## Sixth Form Building Update

Here are the latest pictures of our new Sixth Form building. It's definitely starting to take shape!



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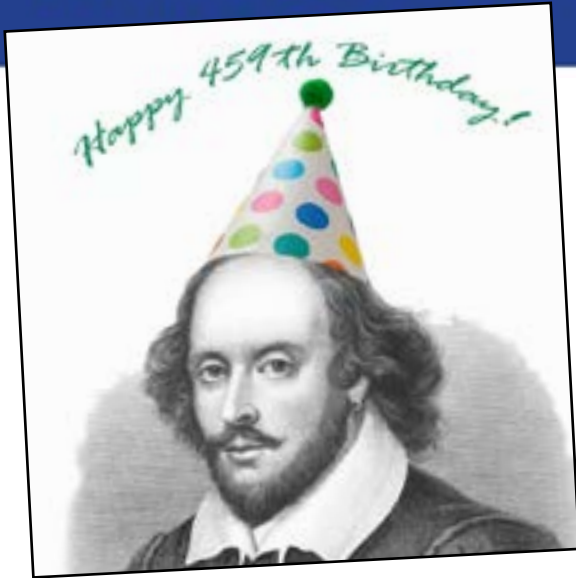
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## Students Honour Shakespeare with Original Sonnets

In the hallowed halls of Winchmore School, students recently embarked on a journey through time and literature to celebrate the enduring legacy of William Shakespeare on the occasion of his birthday. As part of their KS3 English classes, these budding wordsmiths took up their pens and quills to craft original sonnets, paying tribute to the unparalleled contributions of the Bard to the world of literature.

With boundless creativity and enthusiasm, Winchmore students delved into the rich tapestry of Shakespeare's works, exploring his timeless themes, iconic characters, and unmatched storytelling prowess. From the tragic depths of "Hamlet" to the whimsical enchantment of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," these young minds found inspiration aplenty in Shakespeare's vast repertoire.

Under guidance, Winchmore students embarked on the challenging yet rewarding journey of composing sonnets—a poetic form synonymous with Shakespeare himself. Armed with their newfound knowledge of iambic pentameter and the art of crafting fourteen lines of verse, they set out to encapsulate the essence of Shakespeare's achievements in their own words.

The result? A breath-taking array of sonnets that shimmered with ingenuity and reverence, each stanza a testament to Shakespeare's enduring influence across the centuries. From heartfelt odes to his unparalleled storytelling to insightful reflections on his enduring relevance in the modern world, these sonnets captured the essence of Shakespeare's genius in myriad ways.

As the final lines of their sonnets were penned and the echoes of their performances faded away, our students emerged not only with a deeper appreciation for Shakespeare's legacy but also with a newfound confidence in their own literary abilities. With their words, they had honoured the Bard in a manner befitting his greatness, proving once again that the spirit of Shakespeare lives on in the hearts and minds of those who dare to dream and create.

The winners of the sonnet writing competition will be unveiled this week, each deserving victor to be rewarded with a delectable chocolate prize, sweetening their triumph in true Shakespearean fashion.

Enjoy the following sonnet created by our very own Mr White!

### Sonnet for Billy Shakes

Born in the month before the month of May  
His legacy is his eternal night  
We celebrate him every single day  
In every class we have with Mr. White

Of tragedy and comedy we learn  
Of trials and tribulations of the past  
The stories on the pages that we turn  
Are lessons that we know are meant to last

We hear about the greed of the Macbeths  
The Tempest, where all is as not it seems  
And star cross'd lovers bounded by their deaths  
And magic in A Midsummer Night's Dream

So let us all give thanks for all our sakes  
And say happy birthday to Billy Shakes

## Norway Trip Open to students in Year 8 and 9

**Norway information evening Wednesday 1st May**

Winchmore School invites Year 8 and 9 parents and carers to join an online talk about our exciting Norway expedition, running in July 2025. This is following a launch assembly to the students today Monday 22 April.

