





## End of Year Update from the Friends of Windsor Boys

We've had a great year raising money for the school this year! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with our fundraising events.

To read more please click [here](#)



## Year 9 Wales trip 3rd to 7th July 2017

Last week 55 year 9 students went to Wales for a week of camping, adventurous activities and enjoying some of the best views in the UK.

To read more please click [here](#)



## A Level Biology Trip to Dorset

Last week saw eighteen A level students travel to Dorset for the annual Biology field trip.

To read more please click [here](#)



## Geography Coastal Field Trip 2017: Hengistbury Head

After a two-hour bus drive from The Windsor Boys' School, we arrived at Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth with the sun shining on us!

To read more please click [here](#)



## Are you ready for Summer Reading?

Reading for pleasure improves knowledge, memory and vocabulary and can help to reduce stress.

To read more please click [here](#)

## Notices

### End of Term Arrangements

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Tug of War - Periods 1 and 2

Final Assembly @ 11.40 am

Finish Time at approximately 12.30

### WS Sport - Uniform Ordering and Collecting Dates

Thursday 24th August

Last day for ordering/collection

11.00 am to 2.00 pm at TWBS

Tuesday 5th September

Collection from Pupil Services

11.00 am to 2.00 pm at TWBS

## **Snapchat's SNAP MAPS - A Safeguarding concern**

Dear Parents

I am sure that many of you are fully aware that *Snapchat* is a very popular app with young people, our boys included! Used sensibly, this app can be a fun way for young people to share information and keep in touch with each other. However, you may be aware of some concerns raised about the latest update to Snapchat which has added a new location sharing layer called '*Snap Map*' to the app. This update means that, unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled, users will be constantly sharing their location with their Snapchat 'friends'.

The reality is that many young people will have Snapchat 'friends' who they have never met in real life and the sharing of such detailed location information with strangers has obvious safeguarding concerns for our boys. For their own protection, the recommendation is that students who use the snapchat app should have 'Ghost Mode' switched on at all times. For further information, [this online article by Childnet](http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat) explains the new update and how to enable 'Ghost Mode'.

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## **Firefly**

During the period of 31st July – 4th August 2017, Firefly will be unavailable as the contents will be migrated to Firefly's cloud hosted platform. Functionality and layout will remain the same, but the URL that is used to access the site will be different and the registered account used to log in will need to be re re-registered. More information will follow after this process has been completed.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **Keeping children safe during the school holidays**

### **Keeping safe online**

A lot of work has been done in school this year via assemblies, PSE lessons and tutor time activities in order to help keep students safe online. Despite these efforts, there are always concerns and, last week, the school was alerted to an issue involving students being contacted via their Instagram accounts. It would appear that some students have been contacted via Instagram under the subject heading 'Windsor Boys School' and that they have been 'targeted' because they have included the name of the school in their 'Bio'. In replying to a message/friend request, boys have then made contact with a man unknown to the school. The school's advice is that the boys should not respond to a request from unknown contacts; boys may also want to remove the name of the school from their 'Bio' on Instagram to avoid them being approached online by someone searching for boys who attend the school.

The good news is that the boys involved realised that such behaviour should be reported to the school and that they should also tell their families about what had happened and so, pleasingly, the boys used the information that they had learned in school to keep themselves safe online.

For more information about staying safe online, please use the links below:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

## **Water Safety for Children and Young People**

You may already be aware of recent media coverage relating to children putting themselves at risk in open water. During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

### **The Water Safety Code: Spot the dangers!**

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

### **The dangers of water include:**

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill



### **Take safety advice!**

Special flags and notices may warn you of danger. Know what the signs mean and do what they tell you.

Learn about [water safety signs](#) and the [flags](#) you should look out for on the beach.

### **Go together!**

Children should always go with an adult, not by themselves.

An adult can point out dangers or help if somebody gets into trouble.

### **Learn how to help!**

You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.

If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999, ask for the Police at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

Find out about [rescue methods](#).

### **Want to know more?**

Now you know the Water Safety Code, try our [Water Wise Quiz](#) or look through our water safety [information sheets](#).

