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WEEK 1

Sixth Form Open Evening

After receiving the keys to our brand new Sixth Form Centre last Monday we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us last Wednesday for our Sixth Form Open Evening - the turnout was incredible, and the energy was fantastic!

It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and families exploring what our Sixth Form has to offer. From the engaging presentations to the inspiring conversation with our brilliant staff and current students.

This is an exciting time for Winchmore School and shows our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our students.



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Wands, Wizards and Wonder for the Winchmore students!



On Thursday, 17th October 2024, 32 GCSE Media students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Warner Brothers Studios - The Making of Harry Potter. This immersive experience allowed students to explore the magic of filmmaking while stepping into the world of Harry Potter. By touring the sets, students gained valuable insights into the behind-the-scenes processes of filmmaking and production. They observed how intricate studio setups, innovative camera techniques, and thoughtful directing choices come together to

create the iconic scenes we've all come to love. It was an inspiring day that brought the art of film production to life in an unforgettable way.

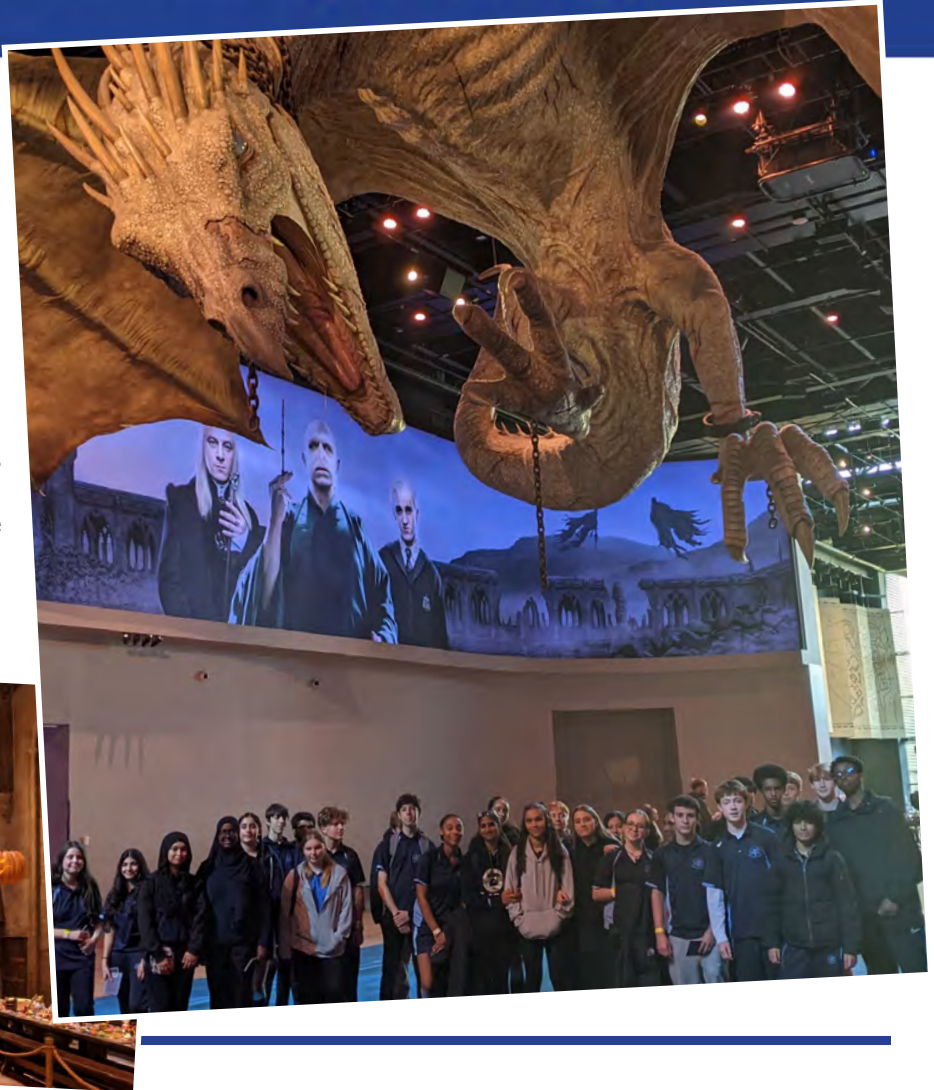


Our Media Stars shared their feedback from the day, and many agreed that stepping into the Great Hall felt like walking straight into the films, transporting us to Hogwarts. Exploring iconic sets like Diagon Alley and the Forbidden Forest brought the wizarding world to life in stunning detail. A highlight for many was riding a broomstick in front of a green screen, making it feel like you were flying across the Hogwarts grounds. The experience was truly enchanting and felt like stepping inside the world of Harry Potter!



One of the top moments at the Harry Potter World Studios was when the Death Eaters were roaming around, scaring visitors. Their dark cloaks and menacing masks created an eerie atmosphere, making it feel like we were truly part of the magical world. As they stalked through the crowds, they would suddenly appear out of nowhere, catching people off guard and causing excited screams and laughter. It was thrilling to be immersed in the darker side of the Harry Potter universe, and those encounters with the Death Eaters added an unforgettable twist to the whole experience!

Miss Ali - Head of Media



Music Mark for the Music Department!

We're excited to share that Winchmore School has been awarded the Music Mark! This prestigious award highlights our commitment to delivering exceptional music education for all students. It's a recognition of the dedication of our music department to provide inspiring, inclusive, and enriching opportunities. With this award, we continue to emphasize the importance of music in building confidence, creativity, and teamwork. We're thrilled to offer every child the chance to explore and develop their musical abilities, making music an integral part of their learning experience here at Winchmore. Thank you for your continued support!





