



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you at the end of a really positive term.

2019 has been a fantastic year for the school, with fantastic results in the summer and a real sense of progress in terms of building a positive culture with teaching and learning at the heart of everything. I can see a real change throughout the school and our pupils continue to rise to the challenges that we put before them.

In the summer, we saw the arrival of a number of new staff, some experienced, some new to the profession and this term, each one of them has made a fantastic contribution to the school, building strong relationships and inspiring students across all of the year groups. The feedback from our pupils has been excellent and I am delighted that our new colleagues have been able to settle so quickly and compliment the fantastic team that was already here.

We have a teacher nomination box where pupils can post a note to say thank you to a teacher. Each week, those receiving a nomination also receive a chocolate treat, so it has been fantastic to see them receive so many nominations and certainly an indication that our pupils have made them feel welcome.

There have been so many highlights and a real emphasis on developing clubs and wider enrichment opportunities to compliment our curriculum. The Chatterbox Café has been a huge success as has the homework club. Other highlights have included the creation of a Premier League Podcast and a wide range of sports and music opportunities. We have again seen our students going to a number of anti-bullying events up and down the country and it always impresses me to see the confidence and maturity with which they conduct themselves.

We have in recent weeks seen the senior student leadership team take ownership for the recruitment of the wider student council. They have led a rigorous selection process and managed the whole process impressively. Congratulations to all who have been successful, but also well done to those who didn't get selected this time. The way so many students came forward with the ambition to represent and make a difference is very reassuring.

Looking forward, we will continue to shape the school for the long term future, embedding high expectations and ambitions, creating fantastic opportunities and delivering engaging and enjoyable learning opportunities. The school feels very positive from a behaviour perspective and whilst we still encounter the occasional challenge, our students are increasingly demonstrating the attitudes and values that we expect of them.

I am pleased with the progress that we are making and as we look forward to 2020 we will continue to do whatever it takes to ensure that your sons and daughters are safe, happy and successful in school.

Have a fabulous Christmas and best wishes for 2020.

Mr Rowlands

Important Dates

7th January 2020 - School re-opens
14th February - Break for half term
24th February - Back to school
11th March - Winterton Schools' Concert.



December 2019

N Academy NEWS



Now in its eighth year, North Lincolnshire Council's Community Champion Awards ceremony continue to recognise unsung heroes in communities across North Lincolnshire. A big well done to Charlotte and Kieran who were recognised and invited to the prestigious awards ceremony held at The Baths Hall.

Hardwork - Respect - Positivity



On Friday lunchtimes Mrs Burman has transformed the cookery room into 'The Chatterbox Cafe'. Pupils can come to enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake along with their friends and take time for a chat and to unwind, in a calm and peaceful environment.



Bethany and Lauren have done a fantastic job of replacing the flowers at the front entrance of the school.



BBC Children in Need

The Children in Need event took place at the BBC Building in Queen's Gardens, Hull. It was on Friday 15th November and was open to the public from 6pm. I was one of three face painters working inside the building. There were also stalls selling Children in Need merchandise. Outside in front of the building, there was a band, stalls selling candy floss and a huge LCD screen. This is where Peter Levy did his live links during the Children in Need coverage. We were lucky enough to go outside and stand in the crowd during the live TV segments. I saw Peter Levy get dunked in the wheelie bin full of cold water when enough money was raised! When the cameras stopped rolling a big security guard lifted him out and the St John's Ambulance gave him a shiny blanket! He looked freezing, and entered the building again to a standing ovation from everyone there.

I've had an email from the event organiser saying that we helped to raise over £1,100. It was a fantastic evening and I enjoyed it a great deal. We painted so many Pudsey faces! I hope I can be involved again next year!

Miss Bartlett



DROP DOWN DAY

On Friday 27th September Brandon visited our school to talk about his experiences with Mental Health and well-being.

All pupils watched a unique and entertaining performance from the artist, which was followed by a Relationships, Mental Health & Cyber Bullying educational message.

We as a school would like to take this opportunity to say what a great advocate Brandon is for the above issues.

He showed great professionalism throughout the day and his pitch for the presentations was just at the right level too.

After everything he has been through he should feel very proud of himself.

He touched the hearts of many pupils which brought to light some issues that we are now addressing in school.

The pupils and staff loved him. He is a man of many talents and we look forward to him visiting our school again soon.

Brandon you are welcome here anytime.

Cathy Johnson
PSHE Lead



Forest School.

Forest school is an outdoor education delivery model in which students visit natural spaces to learn personal, social and technical skills. It has been defined as "an inspirational process that offers children, young people regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a woodland environment".

