

# The Windsor Boys' School

## Newsletter No 34

16<sup>th</sup> June 2017



### Headteacher's News

Our network of former students, old boys and alumni is of great value to the school and a great deal of work is underway at several levels to engage this diverse and talented group of individuals with each other and with the school.

To read more please click [here](#)

### News Stories



#### Duke of Edinburgh Award launch to Year 9

Parents/guardians and boys interested in attempting the DofE Bronze Award are warmly invited to an information evening on Thursday 22nd June at 18:00 in the Main School Hall.

To read more please click [here](#)



#### Teachers begin the Outstanding Teacher Programme

At Windsor Boys' School, we are always looking for ways to further the excellent skill sets of our teaching staff.

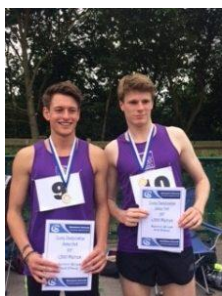
To read more please click [here](#)



#### So nearly "the miracle at Millfield"

14 athletes, 24 events, 1 relay and one decision that changed the feeling of an entire day's effort.

To read more please click [here](#)



#### Five Windsor Boys' selected for English School Athletics

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, The Windsor Boys' School had 21 boys representing Windsor and Maidenhead at the County Athletics Championships.

To read more please click [here](#)



#### Year 12 pupils volunteer to help local charity, Family Friends

A group of Year 12 pupils have volunteered to run a project as part of Career Development week in July, and visited the charity on Wednesday to receive their brief.

To read more please click [here](#)



### **Fuller's visit TWBS to talk about their apprenticeship programme**

Fuller's visited TWBS on Thursday and met pupils in Year 11 who are looking to pursue a career in catering. Jaya from Fuller's brought one her current apprentices along to work with the boys and he showed them how to make black pudding scotch eggs.

*To read more please click [here](#)*



### **Year 12 IT students visit O2 Telefonica's head office**

Year 12 IT students enjoyed a visit to O2 Telefonica's head office in Slough this week.

*To read more please click [here](#)*



### **Reading Amateur Regatta**

Following on from Saturdays racing at Blenheim Palace, the Boat Club headed to Reading Amateur Regatta with a different set of boys. Reading Amateur Regatta is one of the oldest regattas in the world, as it celebrated its 175 year anniversary!!

*To read more please click [here](#)*



### **Blenheim Palace Junior Regatta 2017**

One of England's stately homes, Blenheim Palace, seat of the Duke of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill, was the spectacular venue last Saturday for the eponymous Junior Regatta.

*To read more please click [here](#)*

## **Notices**

### **Banana Breakfast Courtesy of Waitrose**

The Windsor Boys' would like to thank Waitrose for their kind donation of 200 bananas. The bananas are given to students prior to them sitting their exams. Without Waitrose's support we would not be able to offer this to our students.

### **Important Notice**

The school office is unable to provide your son with medication for hayfever. Please ensure that he takes his medication before he comes to school.

Now that summer is almost here it is also important that your son stays hydrated during the school day. Please ensure that he carries a bottle of water with him and some form of sun screen ie cream or hat.

### **ParentPay**

ParentPay has been available as a way of paying for trips, subs, materials and charges for nine months now and we have had some really glowing and helpful feedback from parents. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account, could we please encourage you to give it a try to see how it could be of benefit to you. Some of the positives we have been hearing about are listed below:-

- It literally takes seconds to make a payment
- Flexible payments (you choose how much you pay off and when within deadlines)
- No more writing cheques/finding exact amounts of cash/envelopes
- No processing or banking delays
- Students no longer being responsible for cash/cheques
- Eliminates human error
- Refunds take seconds as opposed to weeks

If you no longer have your ParentPay activation letter and would like to give it a try, please email [nbean@twbs.co.uk](mailto:nbean@twbs.co.uk) and we email you a new one.  
Thank you.

### Voluntary Contributions

Is your son leaving TWBS? Are you paying Voluntary Contributions monthly via Standing Order? If you would like to stop making monthly Voluntary Contributions once your son leaves TWBS, you will need to contact your bank to stop the Standing Order which you set up. Unfortunately TWBS are not able to stop these on your behalf. Thank you.

### Parental Feedback

Could I ask parents to provide feedback about the school on Ofsted's Parentview website? It is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. At each parents' consultation evening we ask parents to provide us with feedback, which is overwhelmingly positive, with one or two specific queries or concerns. We collate the feedback as a way of monitoring parental satisfaction. However, with Ofsted in the wings (complete with envelopes of possible outcomes – no mix-ups I hope!) we need to ensure that the views of parents are properly collated by Ofsted themselves. The best way to do this is through their website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. If you are able to find the time to do this over the weekend I would be really grateful. Many thanks in advance.

**The Windsor Boys' School**  
**Summer**  
**Disco**  
**Party**

**Saturday 8th July**  
**8 til late**

**Dance to the**  
**best of the 80's**

**Tickets £10**

**Licensed Bar**

<https://www.goldengiving.com/event/Summerdisco2017>

### Dates for Your Diary

17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Windsor Triathlon
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Signing Off Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2017	Sixth Form Induction
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Speech Day
28 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2017	Henley Royal Regatta
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017	Career Development Week for Year 12
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Last day of term
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	A Level Results
24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	GCSE Results