



Academy NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a great privilege to be writing my first article for the Academy News and I would like to say thank you to all of the staff and students who have made me feel so welcome.

As you can see in this edition, there is so much happening at WCA for us to be proud of.

In particular, I feel a special mention should go to Lucy Button who represented herself so well when speaking on stage at Wembley Arena. What a fantastic experience, she spoke so well and she really was a credit to the school. I really enjoyed hearing their stories on their return, it sounded like quite an adventure.

I recently wrote to our parents and carers as a way of introduction and to express my intentions in terms of the expectations we place upon our students. As a parent myself, I want my children to be safe, happy and successful in school and I believe that for most parents it is probably the same. I therefore expect the school to operate on our strong values of respect, hard-work and positivity and we will reinforce those values throughout. Of course, this means that sometimes we need to be strict but only because it is the right thing to do for our students. In return, we as staff will be equally respectful, hard-working and positive and it is important that as we develop, we maintain strong relationships at the heart of the school.

It is important that our students have fantastic opportunities throughout their five years with us and it is a credit to the staff in the school to see so many activities taking place, both sporting and otherwise. Equally, it is important that learning is engaging and fun and I am focused on developing a reputation for exceptional lessons that are engaging and enjoyable and which challenge our learners to want to find out more. I would like to personally thank all of the staff for all that they do and for their continued dedication in supporting our students. Finally I want to reassure you as a parent or carer that we will work relentlessly as a team to ensure that we deliver on our promises and that Winterton Community Academy is a school that you can be proud of.

I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Mr K Rowlands



Winterton Goes to Wembley



On 7th March 2018, a group of our students travelled to the SSE Arena for an unparalleled event bringing together world-renowned speakers, A-list performers, and tens of thousands of young people to celebrate a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives.

WE Day is a movement bringing youth together to make the world a better place. It is the global movement of our time which celebrates the change young people are making in the world.

It has evolved from a single event nearly eight years ago into a series of 14 stadium-sized events held across the UK, Canada and the United States.

You can't buy a ticket to WE Day as students earn their event tickets by taking one local and one global action through WE Schools. This is a year-long, educational programme that engages and empowers young people to become compassionate leaders and active citizens.

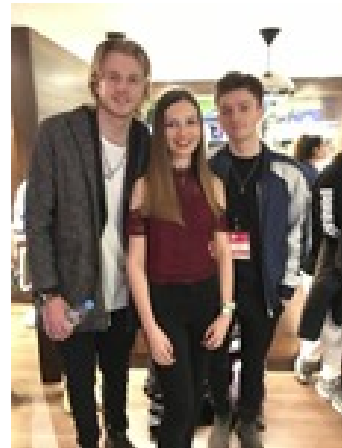
Lucy Button, from year 10, is one of only two students in the UK chosen to appear on stage to give a speech.

Fourteen students from Winterton Community Academy, including Lucy, and staff members Julie Davey and Neil Hodge attended WE Day.

The event saw thousands of people attending and featured Lily Collins and Holly Branson. Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie also spoke at the event, along with the Vamps and Hrvy.



Lucy Button, Amy Bilton, Ellie Young, Charlotte Walker, Alysha Allan, Lauren Spark, Lexie Darnill, Eloise Ferrer, Millie Crawford, Tiana Cranidge, Eleanor Lonsdale, Sam Brown, Caitlin Mortimer and James Cranston with Mrs Davey and Mr Hodge



‘I was invited to talk at WE Day UK following on from the work I did for “Stand Up & Shine”, and raising the profile of anti-bullying, self confidence, individuality and inclusiveness. It was a massive privilege to stand on stage at Wembley Arena in front of 12,000 people with celebrities. It is something I will never forget.’ Lucy Button



Sports Results



Our Year 8 rugby team have won the district rugby competition for the fourth time. We beat teams from Axholme, Brumby and St Bede's schools. An excellent result for the Academy. Well done boys!

