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## Snow Much Fun!



The goggles have been packed away and the laundry is finally dry, but the memories of our two ski trips are still fresh. From 24th January-7th February, 99 of our students swapped their pens for poles and took to the slopes for two unforgettable weeks of winter adventure. To give you a real sense of our time on the mountain, here are the diary entries of our last days on the snow.



### Friday 30th January

We have come to the end of the most magical week. In Augustine's words; "unbelievable weather, great students and staff who help - the perfect package." We have truly been privy to the most wonderful week of skiing and our students are coming home to you happy as Larry and full to the brim with stories.

With snow falling at breakfast, we put on our boots for the last time (all on the right feet - result!) and headed down to the slopes to meet our infamous ski gods! "Ciao", "buongiorno" and "my group to the lift". We started our morning racing over to Montgenèvre! Kitkats were given out as bribery to some of the students daunted by the day's adventures but we all got down to the first lift without trouble!



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# WINCHMORE WEEKLY

Pablo's group were epic and made it all the way over to France (despite some being worried/tricked into thinking they needed their passports). There were a couple of sit downs (notably not falls) and some sabotage on the lifts by certain students but all made it down safely - unheard of for a group on their first week of skiing! Augustine's group were demonstrating their gymnastic skills by doing countless splits around trees but continued with their choir practice much to the delight of Mr Patrick and Jo (one of our fabulous reps). A few dents in the snow were left by the Fiore's 'wild ones' who journeyed up the lift to 2,400 metres and due to the -9 degree wind chill they fled and made it down to the bottom of the mountain in under 18 minutes - Top Gun eat your heart out! Luca's group had a few new experiences today - a gondola ride, a poma and only one lost glove (retrieved by a gleeful Mr Owen in the trees!)

Lunch on the slopes and some acrobatics on the snow covered playground, we left Montgenèvre with full bellies and some snowball marks on our ski clothes - luckily no snow covered helmets today. The sun was shining and we set off once again for our last afternoon. Teachers and instructors muttering "no injuries, no injuries" under their breath - the students braved jumps, off piste and even a black run!

We arrived back with the sun shining over the mountains in Clavière and up the chairlift one last time - with baited breath they all arrived down to the ski school one by one and beaming from the week! Staff and students made their way to return their (unbelievably stinky) boots and skis to the ski shop and into the bar we went for prizegiving. Fiore made his long awaited entrance and after a few votes of thanks to our students, badges and rankings were given out - even for Mr Owen who scored worst of all...(or not!)

Our instructors were awarded their London key rings, Quality Street and The Sweet Shop boxes and applauded our students for their hard work, spectacular falls and immense courage and hard work - the BEST students and we're not even being biased.

Dinner time and awards with a last minute run for 'best fall of the day' and some tearful thank yous from staff and students! What a week - and a special mention for our sensational Year 13 students who have been positively angelic and the real epitome of young adults this week - we will miss you!

In bed and ready for our coach/plane/coach ride tomorrow! Can't wait to see you all!

Buonanotte e grazie per averci ospitato Clavière e Hotel Roma!

Quotes :

"FELIX!"

"You're doing amazing, sweetie!"

"I can't stop, I can't stop"

"Let's go girls" (specific to Shania Twain)

"If you're not falling, you're not learning and we've learned a lot today" - Luca



# WINCHMORE WEEKLY



## Friday 6th February

The final day in Claviere was nothing short of electric, beginning with a sense of triumph as most students successfully conquered the second chairlift. This milestone marked a massive leap in confidence from day one, opening up the mountain and allowing the groups to truly explore. While the top group braved a daring cross-border expedition into France, they were met by a thick, heavy mountain fog that turned the run into a true test of grit. Despite the “white-out” conditions, they navigated

the descent with maturity, eventually emerging from the clouds to find the rest of the group enjoying the pristine, fresh powder that had blanketed the slopes.

