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WEEK 1
19th Jan.

Celebrating Excellence!



On Wednesday, 7th January, Winchmore School held its most prestigious event of the academic calendar: our Annual Presentation Evening. It was a night of immense pride as we celebrated the hard work, resilience, and outstanding achievements of our GCSE and A-Level students.

We were deeply honored to welcome our Guest of Honour, The Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Margaret Greer, to lead the celebrations. The Mayor took to the stage to personally present the certificates to our former Year 11 and Year 13 students, offering words of encouragement and praise for their dedication to their studies.



Having a local leader share in our success highlighted the vital link between Winchmore School and the wider Enfield community.

The Culmination of Years of Hard Work

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for students to reunite with friends and teachers to reflect on their secondary education. As they collected their GCSE and A-Level certificates, the atmosphere was one of shared success and excitement for the future.



Whether our alumni have moved on to top-tier universities, prestigious apprenticeships, or the world of work, these certificates represent the foundation of their future careers.



"It was a privilege to see our students recognised for their perseverance. We are incredibly grateful to Councillor Margaret Greer for joining us and making the evening so memorable for our students and their families." Mr Owen

Looking Ahead

To the Class of 2025: You have left an indelible mark on Winchmore School. We are incredibly proud of the young adults you have become and look forward to hearing about your future triumphs.

Congratulations to all our students!



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School Catering

Please can you ensure your ParentPay account has sufficient funds for your child's lunch. You can top up your account at any time via the ParentPay website. If you wish to set a daily spend cap on your child's account please email the school office.

Free School Meals

For students who are eligible for free school meals, please be aware of the following:

- The daily allowance is £2.75.
- This allowance does not include a drink.
- The allowance is for one meal per day and can be used at either break time or lunchtime.

Please note: It is not a cumulative allowance and is reset each day.

Water is freely available to all students from the drinking fountains around school.



SERVING SUPER SAVINGS THIS JANUARY

EVERY CHOICE AT JUST £2.75

STREETVIBES MADE YOUR WAY!
Customisable grab & go street food
(Available Tuesdays - Thursdays)

MAIN MEAL + DESSERT
Warm up with restaurant quality favourites

CHILL DEAL
4 item cold meal combo

HOT DAILY WRAP
Protein-packed, made fresh

THAT'S NOT ALL!
Look out for other daily deals.
Visit the food court and see what's new!

Did you Know?

There is also a bottle refill station in the restaurant. By choosing to refill instead of buying single-use plastics, our students are helping us reduce our carbon footprint.

There is a digital counter on front of the refill station to show how many plastic bottles have been saved. Since it's been installed, just before Christmas, we have already saved 437 bottles!



CAREERS & LIBRARY SERVICES

Degree Apprenticeship session



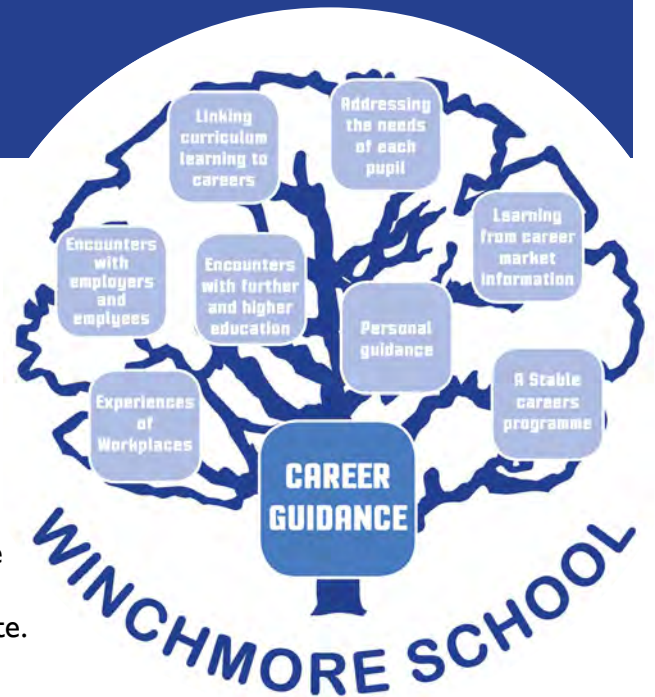
Invitation to an in-person Degree Apprenticeship session: Cutting through the complexities of degree apprenticeships – to help you understand all aspects of degree apprenticeships including the application process, funding, and opportunities on offer through the degree apprenticeship route. For sixth form/college students and parents/guardians

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2026 **Time:** 17:30-19:30

Location: University of Hertfordshire, Forum Theatre, College Lane Campus, AL10 9AB