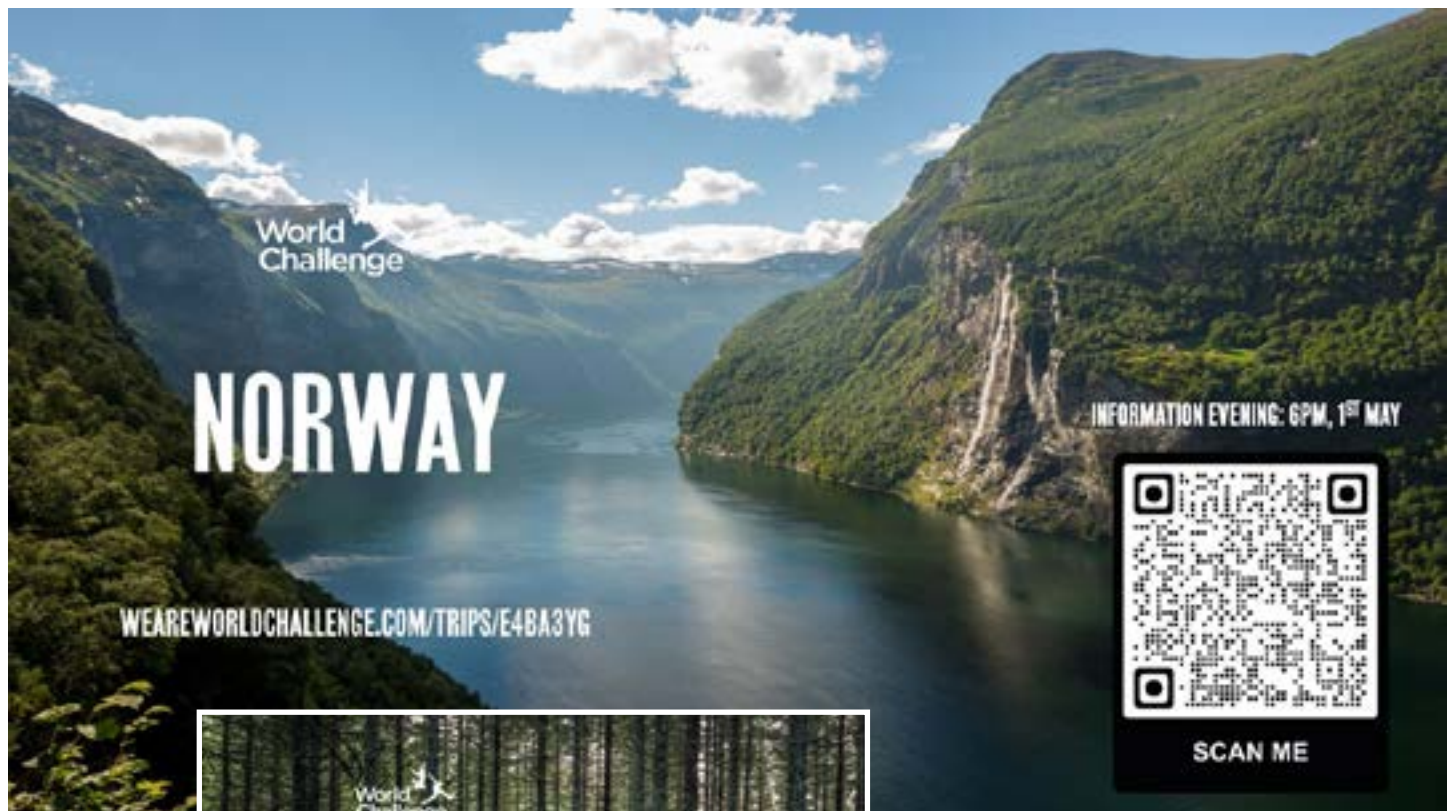
This is a life-changing opportunity for students to explore Norway with expert guides, while developing their life skills, confidence and independence. We are partnering with World Challenge to offer this 10-night trip, which complements school learning.

Applications are already open, so please visit [our trip webpage](#) for the sign-up link, itinerary, travel dates, and trip cost – examples of how past students have earned this themselves will be covered in the talk.

Charlie from World Challenge will host the 20-minute Zoom presentation on Wednesday 1st May at 6pm. Please come along and ask any questions, or just listen in.

To attend, please register for the [Zoom presentation here](#).

Mrs Tidmarsh, Miss De Souza, Miss Winter



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

#### SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

#### DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

#### FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

#### SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

#### MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

### BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

### CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

### KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps)

## Literacy Corner

**'WINCHMORE'S WORD OF THE WEEK' CHALLENGE** - week beginning 22nd April:



Word of the Week: **Meticulous**

Word Class	Adjective
Meaning	Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In your artwork, your meticulous attention to detail is evident, showcasing your dedication and precision in every stroke and composition. Your commitment to craftsmanship truly elevates the overall quality and impact of your pieces</li> <li>- The student's meticulous research and thorough analysis of historical documents greatly impressed the teacher and earned them top marks on their history project.</li> </ul>
Challenge	Have a go at the Spelling Bee <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/puzzles/spelling-bee">https://www.nytimes.com/puzzles/spelling-bee</a>

**What's the challenge?** You must use the 'word of the week' in the correct context (where possible) in any of your subjects. If you are able to use it in the correct context (not just going up to your teacher and saying it – has to be relevant to what you are doing), you will get 1 'word of the week' achievement point.

**Why are we doing this?** To widen our vocabulary, oracy and understanding alongside encouraging a love for literacy across the school (in all subject areas).

Remember: that the student with the most **'word of the week'** achievement points in the year group at the end of the half term will receive a voucher!

## FREE Sanitary Products

The Medical Room has lots of free Sanitary products available for students.

They can come and collect them during break, lunch or after school.

Thank you  
Flora



## *Year 12 visit to the Houses of Parliament*

Year 12 law students visited the Houses of Parliament on April 25, 2024. During their visit, students were taken on a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster (including the House of Commons and the House of Lords), expertly posed searching to their MP then the Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Justice in meetings over an hour and, were courteously hosted by the Commons Doorkeeper to experience Prime Minister's Questions.