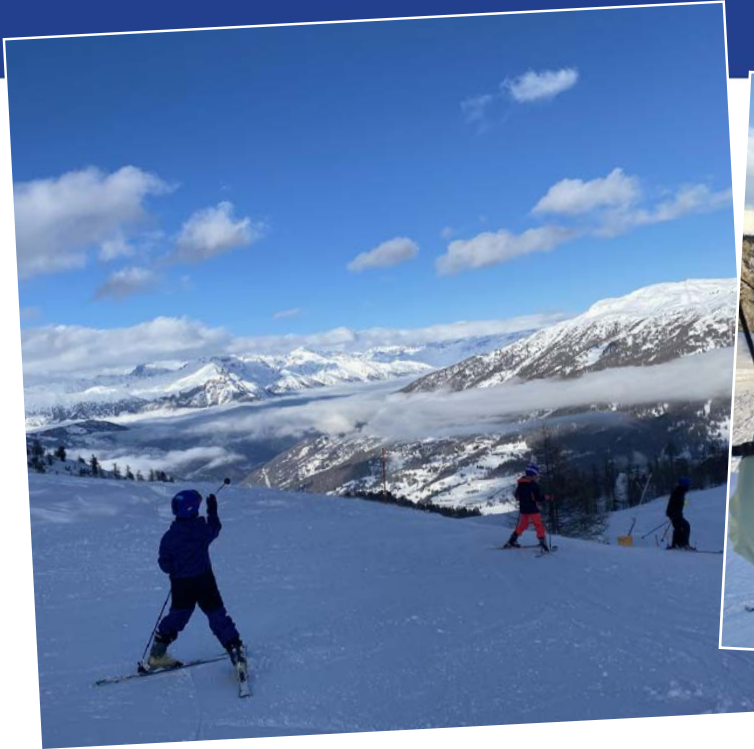
The day was made truly special by the incredible bonds formed with our instructors—Ali, Andreas, Lawrence, Barbara, and Georgina. Throughout the week, they became much more than just teachers; they were mentors and cheerleaders who knew exactly when to offer a technical tip and when to provide a well-timed joke. Whether it was Ali pushing the top group through the French fog and Andreas sending his group off-piste, or Lawrence, Barbara, and Georgina guiding the others through the soft powder at the base, their patience and expertise were the backbone of the trip’s success. During the final awards presentation, it was clear the feeling was mutual; the instructors expressed how much they genuinely loved coaching this group, praising their resilience and the positive energy they brought to every session.

In between the technical runs and the international adventures, there was still plenty of time for classic mountain fun. A massive snowman was constructed at the base, serving as a mascot for

our final afternoon under the Italian sun. As the students received their official ski score levels and certificates, there was a bittersweet atmosphere in the air. The visible progress from shaky snowploughs to confident carving in fresh snow was a point of pride for everyone, and the instructors were quick to highlight how our students had truly stood out for their politeness and determination.



# WINCHMORE WEEKLY



As evening fell, the heavy fog vanished entirely, leaving us with crystal-clear skies for our final night in Claviere. The sight of the moonlit peaks made the reality of leaving even harder to swallow, with many students wishing they could stay for just one more week. However, the reality of an early morning departure has now set in. The hotel is filled with the sound of zipping suitcases and the frantic hunt for stray socks as everyone prepares for the journey home. We are leaving Italy with tired legs and heavy bags, but with memories of an unforgettable week on the snow.

Quotes: *"It's not skiing if you don't fall"* *"Last run, lets finish with a bang"*