Fundraising for 'World Challenge' Expedition

Our staff and students regularly travel on exciting journeys around the globe.

Recently we visited Kenya with 'Camps International' on a four-week expedition where students experienced a new culture, visited schools and undertook project work e.g. building a house for a widower and her children. In summer 2025 we will be visiting Norway on a 10 day expedition with 'World Challenge'. Students will be trekking up mountains, rafting down rivers and sleeping wild. They will learn about the importance of nature in daily Norwegian life, take inspiration from those they meet and get fully immersed in nordic culture.

As part of the pre-departure process, we have to fundraise money for teachers to accompany these expeditions. This is not your normal international experience and educates students to become global citizens by taking action on critical issues and increasing support for causes through contributing to the wider global community.

These trips will provide authentic experiences and we will not be taking the normal tourist trail to connect them to the real world and real people. These expeditions will provide challenging and life changing experiences, where the students will realise their full potential. We would really appreciate donations from the wider local community. We would like to take this opportunity and thank you in advance for your generous support.

One of the ways you can support us is by purchasing raffle tickets to win some amazing prizes. Tickets are £2.00 per ticket and can be purchased via parent pay.

Raffle Prizes:

Kenwood Prospero 6-in-1 mixer worth £220

Festive Hamper

Family Night in Hamper

Well Being Box

and many more fabulous prizes.

Thank you for your continued support.



Revision Methods

Revision is a term that makes lots of students groan!

However, Retrieval practice is something that we have been working on in lots of subjects at Winchmore over the past year to help them remember concepts/content more effectively.

The links below are to two videos - one explains what retrieval practice is (American based but still relevant) and the other how parents can help their children with it at home to help remember content and topics more effectively.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Mrs Martinez or your child's form tutor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA9WCpePTI4&authuser=0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_-TaSzYmx8&t=978&authuser=0

CCCG – CONEL Enfield Centre

Are you passionate about storytelling, filmmaking, and the art of visual expression?

Elevate your creative journey with Capital City College Group Film&Screen Saturday Club. Dive into the world of film production with practical, hands-on activities that cover every aspect of the filmmaking process.

Benefit from the expertise of our experienced instructors and turn concepts into reality as you work on exciting projects that showcase your skills and creativity. Whether you're a photographer, writer, or artist, explore the world of film as a powerful medium of expression and let your creativity shine. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://saturday-club.org/club/capital-city-college-film-screen/>

Save our Enfield Libraries!