The year 7 girls football made it to the Humberside cup semi finals. They were very unlucky to loose on penalties to St Mary's from Hull.

The year 7, and year 10 boys football teams both made it to the cup quarter finals.

The year 9 Boys team won their cup quarter final and will play Baysgarth in the semi final. Shane Scott completed his hat trick when he scored a last minute winner!



Our year 10 futsal team came second in the recent Scunthorpe tournament.

Superb results for the Academy teams. Keep up the good work!

School Athletics



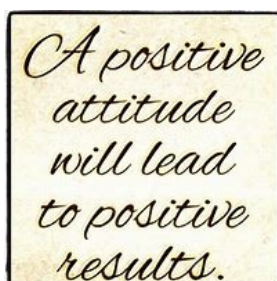
GCSE PE students attended a competitive day of athletics at the EIS Sheffield last month. Throughout the day they competed in a range of events in order to achieve times and distances for their GCSE qualification. During each event videos were taken in order to review techniques with teachers from different schools assessing the performances in order to standardise grades. The day was truly successful with the students representing the academy to an incredibly high standard.

"Going to Sheffield benefited me by being able to talk to other people about sports and it will help me with my options. I also learnt about different techniques and rules." - Mia Diaz

Cross Country Update

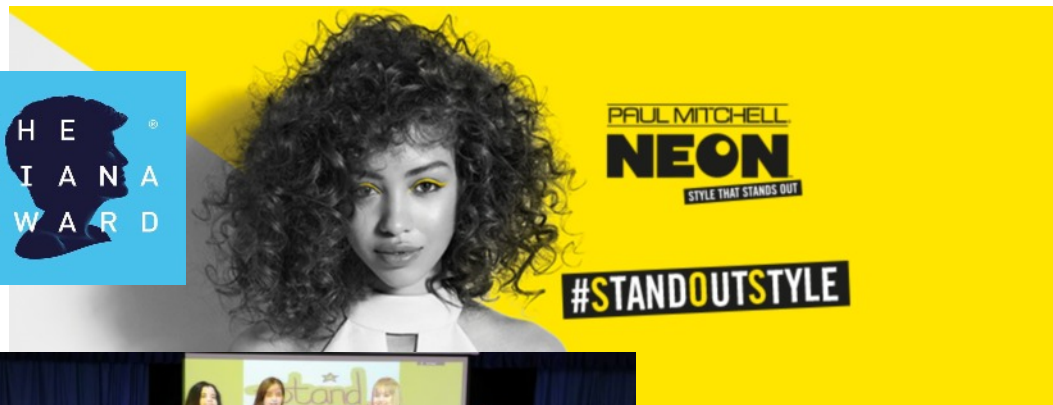


The Year 7 (Minor Girls) team won the District round in December and also won the Humberside Cross Country round at the beginning of February in Hull. We are all very proud of their achievements.



The Year 10 Boys team finished 3rd at the Humberside Cross Country Round.

Individual students, Harry Baker, Sam Blackburn and Millie Weaver have all qualified for the English Schools round.



Remembering Kathryn Hawley who sadly passed away 26th March. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign partnered with hairdresser Paul Mitchell last year for a new project.

Paul Mitchell are celebrating young people across the UK who have done exceptional anti-bullying work in their schools, communities or online. As a brand, Paul Mitchell believes in giving back. With the launch of the Neon range, Paul Mitchell saw an opportunity to support The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign in empowering young people to tackle bullying in their schools and communities.

To do this, they recruited a UK Neon Anti-Bullying Squad to inspire other young people with their anti-bullying stories. Year 10 student Lucy Button, who is also an Anti Bullying Ambassador for the school, was successfully chosen from the UK as one of the six UK Neon Squad Members. This led to a photo shoot and launch event of the products in London.

Year 10 student Lucy, who is 15, said: "At primary school, I was always a buddy that helped people. When I got to secondary school, I was an anti-bullying ambassador".

