

The Windsor Boys' School

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Headteacher's News

The new year has got off to a great start this week with a healthy dose of optimism from teachers and their students. Assemblies this week have focused on rising to the challenges of the year and approaching them with courage, ambition and cleverness. The year 11 students will be getting the results of their mock exams back this week and next, and are going through the papers with their teachers seeking ways to improve and develop their success. Year 13 have had mock exams this week and next week it is the turn of year 12. So the focus immediately this year is on academic progress and exam preparation for nearly all the students in the school. Maintaining a constructive and developmental academic mind-set at this stage, (students, teachers and parents alike), is vital to the chances of a positive outcome for each individual.

Also this term we are starting to prepare students in year 9 and year 11 for the next steps and the choices they are going to make with GCSE options and A levels for September 2017. Please watch this space for updates about information evenings, interviews and parents consultation meetings. We have a universal aim of ensuring that parents and students have as much information and guidance to help them make the right choice for their future. We don't rush the process and we try to make sure that everyone feels by September that they have made the best choices for themselves. I look forward to meeting some of you over the next few months and I know my staff are always happy to give advice and support when needed.

Finally I would just like to thank once again everyone who made the end of term carol concerts such a success: All the people who attended, including parents, former staff and old boys, who added such a sense of community to the Christmas occasion. All the musicians and singers from both schools who had worked so hard to prepare and rehearse each item, who provided such a quality musical event, with a bit of fun thrown in. The staff of the parish church, including Reverend Ainsley Swift, who are so generous of their time and supportive of the school. And of course to Mr Manwaring who had worked so very very hard to pull the whole occasion together. He is quite an inspiration to the students, and to us adults as well, as he shows us all just what you can achieve with some passion and some belief in the potential of young people. Thank you to everyone. It was a wonderful way to end a successful term.

Gavin Henderson
Headteacher

Notices

Friends of TWBS Committee Meeting

We have our first Friends Committee meeting of the New Year on Monday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Fairhurst Room. We are hoping to recruit new members to the committee this year so if you are thinking about getting involved please come along and find out more. We currently have a vacancy for a social secretary and would welcome anyone who has new fundraising ideas they would like to try out for the school. Email

friends@twbs.co.uk if you have any questions or input. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Governor Election

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I wrote to you last term to invite nominations for the vacancies for parent local governors.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are five candidates for the two vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Next week a letter will be sent home with your son containing:

- A ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- A copy of the personal statements from the candidates
- An addressed return envelope

You may vote for up to two of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the names of the two parents you support. Put only two 'X' on the paper.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope provided. This should then be put in the ballot box in pupil services by the closing date. You may also post the ballot paper to the school address for the attention of the Clerk to the Governors and Returning Officer.

For your information, the ballot papers are uniquely numbered to prevent duplication and only these ballot papers can be counted, however the vote is completely anonymous there is no link as to which papers are sent to which parents.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

H Maberly
Clerk to the Governors and Returning Officer

Skiing Trip to New Hampshire USA Years 9, 10 and 11 (still in school in 2018) 10th – 17th February 2018

**Places are still available.
For further information please contact Mr G Abramson.**

Year11 Meningitis ACWY vaccinations.

Year 11 parents should have received the Meningitis ACWY vaccination consent form for their son. Please complete this and return to Pupil Services as soon as possible.

To download the consent form please click [here](#)

Dates for Your Diary

16 th January 2017	Year 11 Immunisations for ACWY Meningitis Friends Committee meeting at 7.30pm in the Fairhurst Room
20 th January 2017	Music Department Quiz Night
26 th January 2017	Parents Evening – Year 13
27 th January 2017	Physics Society – Dr Michael Sutherland, Cambridge University on Superconductivity and the Quantum World
2 nd February 2017	Options Evening Years 9-10
8 th February 2017	Year 9 Parents Evening A-F – Main School Hall Night at the Musicals
10 th February 2017	End of Term
13 th to 17 th Feb 2017	February Break
20 th February 2017	Term Starts
22 nd February 2017	Year 9 Parents Evening L-W – Main School Hall
2 nd March 2017	Parents Evening – Year 12
4 th March 2017	TWBS Boat Club Quiz Night
15 th March 2017	A Level Recital Evening
30 th March 2017	Spring Concert
31 st March 2017	Last day of Term
3 rd April – 17 th April	Spring Holidays
18 th April 2017	Start of Term
20 th April 2017	Parents Evening Year 10 A-F
22 nd April 2017	Phil the Bag – Drop off
24 th April 2017	Friends of TWBS Committee meeting – Fairhurst Room
27 th April 2017	Parents Evening Year 10 L-W
8 th May 2017	Year 9 Immunisation – ACWY, Tetanus, Dip & Polio
26 th May 2017	Last day of term
29 May – 2 nd June 2017	May Holidays
17 th /18 th June 2017	Windsor Triathlon
22 nd June 2017	Sixth Form Induction
27 th June 2017	Speech Day
28 th June 2017	Sports Day
29 th June 2017	Signing Off Day
18 th July 2017	Last day of term