## *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.

## *Attendance Reminder*

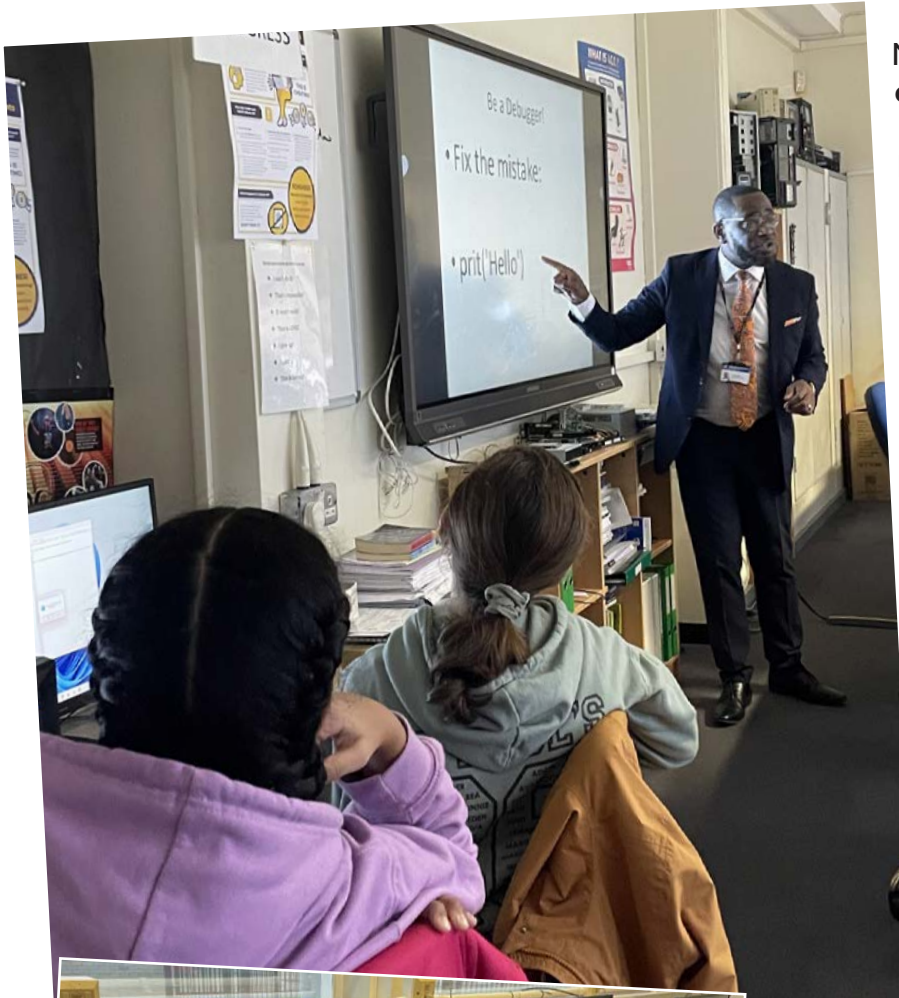
**Please be reminded Parents and Carers are expected to contact the school, preferably by 9am, each morning of your child's absence.**

Unexplained absences are unauthorised, which can lead to a referral to the Education Welfare Service if the number becomes a cause for concern. DFE guidance is that Parents/Carers have a week to explain and confirm absences.

As we are coming to the end of the term, please could you ensure you have responded to any absence enquiries you have received from us.



## A Fun Introduction to Python Workshop for Year 6!

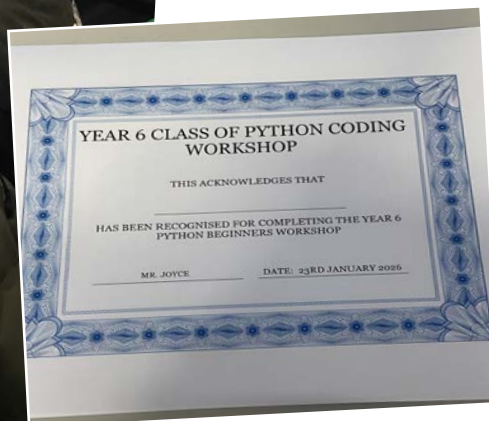
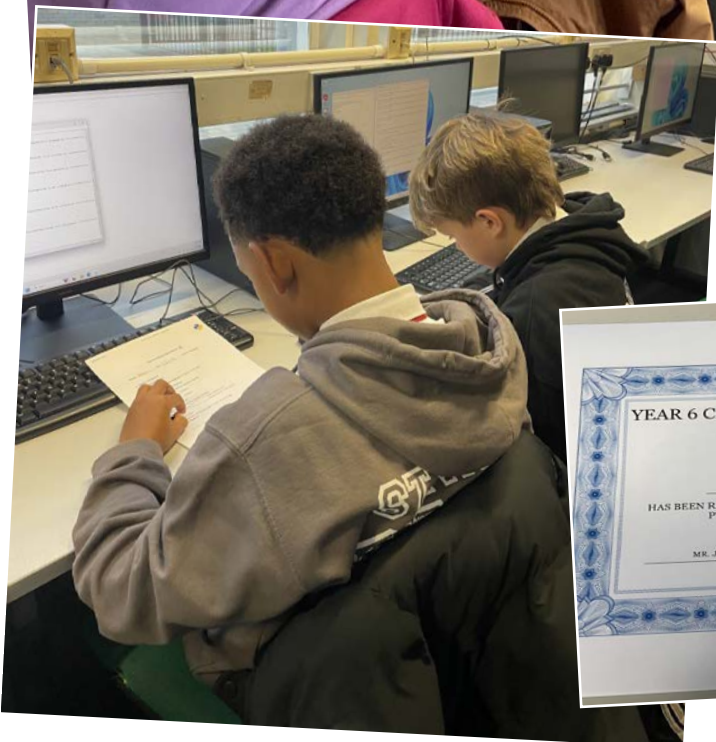