Admission: Free

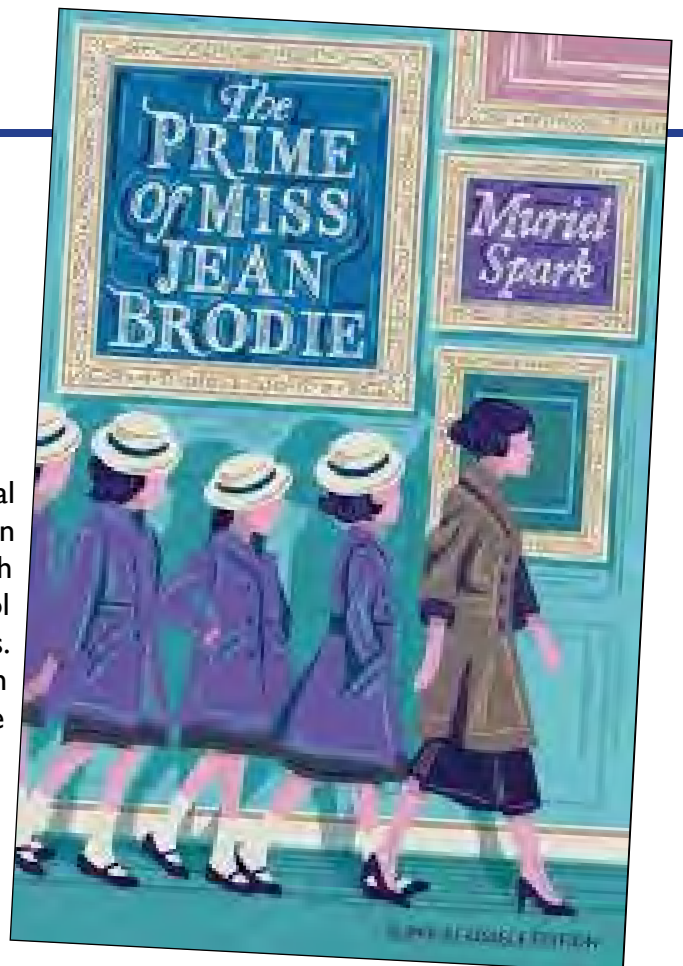
Book your place: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#!/modern/21FO00tk5vht5003be4yy6848>



Available in the Library...

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie - Muriel Spark

Romantic, heroic, comic and tragic, unconventional schoolmistress Jean Brodie has become an iconic figure in post-war fiction. As a teacher at a girl's school in Edinburgh during the 1930s, she comes into conflict with school authorities because of her unorthodox teaching methods. Her glamour, unconventional ideas and manipulative charm hold dangerous sway over her girls at the Marcia Blaine Academy.



Essential Travel Safety Notice: Cycling and the Law on E-Scooters

As the winter months bring darker mornings and evenings, student safety on their commute to and from school becomes a top priority. We need your help to reinforce two key safety messages regarding how students travel.

1. Cycle Safety: Be Seen, Be Safe, Wear a Helmet

Cycling is a healthy and excellent way for students to travel, but the risks increase significantly in low light conditions. We strongly urge you to ensure your child follows these essential safety steps every day:

- **Wear a Helmet:** A properly fitted cycle helmet is the most effective piece of safety equipment a cyclist can wear. It can reduce the risk of a serious head injury in an accident by a significant margin. Please make **wearing a helmet a non-negotiable rule** for every ride, no matter how short the journey.
- **Be Visible:** In the dark, grey, and often wet winter weather, it is vital that drivers can see your child. They should be wearing:
 - **Reflective or High-Visibility Clothing** (e.g., a high-vis vest or reflective strips on their jacket/backpack).
 - **Working Lights and Reflectors** on their bike as required by law (white front light, red rear light, and a red rear reflector).

2. Important Legal Notice: Private E-Scooters are **ILLEGAL** on Public Land

We have noted an increase in students riding privately owned electric scooters (e-scooters) to school. We must stress that **students should not be using private e-scooters for their commute.**

Crucially, it is currently illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, or in parks and other public spaces.

The only places they can be legally ridden are on private land with the landowner's explicit permission.

Consequences of Illegal Use: If a student is caught riding a private e-scooter on public land, the Police have the power to **seize the scooter**. Furthermore, the rider, or their parents/carers, could face **fines and penalty points** on any existing or future driving licence.

Further information about the legalities of e-scooters can be found by clicking on the link
- <https://www.gov.uk/electric-scooter-rules>

We cannot allow students to commute to school using transport that puts them at risk of breaking the law and which poses a safety risk to themselves and pedestrians.

We appreciate your cooperation in reviewing these important safety and legal guidelines with your child to ensure a safe journey to and from school throughout the year.





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NUMERACY TIMES

Real Maths • Real Life • Smart Choices
Spring Edition | 16 January 2025

Headline Story: Making Smart Choices

Making smart choices in everyday life depends heavily on strong numeracy skills. From comparing prices in shops to understanding discounts and budgeting income, Maths plays a central role in informed decision-making. Financial numeracy helps people move beyond guesswork and rely on logical reasoning when managing money.

Understanding percentages allows individuals to recognise genuine savings and avoid misleading offers. Skills such as estimation and comparison support value-for-money decisions, while budgeting encourages planning ahead and controlling spending. These numeracy skills support confident and responsible financial choices.

Number of the Week: 25

The number 25 is important because 25% represents one quarter. It is commonly used in sales, discounts and financial comparisons. Understanding 25% helps people quickly calculate savings, recognise value for money and make informed spending decisions.