Following on from this Lucy was inspired to create a 'Winterton Neon Squad' with the help of Mrs Davey and Alex Garner of Xandria's hair Salon, and on 26th January they took part in a photo shoot and presented a show case to celebrate self confidence, individuality and inclusiveness.

Julie Davey, Inclusion Mentor at the school, said "We have worked closely with the Diana Awards for the last 10 years. It just shows what we are doing as a school. It has brought us all together. It is just promoting self confidence in the kids."

The event pulled the community together, and there are lots of people to be thanked for their help, in

particular, Beauty by Liv and Soph (Olivia Savage and Sophie Grimoldby), and Kazooieloki Photography, Thomas Sharpless for his magic on the night and ex-Winterton Community students Rebecca Day (Miss Lincolnshire) and Zaky Own.

The Stand Up and Shine event raised over £800 and funds will be split between the school and the Diana Awards Anti-Bullying Charity.

"We're so proud of Lucy's achievements and all her hard work tackling bullying. The money that she's raised will help us to train even more young people to stand up to bullying in their schools, communities and online".

Katie Collett

Head of Anti-Bullying - Diana Awards



Winterton Community Academy is hosting an event 18 July 2018



An 'Anti-Bullying Ambassador training day' is an event held at a school or venue where up to 150 students from one area will come together to be trained as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Students will network with other passionate young people, exchange ideas and share good practice. Attending a training day will help kick start or develop your schools Anti-Bullying work and allow students to creatively explore and understand the topic of bullying.

Anti-Bullying Ambassador is targeted towards young people aged 7-18 within an educational setting. This training is for all abilities and for both primary and secondary schools in England. If you have any particular enquiries, please contact us via email at events@diana-award.org.uk to discuss.

Students will leave the day feeling inspired and full of fantastic ideas! The event will cover:

- Understanding the issue of bullying; facts, the definition and the effects of bullying
- Practical ideas, top tips and explore scenarios on bullying in groups
- Basic training looking at the skills needed to support others and stay safe
- Online safety and approaches students and staff can take to staying safe online and educating their peers
- A networking session with students from other schools to share ideas
- Video examples of schools we currently work with
- Action planning – helping students to think of a plan to take back to school and set targets and aims for their Anti-Bullying work
- Plus lots more including fun games...!

Schools have seen increased attendance, attainment, improved behaviour and reduction of bullying with anti-bullying work contributing to positive Ofsted inspection reports. You can see some examples of how schools have implemented the programme here: <http://www.antibullyingpro.com/showcase> which features videos of staff and students explaining the impact of the programme and their anti-bullying work.

Each student will receive a training booklet, a guide to take home to their parent/guardians, branded pen and pencil, Anti-Bullying Ambassador badge, notepad, wristband and a certificate for attending the day.

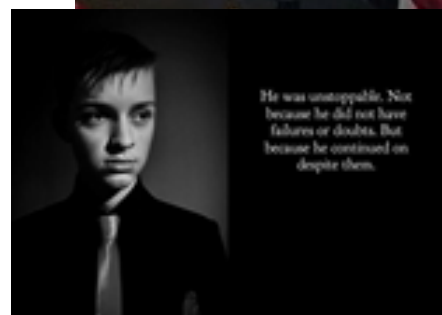
Each staff member will receive a 1 hour training session and a guide for staff members with ideas on good practice to take back to your school. Ongoing support will be provided to your Anti-Bullying Ambassadors once trained.