Mr. Joyce was delighted to welcome **27 enthusiastic Year 6 students from St. Paul's CE Primary School** for an exciting Introduction to Python workshop! The session was packed with curiosity, creativity, and plenty of problem-solving as students took their first steps into the world of coding.

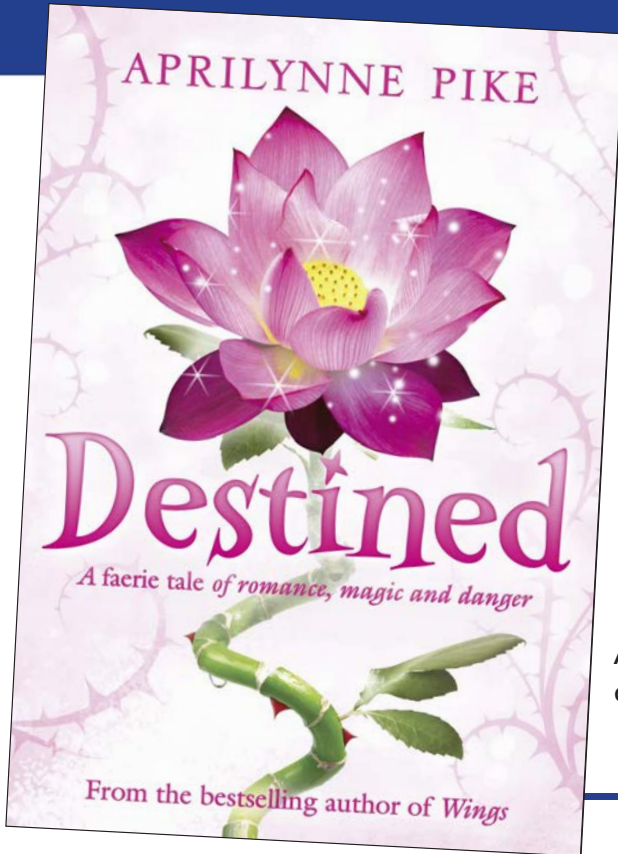
During the workshop, pupils learned the basics of Python programming, experimenting with simple commands and discovering how code can be used to bring ideas to life. There was lots of hands-on activity, great questions, and big smiles as students saw their code spring to life.

To celebrate their hard work and brilliant participation, each student was presented with a certificate at the end of the session — a well-earned reward for their focus, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the day.

The fun wasn't just limited to the students! Staff members also thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, commenting on how much they learned alongside the pupils. Many shared how engaging and accessible the session was, and how great it was to see learning happening in such an interactive and enjoyable way.



It was fantastic to see so much excitement around computing and digital skills, and we hope this workshop has inspired the students to continue exploring coding and technology in the future. A huge well done to everyone who took part — future programmers in the making!



## Available in the Library...

### Destined - Aprilynne Pike

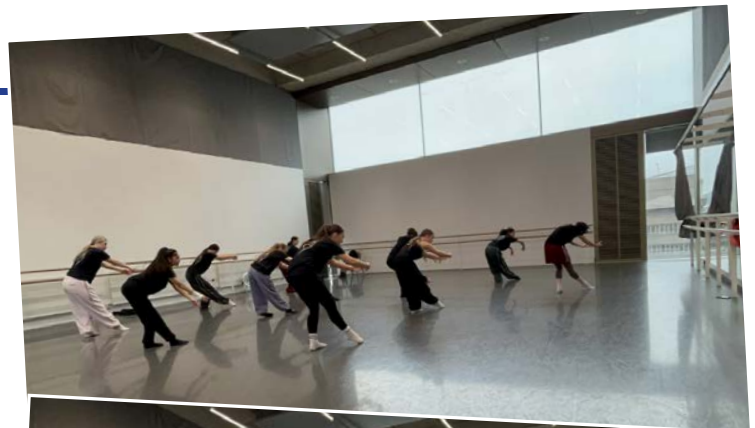
Laurel lived happily as an ordinary girl – until she discovered that she was a faerie. Since then her heart has been divided – Avalon or the human world? Safe reliable David or wild, charismatic Tamani? But now an enemy unlike any before, threatens Avalon and unless the faerie world can win out, there may be no choices left...

