

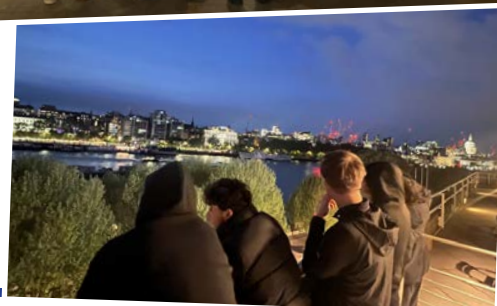


## Dear England Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 23rd April, Year 11 GCSE Drama students visited the National Theatre to see Dear England. Written by James Graham and directed by Rupert Goold, the play centers on Gareth Southgate's radical approach to leadership, focusing on vulnerability, mental resilience, and emotional intelligence as tools for transformation. Gwilyn Lee delivers a restrained yet powerful performance as Southgate, leading a strong ensemble through a story that examines how psychology shapes both individual players and national identity. The students were mesmerised by the clever use of projection and lighting that enhanced their understanding and emotional response.



*'Dear England was a really inspiring play that showed how changing your mindset can make a big difference, on and off the pitch.'* **Sophie Gallen**



## Please be considerate

Please be mindful whilst driving and parking near the school gates especially on Highfield Road and Firs Lane.

Be considerate and safe and treat others (neighbours, parents, staff and students) with courtesy and kindness.

Thank you.



## National Youth Orchestra

Applications are now open for the National Youth Orchestra (NYO) 2026, inviting teenagers aged 13–18 who play an orchestral instrument at Grade 8 standard (exam not required) to take part in an unforgettable year of music-making, performance and mentorship. Free to apply and audition. Travel and accommodation bursaries available.

• **Application deadline: Monday 19 May 2025, 9:00am** •

Full details and how to apply: [www.nyo.org.uk/get-involved/the-nyo-orchestra](http://www.nyo.org.uk/get-involved/the-nyo-orchestra)



## Guest Speaker – Deepa Shah

**Deepa Shah - Head of Speeches and Editorial Unit, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

Deepa visited Winchmore on April 1st 2025 and spoke to a number of students including those from our Year 12 English and Sociology classes.

Deepa shared her career journey with our students and spoke about her role as a speechwriter for Government. She also offered some excellent advice on recruitment in the Civil Service.

Having started out with English as her second language, Deepa has written for over 40 ministers, including Rishi Sunak, Liz Truss, Michael Gove and Sajid Javid.

Before joining the Civil Service, Deepa was a journalist covering everything from 9/11 to Hollywood film premieres at a wide range of national newspapers, magazines and broadcasters, with roles including Commissioning Editor at The Times, news reporter at the Evening Standard and broadcast journalist at ITV London news.

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## Year 7 Art

Students in Year 7 Art have produced some outstanding responses after studying the work of Henri Matisse.

Students were tasked to present a final piece demonstrating their understanding of his work by using collage and their compositional skills. Here are a few excellent examples:



Marnie Young 7L



Sophia Etan-Pickup 7L



Ronan Bhangoo 7L



Gulce Aydin 7B



Giselle Tashi 7B



Inca Handson 7B



## What are you Reading?

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

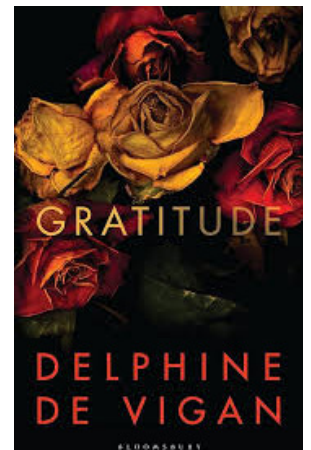
It's really important that we encourage our students to foster a love of reading as it offers numerous benefits, from expanding knowledge and improving vocabulary to boosting imagination and creativity. It helps reduce stress by providing an escape, while also enhancing focus, concentration, and memory. 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](mailto:madeleine.falconer@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk) and you will be published in the Winchmore Weekly!

### Gratitude by Delphine de Vigan

I am currently reading "Gratitude" by Delphine de Vigan. This is a very short but touching novel that reminds us of the importance of cherishing our lives and expressing thanks before it is too late. It follows Michka, an elderly woman with dementia losing her ability to speak, as she reflects on the people who shaped her life. Through her story, de Vigan explores memory, kindness, and the impact of unspoken gratitude. Poignant and beautifully written, this book encourages us to appreciate every moment and connection we have.

Miss Zamora - Teacher of MFL



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## WINCHMORE'S WOW! WORD OF THE WEEK

## Methodical

Week beginning 28th April



**Word Class** Adjective

**Meaning** Done according to a systematic or established procedure

- Examples**
- He was a **methodical** student, always organizing his notes by subject and reviewing them every evening.
  - The students had to be **methodical** during the experiment to ensure accurate results.
  - Her **methodical** revision schedule included diagrams, flashcards, and timed quizzes.