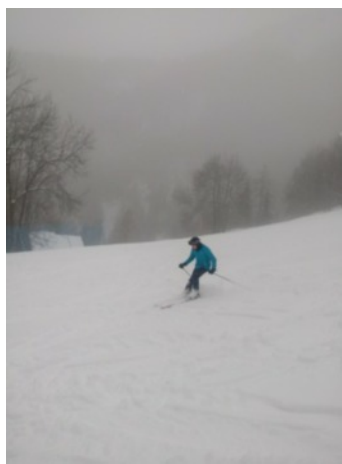
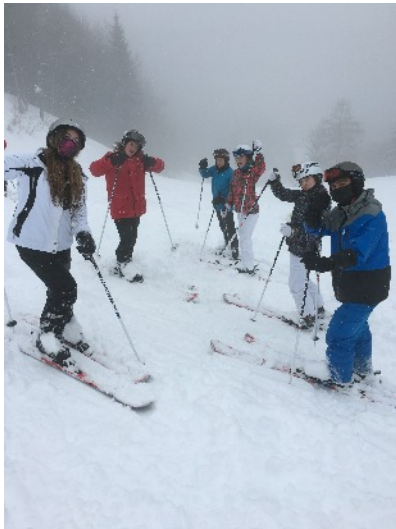


Department for Education

Magic and Music

Year 8 student **Thomas Sharpless** recently organised a 'Magic and Music' evening in aid of the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. Thomas has been learning magic for around 4 years. His love for magic started after seeing a magician perform whilst on holiday. He has recently met and performed to DYNAMO and Britain's Got Talent winner Richard Jones. Thomas decided he wanted to use his magical talent and his love for music to raise money for a great cause. The evening was held at Winterton Rangers and included magic from Thomas and fellow magician Greg Chipman who wowed the guests with their close up magic. There was also live music from Winterton's Luke West and local group Johnny and the Rockets along with a disco and a raffle. **The event was a huge success and raised an amazing £1000.**







Courmayeur 2018

The annual ski trip takes place every February half term and is remembered for being a fantastic experience.

The days are very busy but exciting. From the great instructors and spending the day learning to ski to ending the day with a choice of après ski activities. Not forgetting the daily trip to the town centre.

This year our après ski activities included a karaoke night, swimming, a pizza night and a disco.

Overall it was an unforgettable trip with good food, good company and fun-filled days.

Emily Pooley



Spotlight On Staff

Declan Dobbs interviewed Mr Sidell:

Did you ever get into trouble at school?

Yes, they introduced a new school rule because of something I did ... No Comment!

Do you have a hobby?

Spreadsheets, spreadsheets, spreadsheets, singing to my dog Lou Lou and video games. I like to go camping in the summer and reading psychology, economics and popular science books.

What is the best present you have received?

I once convinced a year 11 class that I received a present of colour vision, which everyone received in 1978 - it was a lie. The best present was a Rustic Knife making course my wife bought for me last year.

What is your favourite band -have you ever seen them live?

My favourite bands are the Black Keys, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Daft Punk and Justice. I have a very diverse taste in music. I have never seen any of them live.

How would your friends describe you?

"Mr Sidell is like a Honey Badger. Hard working, tenacious and intelligent !" - Mr Hagerup.



Where would you like to visit and why?

Japan, it is so culturally different from here that its the closest I'll get to an alien planet. I also like Samurai Kimono patterns.



Do you have any pets?

Lou Lou my dog. She is a Wheaton Terrier. She likes Baby Bel, chicken goujons and porridge.

What is your favourite film/film star?

'Any Given Sunday'. Its a film about American Football (which I don't like). I like 'Goodfellows' and films that make me cry.

Who would you like to meet?

I would like to meet Richard Branson, I think he would be very engaging. I'd like to attend a party with Putin and Trump, and see them passing notes and giggling, and saying to Chris Kamara "look at that". I'd like to get Chris Kamara's autograph for my wife.

What is your favourite food?

I do like chocolate eclairs, fish and chips and Baby Bels. The Baby Bel is an enigma I can't explain. It's appeal is greater than the combination of its flavour and exoticness. SYNERGY!

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

The best thing is that children are funny and appreciate you more than adults. Their attitude keeps you young.



The Withington Trust

The Withington Trust provides financial assistance for North Lincolnshire students wishing to take part in activities.