They are involved in building medium and low level shelters using a variety of forest school skills.

Last year a group of year 8 students were involved in similar workshops when Bev Oliver a Forest Ranger came in to offer a 10 week course. We would like to extend our thanks to Bev for allowing us to be a part of the experience and for sharing many valuable lifelong skills with our students.

Mrs C Johnson





Challenge 10,000 is a fund raising event for Lindsey Lodge Hospice and the second year Winterton Community Academy have entered a team for this challenge with amazing results.



Most Improved \Stepper
Terrie Pearson +69,676 steps in Wk4
Team: Strictly Come Steppers,
Winterton Community Academy

Most improved Team
Winterton Community Academy
+129,503 Steps in wk4



Lindsey Lodge Hospice provides high quality, specialist palliative care to local people and families living with life limiting illnesses for over 27 years. Services are delivered free at point of use.

They are an independent charity working across North Lincolnshire to provide a wide range of services at the end of life, along with bereavement and family support services. They rely on fundraising and donations from the local community to meet their costs.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NLChallenge10000-2019>

Overall the Team came sixth out of a total of 96 teams. A total of **2189173 steps** - **1094.5 miles** and won Normanby Hall passes as a reward for being the best improved team.



THE HARDER
YOU WORK
FOR SOMETHING,
THE GREATER
YOU'LL FEEL
WHEN YOU
ACHIEVE IT.

Well done.

Keep Stepping!

Sports Round-up



Winterton Community Academy's under-14 girls netball team finished district runners up and qualified for the county round.

They played on Saturday 9th Nov at Skegness in the county round and finished 7th in the county.

All our teams are a huge credit to WCA and their parents.

Under 12 Girls Hockey team competed in a schools tournament

The under 15 girls netball team have been busy with lots of fixtures this term.



The year 11 netball team have played in their final netball tournament



The year 7 team did very well in a development tournament.

WELL DONE TO ALL TEAMS



Reading Stars

A group of our students attended the Togger Art workshop as part of the Scunthorpe United Reading Stars Programme. They were asked to create their own Togger player, draw them and describe what they are doing. All these photos can be seen on the Togger Books website, in the Togger Books Hall of Fame.



Rianna Busby showed great initiative and produced a YouTube video about Togger Books. The author was so impressed that he offered Rianna another opportunity to make a series of short videos for YouTube and for her to become the Togger Books Champion. Rianna also received a hamper of posters, sweets, pencils, a t-shirt and four new Togger books that have not yet hit the shelves.

"Your YouTube video really made our day, because it was brilliant." Stephen J Ward, Author/Illustrator Togger Books.



I am me

I am proud and strong, happy
and unique, loved and cared
for.

I am me...

I am brave and cheerful,
joyful and courageous,
fearless and outstanding.

I am me...

I am proud and strong, happy
and unique, loved and cared
for.

I am me!

The North Lincolnshire Council 'Poems for Pride' competition, was held in July this year. Students were asked to write a poem on the theme "What being unique means to me".

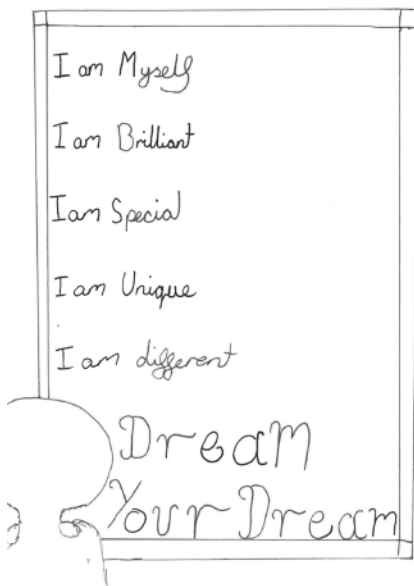
Two of our students who came up from Winterton Primary school were placed in the competition:

Matilda O'Sullivan- 1st Place, Primary Category

Jay Herbert- 3rd Place, Primary Category

These students were invited to a ceremony to celebrate the competition at **20-21 Visual Arts Centre in Scunthorpe**. The Mayor and Cllr Waltham were in attendance, and each student's poem was read out.

Well done to both students - we are extremely proud of them.



Bottle Top Collection

The whole school has been busy collecting plastic bottle tops which will be recycled for funds for Dove Cottage Hospice. Megan Drayton our year 9 student initiated this collection.



Spotlight On Staff



Which school did you work at before and why did you decide to come and work at Winterton?

I used to work at a school called Ormiston Maritime Academy.