# WINCHMORE WEEKLY

Monday  
29th April

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- **KS3 and KS4 Careers Drop in** - Careers Office

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- **After School Club** - Library 3pm to 4pm
- **Music Tech Club** 3-4pm in M2
- **Art and Photography Club** 3.15-4.15pm in A1
- **The Entrepreneurs Club** 3.15-4.15 in room 31
- **Year 11 RE, Dance Boost sessions** for invited students (3pm)
- **Year 11 Geography, Sociology, IMedia Drama and Dance Boost** for invited students (3:45pm)
- **Year 10 Science Boost** for invited students (3pm)
- **Year 11 Drama Boost** for 11A Students in room 30 (3.45pm)
- **Year 10 Drama Rehearsal Boost.** 3pm in Dr1
- **SEND Scrabble club** ( Specific students - Y10 & Y9) - 3:15-4:15
- **Coding Club (KS3)** 3:00-4:00 Room 03
- **Year 9 English Boost sessions** for invited students 3pm to 4pm
- **Rounders Club** - All Years. 3:00 - 4:15 PM

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- **Apprenticeship Careers Drop in** (Any Year group) - Careers Office
- **Lego Club** Years 7&8 - Wellbeing Room 1.15-2pm
- **Music rehearsal time**
- **Piano Club** 1:30-2pm
- **Drama Club** Dr2 All Years Invited

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- **After School Club** Library 3pm to 4pm
- **Girls Football Club** - Years 7&8 - 3:10-4.15pm *Bring indoor and outdoor footwear.*
- **Boys Football Club** - Year 9 - 3.00-4.30pm
- **Fitness (Resistance Training)** - Years 9-13 only - 3-4pm in the Fitness Suite
- **Basketball** 3:15-4:15pm
- **Year 11 English Boost classes** for invited students 3pm
- **IMedia Boost classes** - Targeted Year 10 students 3-3.45pm
- **Year 11 Music, Computing, Geography, IMedia, History and Sociology Boost sessions** for invited students (3pm)
- **SEND ( study skills - English & Science ) after school club** - Year 10-9 specific students 3:15 - 4:15
- **Year 10 Drama Rehearsal Boost.** 3pm in Dr1
- **Athletics Club** - All Years 3-4:15pm

Tuesday  
30th April

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- **General Careers Drop in** (Any Year group) - Careers Office
- **Music rehearsal time**
- **KS3 Art Catch up club** - Every Wednesday lunchtime in A4

**Norway webinar session 6pm for years 8 and 9**

Wednesday  
1st May

# WINCHMORE WEEKLY

## Year 11 Exam Lanyards Issued

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Individual silent study and silent reading in the Library
- Drama Club - Years 7-9 in DR1
- Christian Club - All welcome. In Room 23. 1.20-1.50pm
- Music rehearsal time

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Fitness (Resistance Training) - Years 9-13 only - 3-4pm in the Fitness Suite
- Debate Club - open to all students - 3-4pm in Room 81
- Basketball - Years 10-13 - 3:15-4:15pm
- Boys Football Club - Year 7 - 3-4pm
- Boys Football Club - Year 9 - 3:00pm- 4:30pm
- Guitar Club - All Pupils - 3-4pm in M1
- School Band Rehearsals 3-4pm in M1
- French, Spanish, iMedia, NCFE Business and NCFE Health and Fitness Boost Classes - Targeted Year 11 students 3-3:45pm
- Year 11 Science Boost sessions for all students via Google Meet at 4:45pm
- Year 9 Music Boost sessions for all pupils 3pm to 4pm
- Year 11 Drama Boost 3pm in Room 30
- Year 10 Drama Boost 3pm in DR1
- Year 9 Maths Boost for invited students 3pm to 4pm

Thursday  
2nd May

## Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

## Year 11 Shirt Signing and Leavers Assembly P4 and 5

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Table Top Gaming Club - All Years - 3-4.15pm in room 68
- Dance Club - Years 7-9 - 3:15-4:15pm in Dance 2
- Art, Drama, Computing, Geography, Media Studies, GCSE PE, NCFE PE and Sociology Boost Classes - Targeted Year 11 students 3-3:45pm
- Computing Boost classes - Targeted Year 10 students 3-3:45pm
- KS5 Physics club - Year 12 and 13 - 3-4pm in SC4
- Girls Only Fitness Club - 3:00-4:15. Please see Miss Winter to sign up.

Friday  
3rd May

## Free Toasted Bagels



Winchmore School have joined the  
National School Breakfast Programme  
to provide all students with a

## FREE BAGEL



between 7:45am - 8:20am in the school's restaurant.

## Winchmore PE Department

Introducing....

### FITNESS CLUB FOR GIRLS

Fridays 3:00-4:00

Variety of different workouts, fitness  
equipment and getting confident within  
yourself

ALL YEARS WELCOME!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
AND WORKOUT  
TOGETHER



PLEASE SEE MISS WINTER TO SAVE YOUR SPACE



# ROUNDERS CLUB

ALL

WELCOME

MONDAYS  
3:00 - 4:15 PM

PLEASE COME AND SEE MISS  
WINTER TO SIGN UP



WINCHMORE DANCE & PE DEPARTMENT