The Withington Trust was created following the will of the late ex-headteacher of Frederick Gough School, Peter Withington, who was headteacher from 1966 to 1977. He bequeathed money for the purpose of providing financial assistance for young people under the age of 21 who undertake activities that are not normally provided for in a normal educational curriculum.

In the past, the Trust has awarded up to £350 for equipment or other costs associated with the provision of these extra-curricular activities. The Trust cannot pay for course fees, but does provide a helping hand that has assisted hundreds of North Lincolnshire pupils during its existence.

HOW TO APPLY

Young people who wish to apply for financial assistance are invited to write to:

The Withington Trust
Frederick Gough School
Grange Lane South
Scunthorpe
North Lincolnshire
DN16 3NG



Please include:

Personal information

Begin with your name and give additional details such as your interests, school/college attending and course of study.

Explain why you are applying

- Detail the reasons why you are applying, eg for equipment, or to support extra-curricular activities or charitable events (please note course fees cannot be funded)
- Give a clear explanation of your circumstances and explain how you meet the criteria of the Trust (under 21 and resident of North Lincolnshire)
- Explain what actions you have taken to help with your finances, such as taking up employment, sponsorships etc.
- Where possible provide a breakdown of associated costs
- Explain how the funding will help you. Requirements: Under 21 and resident in North Lincolnshire

Please note there is a limit to funding.

Successful bids are usually from the sporting, musical or dance/drama backgrounds. But anything could be considered.

Easter Concert

On the 19th March, we held our annual Easter Concert at the Academy.

For the past nine weeks our School Orchestra, String Band, Wind Band and both our Senior and Junior Choir have been rehearsing tirelessly and regularly for this event.

Some students and teachers were selected to perform solos - including our very own Mr Hodge, singing 'Chasing Cars' by Snow Patrol to close the concert.

Other solos included some of our year 11 GCSE music students and one of our year 10 students. Also, our year 10 GCSE group, Klangerz, returned, after their spectacular performance of 'Silent Night' at our previous concert, with their take on 'Edelweiss' from The Sound of Music.

Alongside many other great pieces, some to be remembered include 'Pirates of the Caribbean', 'Defying Gravity' and 'Raise Me Up'. Also Evelyn Carruthers and her original GCSE composition 'Serenely Silver' the 7W/I Samba Group and the returning Guitar Group.

We would like to give a massive thanks to Mrs Watson for all her time and dedication to the concert, working every lunch time to make sure we had a concert to put on. None of this could have been done without her.

Well done to everyone who took part from our newest students through to our more experienced students.

Sophie Hutchinson, Will Brown, Simone Sullivan



Now is the time of year when many students will be thinking about a part-time job for the summer or applying for apprenticeships. Here is some valuable information to help you.

CV tips

1. Keep it concise - one page or two pages maximum. Short and snappy sentences and bullet points! We want to be able to 'read' your CV in about a minute.

2. Put the most important information in the top paragraph. Summarise your qualifications (grades/predicted grades and subjects), experience and something outstanding about yourself.

3. If you choose to include a photograph ensure it is a head shot only and that you look professional. It should be taken in front of a plain background.

4. Include only the most important and most relevant information. If you have work experience which is not relevant to the vacancy explain the skills you have used/developed in the work you have done.

5. Always check the vacancy entry requirements and that you are including and highlighting these.

6. Make sure you explain gaps where you are not in education or employment.

7. Your name and contact details should be at the top.

8. Prospective employers like to be mentioned in your CV – make it bespoke to the vacancy/employer.

9. Ensure your CV is up to date. In the first paragraph you could explain your current status and why the role would be a good match for you.

10. What if you don't have work experience? Have you done any volunteering? What makes you interesting? Can you work alone? In a team? Have you managed a project? Lead a group? Organised an event? Are you in a sports team? What are you passionate about?

11. Tell the truth! It is likely we will ask you for additional information during an interview so expect to be asked further about your CV.