Spring Numeracy Facts

- Percentages help compare prices and discounts
- Estimation checks whether an answer is sensible
- Budgeting supports planning and saving
- Numeracy builds confidence in real-life decisions

Problem of the Week

A plant pot costs £12. It is reduced by 25% in a spring sale.

- a) How much money is taken off?
- b) What is the new price?

Explain your reasoning.

Quote of the Week

"Small changes in understanding can lead to big improvements in decision-making."

Numeracy Word of the Week

Interest

Interest is the extra money earned on savings or charged on borrowed money. Understanding interest helps people make informed decisions about saving, spending and borrowing.

Unexplained Absences

We have quite a few unexplained absences this new term. If you have received an absence enquiry from us that you haven't dealt with, could you please respond asap; Unexplained absences are unauthorised, which could lead to a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Please be reminded, parents are required to inform the school that morning if their child is going to be absent. You can either call the school or email attendance@winchmore.enfield.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Turner - Attendance Officer

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



Monday
19th January

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Library
Careers Drop In Session
Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Library - After school - 3pm to 4pm
Coding Club Room 3 - 3pm to 3:50pm- Miss Askin (First come basis only 20 spaces)
Boys Football - Years 12-13 Field - 3 to 4.15pm - Mr Patrick
Badminton - Years 7-11 Sports Hall - 3 to 4.15pm - Mr Birchell
Art club - 3:10pm to 4 pm, A2, Ms Marin-Pache
Yr 11 Boost classes - Dance 3pm
Yr7 & 8 Drama club - DR2 - 3:05 - 4:00pm - Ms Doherty
Netball Club - Year 7-9. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Year 13 Drama booster - DR1 3-4pm Mrs Kazim

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Library
Careers Drop In Session
Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Library - After school - 3pm to 4pm
Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze and Silver) Support
- Careers Office 3pm to 4pm - *please book an appointment via the Careers Office*
Fitness Club - Years 9-11 3 to 4pm - Fitness Suite - Mr Miller
School Run - Years 9-11 3 to 4pm - Field - Mr Patrick
Football - Year 10 3 to 4:15 - Field - Mr Aourarh
Table Tennis - Years 7-11 3 to 4.15pm - Gym - Mr Atu
NO GIRLS FOOTBALL THIS WEEK
Basketball - Years 10-13 3.15 to 4.30pm - Sports Hall - Mr Pohl
Year 11 Drama Booster - Dr1 3:45-4:30pm Mrs Kazim

Tuesday
20th January

TRIP: Year 10 Digital Art London All Day

Wednesday
21st January

YEAR 10 Work Experience Preparation Day - Periods 1 to 4

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Poetry by Heart - 1:30-2 - room 71 - Ms Wood
Library
Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring
BOOK CLUB - this half term we are reading 'Augmented' by Kenechi Udogu - the books have been kindly donated by the library so we are raring to go!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Library - After school - 3pm to 4pm
Boys Football - Years 11 - Field - 3 to 4.15pm - Mr Aourarh

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Careers Drop In Session - including college application support
Library - Silent Reading
Year 9 Drama Booster session - 1.30pm in DRI with Mrs Goddard
Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Library - After school - 3pm to 4pm
Fitness Club - Years 9-11 3 to 4pm - Fitness Suite - Mr Miller
Girls Basketball - Years 10-13 3.15 to 4.15pm - Sports Hall
Football- year 9 3 to 4:30pm - Field - Mr Aourarh
Football -Year 8 3 to 4.15pm - Field - Mr Atu
Guitar Club and KS3 Band in M1 - 3.15-4.15pm - Mr White
Zine Club - 3-4pm - room 71 - Ms Wood
Spanish and German Club for Years 7&8 - Miss Schebella & Miss Garcia



TRIP: Year 10 Photography trip to London



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Library
Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Dance Club Year 7-9 - 3.15 to 4.15pm in DA1- Miss Smith
Winchmore Tabletop Society Room 88 3pm to 4:30pm
 - Miss Davis, Mr Pohl, Mr Menda, Miss Zamora and Mr Melling
Yr 11 Boost classes - French, German, Spanish, GCSE PE and iMedia (3pm)

Ski Meeting Period 5 in the main hall for both trips - All Skiers

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Nefarious

Week beginning: 19th January



Word Class Adjective

Meaning Wicked, villainous, or extremely criminal in nature. Unlike “bad” or “mean,” nefarious implies a level of calculation or a secret, evil plot. It is often used to describe actions, schemes, or people who intentionally break moral or legal codes.

- Examples**
- **In Literature:** “The antagonist’s **nefarious** plan involved tricking the hero into surrendering his powers.”
 - **In History:** “The dictator’s **nefarious** activities were hidden from the public through a strict control of the media.”
 - **In Modern Context:** “Cybercriminals use **nefarious** software to steal personal data from unsuspecting users.”
 - **In Creative Writing:** “A cold, **nefarious** grin spread across his face as he watched the trap spring shut.”

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



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