Are you aware of the potential closure of 8 libraries in Enfield (Bullsmoor, Enfield Highway, Enfield Island Village, Bowes Road, Southgate, Winchmore Hill, Oakwood, and John Jackson)?

As you know, libraries are critical to children's education, providing free access to books, technology, and learning opportunities that foster intellectual and social development. These closures would be a significant loss, not only for students but for families across our community who rely on these invaluable resources.

Please complete the Enfield Council's Consultation Form linked below to show your support for keeping these libraries open. Every submission makes a difference, and your voice could help preserve these valuable resources for the benefit of our children and the entire community.

Link to Consultation Form:

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/consultations/library-consultation>





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WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

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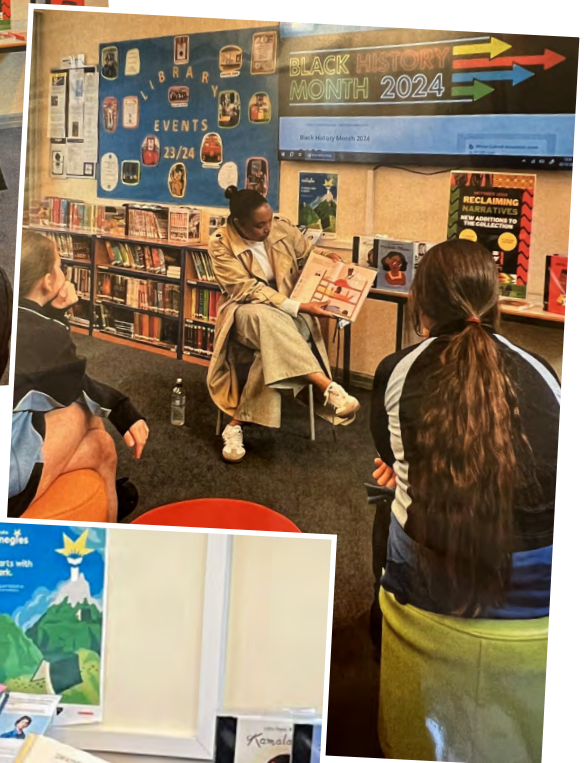


Black History Month

Before half term, a number of our staff took part in lunchtime reading sessions in support of Black History Month.

The books that were read by teachers in the library were from a series called 'Little People, Big Dreams' - A collection of books introducing young readers to inspiring people including; Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Marcus Rashford and Maya Angelou.

These sessions were very popular with our students and well attended.





What are you Reading?

I'm Miss Falconer and I am the Literacy Coordinator at Winchmore School.

It's really important that we encourage our students to foster a love of reading as it offers numerous benefits, from expanding knowledge and improving vocabulary to boosting imagination and creativity. It helps reduce stress by providing an escape, while also enhancing focus, concentration, and memory. Regular reading fosters empathy by allowing you to experience different perspectives and encourages lifelong learning. Overall, it is a powerful way to stimulate the mind and nurture personal growth.

Therefore I encourage you to pick up a book and start reading. Whether it's on the bus home, before you go to sleep, or while you're waiting to pick your sibling up from school. Expand your mind and discover something new. If you feel inspired, I encourage you to write a short review of your book and send it to me at madeleine.falconer@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk and you will be published in the Winchmore Weekly!

The King is Dead by Benjamin Dean had me hooked from the very beginning. I loved how it combined the thrill of a mystery with deeper themes around identity, race and privilege. Following King Jameson, the UK's first Black king, through the chaos of his reign, secrets, and scandals was incredibly captivating. The suspense of trying to figure out what happened to his boyfriend kept me turning the pages, but what really stood out was how the book explored the pressures of being in the public eye. It's a fascinating read that felt both timely and thought-provoking.

Mr Nas - Teacher of English



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WINCHMORE'S WOW! WORD OF THE WEEK

Ramification

Week beginning 15th November



Word Class Noun

Meaning A complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event.