12. Get it checked. Your spelling and grammar should be correct.

13. Don't make the layout too fancy. Keep your font standard such as Ariel size 10 (minimum).

Application tips

- Read the advert and instructions carefully – who and what are the employer looking for? Make sure you answer the questions and be honest

- Complete the application before the deadline – sometimes this date is brought forward when there are a large number of applications

- Get your application and CV checked for spelling and grammar before submitting it – ask someone else to read it through

Interview tips

- First impressions count

- Dress smartly (but you don't need to wear a suit), wear clean shoes, brush your hair

- Smile when you walk into the room

- Introduce yourself to the interview panel and shake hands with them at the start and end

- You may want to bring something with you i.e. models you have made, pics of a project you have been involved with

- When asked a question give as full an answer as possible

- Try not to be nervous

- Breathe

- Do your research on the Company

- Think about why you are applying for the position

- What are the key things you want to tell the interview panel

- Prepare some questions to ask

- Remember this is your chance to show how good you are

- The interviewers are not there to trip you up



Staffing Updates

This term has seen a change in our premises and care taking staff. Mr Bray and Mr Key have both moved to new ventures. We all wish them well for the future. The premises team has now been restructured with Miss J Hodge accepting the Manager position and Mr Khan has joined us as Premises Supervisor.

The Senior Leadership Team lead by Mr K Rowlands has also taken on a new look. And comprises of:

Mr R Featherstone	- Deputy Head
Mrs L Daveran	- Assistant Head
Mrs A Dalowsky	- Lead Practitioner & Head of PE
Miss J Hodge	- Finance & Premises Manager



In Christian faith eggs represent a symbol of new beginnings, new life and renewed faith.

The act of exchanging gifts of eggs dates back to the time of the Egyptians and Persians! Painted eggs were given as gifts to symbolize fertility and new life.

Chocolate Easter eggs were not introduced until the early 1900s. Before the exchanging of chocolate eggs, gifts consisted of decorated chicken eggs and stuffed hollow cardboard eggs.

The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol.

The largest ever Easter egg hunt was in Florida, where 9,753 children searched for 501,000 eggs.

In 2007, an Easter egg covered in diamonds sold for almost £9 million.



A ladder hangs over the side of a ship anchored in a port. The bottom rung touches the water. The distance between rungs is 20 cm and the length of the ladder is 180 cm. The tide is rising at the rate of 15 cm each hour. When will the water reach the seventh rung from the top?

A man builds a house rectangular in shape. All the sides have southern exposure. A big bear walks by. What colour is the bear? Why?

The bear is white since the house is built on the North Pole.
If the tide is raising water, then it is raising the ship on water, too. So the water will still only reach the first rung.



Year 8 students recently took part in an Outdoor Education visit to Dearne Valley.

They had an excellent few days and were a credit to the Academy.



Friends of Eco-Schools England



Some of our students have taken to the highways and byways of Winterton, to take part in the **Great British Spring Clean**. This is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring communities across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches. Developed to inspire people to get outdoors, get active and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us.

"Together we can make a difference and clean up the environment on our doorstep, and take a stand against litter"

Waste Product decomposition time

Item Breakdown time

Banana Skin	3 - 4 weeks
Paper Bag	1 month
Cardboard	2 months
Apple core	1 - 2 months
Aluminium Cans	> 1 million years
Orange Peel	Up to 2 years
Cigarette Butts	Up to 12 years
Plastic Bags *	Up to 20 years
Plastic Bottle *	450 years
Glass	1-2 million years

* Petrochemical products never truly breakdown and remain in the environment forever.

- Find a bin and put your litter in or have a litter bag in your car to dispose of rubbish appropriately.
- If you are in an area with no bins, carry a bag and take it with you when you leave to discard later.

Each year over 5,000 animals in the UK are killed or injured by litter.

#GBSpringClean #LitterHeroes