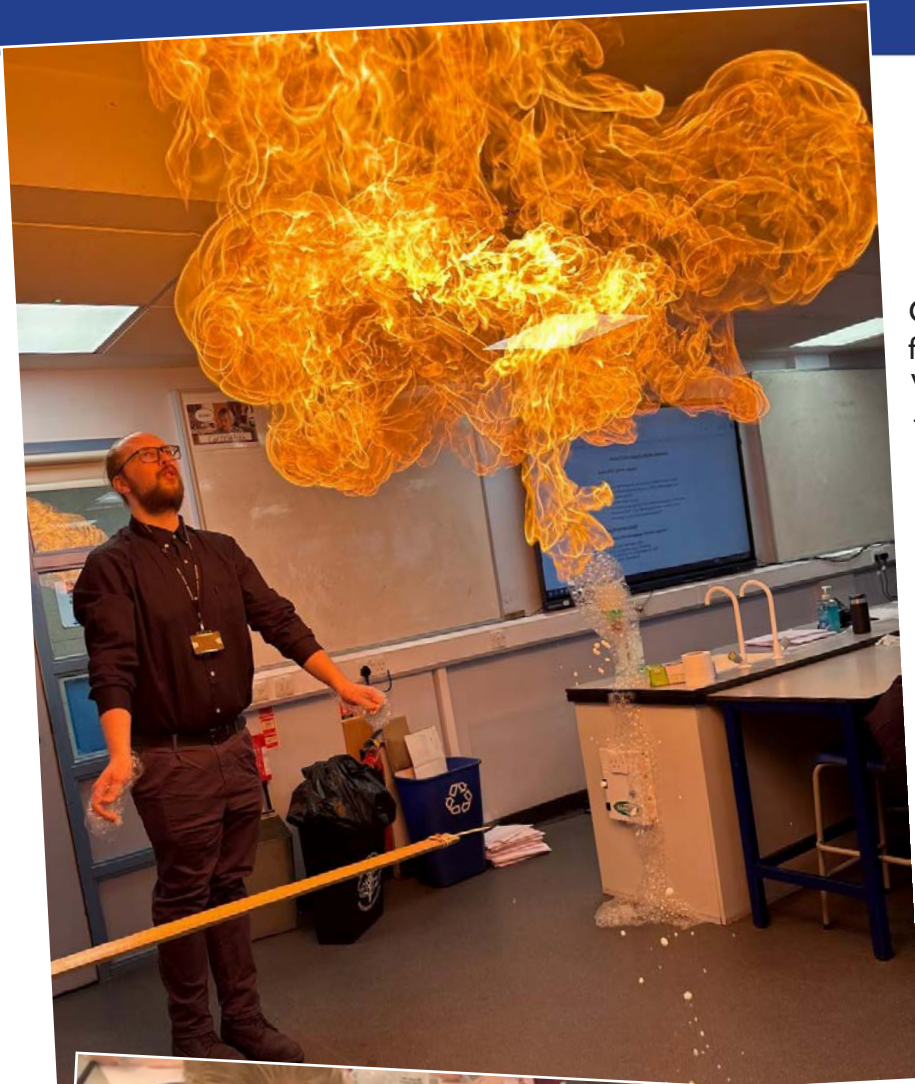
An extraordinary faerie tale of magic and mystery, romance and danger.

## Rambert Workshop A Level Dance

Year 12 and 13 A level Dance students visited the studios of the world renowned Rambert dance company on the Southbank on 6th February.