### **Further information & resources:**

<http://www.rosipa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/children-young-people/>

[http://www.respectthewater.com/?&gclid=CJLS\\_cn16M0CFSN22wodOZMGYQ](http://www.respectthewater.com/?&gclid=CJLS_cn16M0CFSN22wodOZMGYQ)

[The Royal National Lifeboat Institution](#)

[The Royal Life Saving Society](#)

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## Notice for Parents of Years 11, 12 & 13 regarding Exams

An Exam Recharges Payment Item will be added to ParentPay for all Year 11, 12 & 13 Students. This will allow you to pay any Exam related chargeable services eg 'Priority Remark', 'Priority Script Return' or having certificates posted Recorded Delivery, should it become necessary. You need only pay the amount advised by the Exams Officer, if you do not require any Exam related chargeable services, please ignore the Payment Item, it will be removed in September. Please make sure that your ParentPay account is activated now. We will be sending out ParentPay account activation emails to all those who have not yet activated their accounts over the next week, if you require assistance with your ParentPay account, email [nbean@twbs.co.uk](mailto:nbean@twbs.co.uk). There will be no cash/cheque handling facility during the School holidays.

## 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.

### **Windsor Learning Partnership: Community & Collaboration**

WLP is now in its third year of operation. Our foundation in 2015 was centred on two key words – community and collaboration. By working more closely together locally, we believe we can improve our schools as places where students learn and thrive. Expanding from two to four schools in May 2016 was a significant step as it meant the Trust covered all learning stages (Key Stages 1-5) and school phases in Windsor (first, middle and upper). This has allowed us to take forward the work of fostering a more joined-up approach, sharing our best practices and looking for ways to improve students' experiences and progress. The purpose behind collaboration is clear. Children attending first schools today will in an all-too-short a time be sitting A levels in our upper schools. Everyone wants them to have the best school experience possible and achieve as much as they can, whatever their abilities and talents.

A great deal of this work is, of course, in the background. It has been driven over this past year by the WLP's Headteachers' Forum which brings together senior leaders from our schools. Over recent months it has also involved other Windsor middle and first schools as we try to foster greater collaboration more widely across the community. We hope in the year ahead this deepens and, in due course, we can welcome additional first and middle schools into WLP.

We have spent time over the past year with our newest schools – Dedworth Green First School and Dedworth Middle School – to learn more about them and to help them with their work to achieve better outcomes. Collaborative approaches and shared ways of working, whether in relation to student assessment, subject and curriculum planning, staff recruitment and development, or financial management can all make a difference to learning and teaching in the classroom. The hard and committed work of all our students and teachers has seen improved results at both Key Stages 1 and 2 reported this summer. Alas, at the end of term, we say goodbye to Stuart Muir, joint headteacher at Dedworth Middle School. Over a long time, Stuart has made a large and real difference to the school and the students who have been there. We wish him well for the future.

At the other end of school life, we await the summer GCSE and A level results. There will be nervous weeks ahead for students and staff, particularly given the changes to some GCSEs this year. Our two upper schools – The Windsor Boys' School and Windsor Girls' School – work increasingly closely together across subjects and activities. This year we have made real progress in developing joint sixth-form provision across The Windsor Boys' and Windsor Girls' schools, to maintain and extend subject choice and quality. From September, we expect around half of classes to be mixed. We will be doing more next year to ensure the sixth-form experience at both schools is a rich and enjoyable one.

There are many challenges and changes affecting schools. Recruiting new teachers requires imagination. I am pleased that our trainee teacher programme has been such a success in bringing newly qualified teachers into the Trust. School funding remains tight and so needs to be very well managed, and the wider education environment is often uncertain. Whatever the stresses and strains, we are always greatly reliant on our teachers and support staff.

Thank you to all our staff and, of course, students, who have done so much over the past year. As a Trust, we are committed to do as much as we can to make our schools a vibrant success for all our students, whether six or sixteen. Here comes the summer!

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Parent/Guardian

14 July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**M11 school bus service to Windsor Boys School, Windsor Girls School and Trevelyan School.**

I am writing to advise you that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, you will no longer be able to buy 10-day journey tickets on the M11 route.

If your son/daughter is not entitled to free home to school transport, you may still be able to buy a pass for this service if spare places are available.

We offer annual or termly payment options; if you pay termly you will need to make a new application each term to receive a new pass.

The current cost of an annual pass for the academic year 2017/18 is £295. The current cost of a termly pass for the academic year 2017/18 is £98.34

If you wish to apply for a pass please do so on-line by using this link:

[https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201022/school\\_transport\\_applications](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201022/school_transport_applications)

and select the 'Pay for Transport (if you child is not eligible for free transport)' option.

If you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at [Transport@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:Transport@rbwm.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

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## Dates for Your Diary

18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Last day of term
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	AS/A2 results: Year 13 - 9.00 am Year 12 - 10.00 am
24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	GCSE results - Year 11 - 9.30 am
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Inset Day
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Term starts for Year 9
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Term starts for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13