When I came to visit Winterton I immediately had a really positive feeling towards the school and the students here at Winterton that made me want to come and work here and to help improve everyone's learning. I have worked with Mr Rowlands before and I was looking forward to working with him again. I wanted to try and make a difference to the young people here at Winterton.

Do you have any children?

I have two children a boy and a girl. The youngest, my daughter Ruby has just turned eleven this last week and I have son called Archie who he is thirteen.

What do you believe to be most important within school?

I think that it is making sure that students get the best possible experience within school because it helps them to work towards their GCSEs. I believe that it is important to 'make it happen' whether by being a classroom teacher or by supporting someone who has difficulties. It is my job to help students reach their full potential and work towards their career path and their future life.

What are your hobbies?

I like music and I own quite a few vinyl records, there is a lot of music in the house. I also enjoy going to the gym and swimming, as well as spending quality time with the family. I did enjoy golf and I used to bike to the golf club but fell off my bike about eighteen months ago and injured my arm quite severely and now I can't play golf anymore because I'm not able to swing my arm!

Why do you teach maths and what other subjects would you like to teach?

I have taught PE, ICT and accountancy previously but would gladly teach anything as I enjoy different subjects. The reason I wanted to teach maths is because when I was at school I enjoyed my maths lessons. I know that quite a few students struggle with their maths and I just wanted to make a difference and help them progress further so that they could reach their full potential within that subject.

How does it affect you when students are disrespectful?

It is difficult, however it is okay to make mistakes, because these are the things that we all learn from. The most important thing is that they realise their mistakes and that it is not appropriate to act that way towards others. I believe that respect is a two way street and that you should treat someone how you personally would want to be treated. It is just easier if we all get along because then it is an ideal environment to work in for the teachers and the students.

What do you think are the best things about our school?

Without a doubt the students are definitely the best thing about school. There are just lots and lots of lovely students here. Being able to work with so many of them and not just in the classroom but outside of the classroom as well as in my job as head of Ancholme.

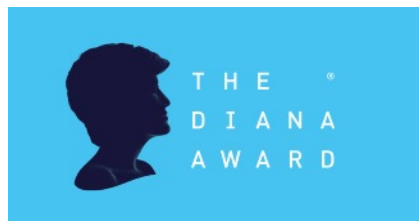
It's a nice sized school which means that I have time to get to know students really well along with getting to know the staff well too. You don't really tend to get that chance if you work in a large school. It is that type of school where you have time to get to know different individuals.

Megan Drayton Year 9





YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD



The Diana Awards is a charity set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and her belief that young people have the power to change the world.

Some of our year 8 students travelled to London to be a part of the 2019 conference at Alexandra Palace.

When Mrs Davey took us to London it was the best day ever by far of my whole time at Winterton Community Academy. We went to Alexandra Palace where the X Factor auditions were held and did workshops with famous people. It was such a good day and I'm so thankful Mrs Davey picked me to go. My favourite part was when we got to meet Cheer Up Charlie. Lennon Parkin Y8



Christmas Hamper

With the help of donations from the Academy and catering staff, Mrs Burman has been able to provide three hampers to donate to some of our families this Christmas. The hampers contained ingredients for a Christmas lunch and a few extra presents. Families were entered into a draw and the lucky winners had their hampers delivered in time for the big day. Thank you to all who donated and made this possible. **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**



Sports Update

There have been some super sporting achievement this term, well done to all the teams. Well done to everyone!

Year 10 Boys Badminton team were runners up in the District final.



Our year 7 boys took part in a schools rugby tournament and Year 9 football team have attended various fixtures.



Our Year 11 Football team have been busy all season along with Year 7 5-side team.



The under 12 boys hockey team were runners up in the district tournament and the under 15 boys rugby team were overall district champions



Diana Awards National Youth Board

Charlotte Ogg has been very busy this year as part of her role as Anti-Bullying Champion. She attended the Diana Awards National Youth Board event at the Facebook Offices in London in April and went to Blackpool in November for Anti-Bullying Week.



CHANGE STARTS WITH US

VARIETY SHOW



A super huge **WELL DONE** to all pupils and staff who performed in the Variety Show. Parents, friends and relatives were treated to a wide variety of talent of a truly professional standard.

The evening raised £280 towards school funds and future anti-bullying events.



Many thanks for raffle prize donations: **Bliss Beauty, Co-op, Tesco, George Hogg, The Butchers, Pizza Hot**

Science Club

Miss Dumbill started the first Science Club meeting of this term with a Halloween theme.

They started with a dissection of a Pluck (heart, lungs and liver) where the students wore gloves to feel the various organs.