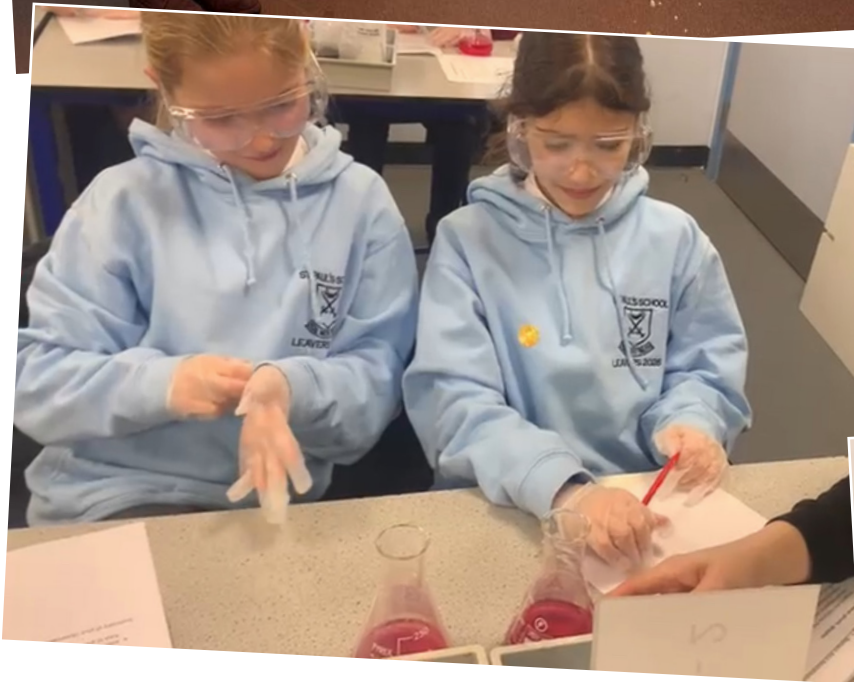
'Our trip to Rambert was a great success. We first completed a contemporary class which included learning choreography, improvisation and creative tasks which were very enjoyable and inclusive. We were also given a tour of the building and got to see the archives of Rambert including props/sets used and the costumes from previous performances put on by the company. Lastly we ended with a lesson from a Rambert expert who kindly answered all our questions about the company and showed us a documentary on Marie Rambert which was my favourite part as it showed small sections of many dances performed by the company over the years and quotes from the choreographers and artistic directors.' **Eva - Year 12**





## Science Workshop

On Friday 6th February, 30 year 6 children from St Pauls Primary School joined us at Winchmore school for a science workshop for the first time. The children were involved in different experiments including; using red cabbage indicator to test for acids and alkalis using household items. They also got to see the methane bubbles demonstration which they really enjoyed. The children were amazing, they knew so much about science and were so well behaved and so excited to be taking part. Thank you to all the science staff involved; Senior Science Technician Mr Amit Nagrani for preparing all the resources, Antonia, John, Miss Cetin and Mr Czemerys. A special thank you to all the children involved and the staff from St Pauls Primary School and we are very happy to be working with you and your school.





## Hunger Games Trip

Hi, I'm Lily, and I've been going to dance club since I joined Winchmore School in Year 7. Since joining the dance club, I have grown as a dancer and it has given me many more opportunities to perform on stage. For example, we take part in the dance festival at Mill Hill Theatre every year in March.

Through the dance club, I have also made many friends, which has been a really important part of my experience. Being in a dance club has also given me opportunities to go on trips to West End theatres. Recently, we went to see The Hunger Games on stage. The show included lots of stunts and tricks and was planned out well to complement both the book and the movie.

The show had many musical elements — maybe too many at times — which sometimes made it feel less serious and a bit gimmicky compared to the movie. However, it was lots of fun, especially when the seating we were in moved. The dancing throughout the show was very creative and entertaining. Some of the fight scenes felt a little unbelievable in places, but the character Haymitch really stood out, and Effie was also very good.

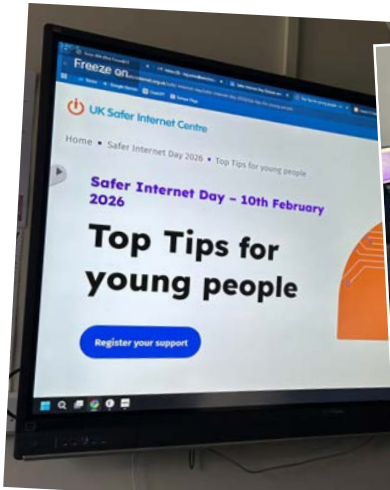


The Hunger Games movie is so well made that it must have been hard to put it on stage, but I think they did a good job. I am grateful for the opportunity to have seen so many West End shows over the last few years through Winchmore School.

This is my last year in the KS3 dance club, and next year I hope to be starting GCSE Dance, which I am really looking forward to.