- Examples**
- The ramification of failing to invest in infrastructure is that traffic congestion has become a daily problem in the city.
- GCSE Questions :*
- Discuss the possible ramifications of introducing a later school start time for secondary school students. In your answer, consider both positive and negative outcomes for students, teachers, and parents.
 - Examine the ramifications of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany and Europe as a whole. How did these outcomes contribute to future conflicts?

Challenge Wordle : <https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>
Connections : <https://www.nytimes.com/games/connections>



Monday
18th November

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Music Production Club in M2
- Year 11 Digital Art Boost 1:15pm - Targeted Students only
- Year 11 English Boost - all welcome
- Girls Leadership Group - Wellbeing room

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Art and Photography club A1 3:15 until 4pm
- Year 11 Boys Football - 3pm-4.15pm on the field
- Year 11 IMedia Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 3
- Year 11 Geography Boost class 3-3:45pm
- Year 10-13 Dance Club - 3.15-4.15pm in DA2
- All Years - Art Club room A1 3.15-4.00pm
- Scrabble club - 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room (selected students)
- All Years - Coding Club 3:00-4:00 in Room 03
- FULL CAST & CREW High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-5.00pm - Hall
- Film Club 3:00pm-4:00pm- Room 88
- Year 11 Media Studies Boost class 3:45pm-4:30pm - Room 88
- Year 9 English Boost sessions - invited students only 3pm-4pm - room 81
- Year 7-9 Netball Club - 3pm-4pm

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Careers Drop In session - Careers Office
- Piano Club in M1
- Year 11 Digital Art Boost 1:15pm - Targeted Students only

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Year 9 Boys Football - 3pm-4.15pm on the field
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-5.00pm in DA1 (selected students)
- English for specific SEND students 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room
- Year 11 English Boost classes (selected students, but all welcome) 3pm - 3:45pm
- Year 11 Spanish/French Boost classes (selected students, but all welcome) 3-3:45 & 3.45-4.30
- FULL CAST & CREW High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-5.00pm - Hall Please bring costumes
- High School Musical Production Dance rehearsal - 3.00-4:30pm in DA1
- School Show Band Rehearsal in M1 - 3.00-4.14pm
- Year 10 and Senior Netball Club
- Year 11 IMedia Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 3
- All Years Girls football club. 3-4pm
- Parent and Carers online presentation on Apprenticeships and T Levels 6pm

Tuesday
19th November

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Careers Drop In session - Careers Office
- Piano Club in M1
- Year 11 Health and Fitness Boost 1:15pm - Targeted Students only

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 10 Boys Football - 3pm-4.15pm on the field
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-4.30pm in DA1 (selected students)
- Year 11 RE Boost sessions 3pm-3.45pm
- Year 10 Online Parent/carer Bronze DoE Meeting 7pm

Wednesday
20th November

WINCHMORE WEEKLY

MORNING ACTIVITIES:

- Selected English and Maths Students Boost classes 7:30-8:15am.
- 10.30am - Sixth Form exam stress and preparation workshop - Wellbeing room

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Christian Club - Room 23
- Year 11 Health and Fitness Boost 1:15pm - Targeted Students only
- Silent Reading Library

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 8 Boys Football - 3-4.15pm on the field
- School Production (Dance) - 3.15-4.30pm in DA1 (selected students)
- Year 7 Boys Football - 3-4.10pm on the field
- Years 10-13 - Basketball - 3:15-4:15pm in the Sports Hall
- High School Musical rehearsal 3.00pm-4.30pm - Hall
- High School Musical Production Dance rehearsal - 3.00-4:30pm in DA1
- Guitar Club and KS3 Band in M1 - 3.15-4.15pm
- Pride Group - 3.00pm-4.00pm - M3
- Year 11 Targeted science revision with Miss Jama - 3.00-4.00pm in SC12
- Year 11x/PBI Health and Fitness Boost - Room 2
- Year 11 Targeted science revision with Miss Cetin - 4.45-5.30pm Online