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



## Year 10 Work Experience 28th April to 2nd May

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Library
- Music Production Club in M2
- Year 10 English Boost - all welcome
- The Wellbeing hub (the hut) is open for all ages

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Art Club in A2 3.15 until 4pm
- Year 7 Boys Football - 3-4.15pm on the field
- Year 10-13 Dance Club - 3.15-4.15pm in DA2
- Scrabble club - Monday 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room (selected students)
- Film Club 3:00pm-4:00pm - Room 88
- Debate Club – Model United Nations 3-4pm Room 85
- Coding Club - All years 3:00-4:00 pm in Room 03
- Year 11 Maths Boost Sessions - 3-3.45pm
- Year 11 Dance, NCFE Health and Fitness, Sociology, Geography, IMedia Boost 3.45-4.30pm
- Year 12 Practical Drama Boost Session 3pm-4pm DRI/DR2 / Year 13 Written Booster 3pm-4pm
- Year 8 Science Boost for invited students 3.00 - 4.00 pm

Monday  
28th April

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Library
- Drama Club in M1
- Piano Club in DR1
- Careers Drop in. Careers Office
- Wellbeing Hub (the hut) is open - all years welcome

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 9 Boys Football - 3-4.15pm on the field
- English for specific SEND students 3:15-4:15 pm in the EAL room
- Year 11 English Boost classes 3-3.45pm
- Year 11 Spanish/French Boost classes (selected students, but all welcome) 3-3.45pm or 3.45-4.30pm
- Year 11 IMedia Boost classes 3.45-4.30pm
- School Show Band (audition required) 3-4pm M1
- Year 13 A level Media Intervention in W2
- Year 9 Computing Boost for invited students 3.00 - 3.45 pm

### TRIPS: YR 7 Girls to Bush Hill Golf Club

Tuesday  
29th April

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- Library
- Careers Office. Year 11 college application help. Drop in.
- KS3 Band
- Poetry By Heart – 1:30-2pm Room 85
- Wellbeing Hub (the hut) is open

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- After School Club Library 3pm to 4pm
- Year 10 Boys Football - 3-4.15pm on the field
- Year 11 RE Boost 3.00-3.45pm
- Year 10 Practical Drama Booster/Year 11 Written Exam Booster 3pm-4pm DRI and DR2

### TRIPS: YR13 Invited students Psychology exam booster conference

Wednesday  
30th April

## Form time - Year 11 (and Yr10 taking GCSEs this year) GCSE Exam Information Assembly

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- **Carnegie Shadowing Group only** (Writing and Illustrators Awards)
- **Careers Drop in.** Careers Office
- **Wellbeing Hub** (the hut) is open - all years welcome
- **KS3 Band**

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- **After School Club Library** 3pm to 4pm
- **Year 8 Boys Football** - 3-4.15pm on the field
- **Years 10-13 - Basketball** - 3:15-4:15pm in the Sports Hall
- **Guitar Club and KS3 Band** in M1 - 3-4pm
- **Year 7 and 8 Languages Club** in room 79 - 3.00-4.00pm
- **Year 11 Targeted science revision**  
with Miss Chamberlain or Miss Cetin - 3.00-4.00pm in SC9 or SC3
- **Zine Club** 3-4pm Room 85
- **Year 9 Maths Boost** for invited students 3.00 - 4.00 pm
- **Year 7 Science Boost** for invited students 3.15 - 4.15 pm



## TRIP: Music Trip - Back to the future

## Year 11 Examination Lanyards issued, Shirt Signing and Celebration Assembly

### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

- **Wellbeing Hub (the hut)** is open for **crochet club** - all years welcome
- **Library**

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- **Year 11 I Media, Computing, Geography, Sociology and GCSE PE Boost** - 3-3.45pm
- **Year 11 Geography, and GCSE PE Boost** 3:45-4:30pm
- **Year 10 I Media Boost** 3-3:45pm
- **Year 7-9 Dance Club** - 3.15-4.15pm in DA1
- **Winchmore Tabletop Society** - 3:00 - 4:30 in room 88
- **Drama Booster Year 11** 3-4pm DRI

## TRIP: YR9 Science to the Royal Institute - Crash workshop Macbeth

## Available in the Library...

### Wed Wabbit - Lissa Evans

Fidge is a clever, slightly cynical 11 year old who is flung into the world of her little sister Minnie's favourite story - the world of the Wimbley Woos, creatures of many different hues who only speak in rhyme. Fidge must solve a multitude of ludicrous puzzles to escape with only her awful cousin Graham and various toys that have come alive to help her. A surprising, and hilarious read to be savoured that may help pre-teens to appreciate their home and family.