## Our E-Safety Week

In an era where the digital world is inextricably linked to our students' social and academic lives, ensuring they have the tools to navigate the internet safely is one of our top priorities. This week students completed fun and informative activities during form time and Computing lessons and all had E-Safety assemblies.



Monday  
23rd February

## 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 in A1, Miss Leitch/Miss Ozyurt

Yr 11 Boost classes - Dance 3pm

Yr 11 Boost classes - Media Studies and Computing 3.45pm

Yr7 & 8 Drama club - DR2 - 3:05 - 4:00pm - Ms Doherty

Year 13 Drama booster - DR1 3-4pm Mrs Kazim

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Yr 11 Boost classes - Art and Digital Art

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

Girls Football Year 7&8 - 3-4PM with Miss Baptiste

Basketball - Years 10-13 3.15 to 4.30pm - Sports Hall - Mr Pohl

KS4/5 Dance DA1 Miss Smith 3:15pm-4:30pm

KS5 Media Intervention- RM 88 3:15-4:15

Yr 11 Boost classes - English 3pm

Yr 11 Boost classes - IMedia, Computing and Music 3.45pm

Tuesday  
24th February

**TRIPS - KS5 Careers trip to Waltham Forest College**

Wednesday  
25th February

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

Yr 11 Boost classes - H&SC, Art and Digital Art

Poetry by Heart - 1:30-2 - room 71 - Ms Wood

Library

Wellbeing Hub - crochet, card games, colouring, Book Club

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Library - After school - 3pm to 4pm

Boys Football - Years 11 - Field - 3 to 4.15pm - Mr Aourarh

**Year 11 Parents & Carers Evening (in school) 4.00pm-6.30pm**

## 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- years 8 & 9** 3 to 4:30pm  
**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  
**Yr 11 Boost classes** - Science 3pm  
**Year 11 Booster 3-4pm** - Mrs Doherty/ Mrs Kazim Dr I



## TRIP: YR 11 Media revision Conference



## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES:

**Library**  
**Wellbeing Hub** - crochet, card games, colouring

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

**Dance Club Year 7-9** - 3.15 to 4.15pm in DAI- Miss Smith  
**Winchmore Tabletop Society** Room 88 3pm to 4:30pm  
**Yr 11 Boost classes** - French, German, Spanish, GCSE PE and iMedia (3pm)  
**Yr 10 iMedia support** - 3pm

## TRIP: PE trip to see London Pulse Netball team play

## WINCHMORE'S WOW! WORD OF THE WEEK

# Finesse

Week beginning: 23rd February



**Word Class** Noun & Verb

**Meaning**  
**As a Noun:** Refinement or delicacy of workmanship, structure, or texture; also, adroitness in handling a highly sensitive situation.  
**As a Verb:** To bring about or manage by adroit maneuvering; to handle something in a skillful and clever way.

**Examples**

- At its core, **finesse** is about doing something with extreme delicacy, skill, and style. It's the difference between smashing a door open with a sledgehammer and picking the lock with a hairpin. It's a word that bridges the gap between technical ability and artistic grace.
- In Sports:** The midfielder didn't rely on raw power; instead, she used **finesse** to dribble the ball past three defenders.
- In Diplomacy:** The diplomat managed to **finesse** the tense negotiations, reaching an agreement without offending either party.
- In Art/Craft:** The carpenter finished the cabinet with such **finesse** that you couldn't even see the joints in the wood.

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

## SEN COFFEE & CHAT AFTERNOONS

Parent, carers & professionals supporting neurodiverse young people with additional needs aged 14 plus, join us for a relaxed afternoon of connection and community

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jun

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May

Wed 09<sup>th</sup> Sep

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov



**12.30-2.00pm Dugdale Arts Centre**  
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- Calm, inclusive environment
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- Well-being stalls and activities
- Opportunities to connect with local SEND-consultants
- Cafe and chill-out areas for all

TICKETS  
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PER PERSON

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## Southgate Junior Squash

**MONDAYS from 12th January:**

- 5:45pm - 7pm £150

**THURSDAYS from 29th January:**

- 6pm - 7:15pm £120

**SATURDAYS from 10th January:**

- 2pm - 2:45pm Beginners £80
- 2:45pm - 4:15pm Development £160

First session is always a free trial  
so come try it out!

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