Thursday
21st November

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention - 3-3.45pm - Room SC2
- Year 11 IMedia Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 2
- Year 11 Computing Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 1 or 3
- Year 11 Art Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room A4
- Year 11 Sociology Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 10
- Year 11 GCSE Business Boost class 3-3:45pm - Room 30
- Year 11 Geography Boost classes 3-3:45pm or 3:45-4:30pm
- Year 7-9 Dance Club - 3.15-4.15pm in DA1
- Winchmore Tabletop Society - 3:00 - 4:30 in room 88

Friday
22nd November

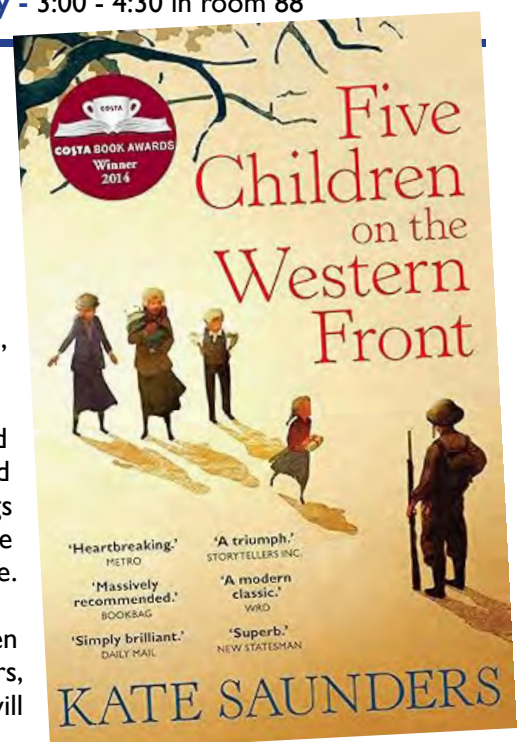
Available in the Library...

Five Children on the Western Front - Kate Saunders

Set on the eve of the First World War, in this sequel to 'The five children and IT', the children have grown up, and war will change their lives for ever.

Cyril is off to fight, Anthea is at art college, Robert is a Cambridge scholar and Jane is at high school. The Lamb is 11 and he has a little sister called Edith. The sand fairy has become a creature of stories - until he suddenly reappears. The siblings are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war, but this time the Psammead is here for a reason, and his magic might have a more serious purpose.

Before this last adventure ends, all will be changed, and the two younger children will have seen the Great War from every possible viewpoint - factory-workers, soldiers and sailors, nurses and the people left at home, and the war's impact will be felt right at the heart of their family.



Winchmore School is **PROUD** to present:

Pride Group

What is a Pride Group?

A Pride Group is an all inclusive LGBTQ+ led group at Winchmore School which provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia, biphobia and transphobia (HBT).



Why do we need a Pride Group?

Pride Groups often have a mix of different purposes:

- Get support and socialise
- Learn about LGBTQ+ topics and history
- Make positive change in your school

A bit more about Pride Group

- Will meet weekly every **Thursday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in room M3**
- Offers a fun, safe space for all!
- Welcomes LGBTQ+ students, allies or anyone with an interest in LGBTQ+ history and culture
- Pride group is open to all year groups

Want to know more?

Speak to **Mr Mills** (M2) and **Mrs Cowen** (wellbeing Room) for further information.



Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?

Join the Educational Psychology Service at a online two-part workshop for parents and carers. We will:

- ▶ Learn more about anxiety
- ▶ Explore what feels helpful for your child and family
- ▶ Discuss working together with schools to help young people attend
- ▶ Share your thoughts and ideas with each other
- ▶ Identify what help and support are available
- ▶ Connect with other parents and carers with similar concerns
- ▶ Consider how we can look after ourselves when things are hard

[Sign up here](#)

SESSION 1
Tuesday 12th November
1.30pm-2.30pm

SESSION 2
Tuesday 3rd December
1.30pm-2.30pm

For more information, please email eps@enfield.gov.uk

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