They then made fluorescent slime and had fun stretching and moulding.

Miss Dumbill finished with a demonstration of 'Elephants Toothpaste' – decomposition of Hydrogen Peroxide – in a pumpkin. It quickly flowed out of the mouth, nose and eyes and managed to push the lid off, much to the students amazement.



Careers Evening



I would like to say that the careers evening was an amazing opportunity to find out about the many colleges and universities, which will be available to us when we leave school.



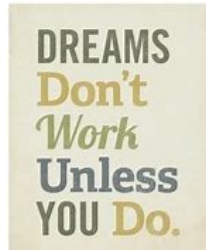
I would also like to add that many career representatives were present providing plenty of information such as the RAF, steelworks, fire service and NHS.



I spoke to the lady representing the University of Hull about what courses they have to offer. I talked to her specifically about how to join and about their geography course and what it would entail. I found it very informative and she made me feel at ease, answering all my questions and concerns.

I would have to say that attending one of these events would really benefit many people as it has certainly benefited me.

Jake Walkdon Year 11



Student Council

The student leadership team have presented in each of the school assemblies around their intent for the formation of the school council.

Applications were invited from students who wanted to serve on the school council, there were a total of 12 places to be filled across all year groups and houses. Applicants were short listed identifying a number of prospective candidates. These candidates were then invited to interview for the position. Standards were particularly high and it was decided to appoint five students from each house.

The newly appointed Student Councillors are:

HUMBER - Molly Field H8 Yr7
- Violet Barron H6 Yr8
- Daisy Padley H3 Yr8
- Josh Cowin H5 Yr10
- Dante Salvatore H2 Yr10

ANCHOLME - Saskia Laine A7 Yr7
- Jay Herbert A1 Yr7
- Summer Rush A2 Yr8
- Lizzy Knowles A4 Yr9
- Kirsten McCreadie A7 Yr10

TRENT - Miya West T1 Yr7
- Jasmine Matthews T8 Yr7
- Martha Walker T7 Yr8
- Georgia Fuller T3 Yr9
- Kayleigh Sargeant T1 Yr10



Pride of WCA

The Class of 2019 were invited with their parents and family, to a celebration evening, on Tuesday 12th November. They were presented with their GCSE certificates along with awards for personal recognition for achievements. After the presentation there was plenty of time to chat and catch up with their tutor and friends.



Martin Cooper Award
Harry Baker

Alison Bulman Award
Jasmine Knapton

Modern Foreign Language Award
Theresa McCann

Arthur Ecclestone Award
Lucy Button

Alan Warburton Award
Harry Baker

Physical Education Award
Gabriella Salvatore
Harry Baker

Catherine Hansard Award
Alysha Allan

Music Award
William Brown

Business Studies Award
William Brown

Burgon Award
Oscar Lawrance

English Award
Harry Baker

Computer Science Award
Declan Dobbs

Leo Adamson Award
Luke Cowling

Mathematics Award
Jessica Fuller

Health & Social Care Award
Tiana-Lee Cranidge

Wallace Sargent Award
Theresa McCann

Design & Technology Award
Samuel Brown

Christmas Jumper Day

Students wore their Christmas finest and donated money towards BFS Bosom Family Support - at Hope House in Bottesford, which supports Students and their families through difficult times of loss.

Mrs Burman presented a cheque to the charity of just over £200. This money will make a big difference to them. Thank you to all who donated and made this possible.



Easy Chocolate Truffles

Ingredients

For the chocolate ganache:

300g dark chocolate

300ml double cream

Truffle coatings:

Flaked almonds

chopped

Cocoa powder

Desiccated coconut



Method

To make the chocolate ganache: heat the cream in a pan until it is steaming and break the chocolate into a bowl. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate and mix together for 1 minute until glossy.

Pour into a small, deep tray or dish and leave to set at room temperature.

Using a teaspoon or melon baller scoop out neat rounds of the ganache and coat in the almonds, coconut or cocoa powder.

Feeding the Birds

Bethany Adams and Lauren Brown helped to assemble our new bird feeder at the front of the Academy. It is especially important to help our feathered friends at this time of year.

Many thanks to Brigg Garden Centre for their kind donation.



Our Pupil Priorities

At Winterton Community Academy, we want you to be the very best version of yourself. We want to support you to be a positive member of the community and ultimately, to be a highly respectable, decent human being.

The following priorities have been identified as areas that we can improve on and ultimately, help make the school a safer, happier place to be for everyone.

1. **Swearing:** Swearing is disrespectful and unnecessary. Find another way to express yourself.
2. **Litter:** This is your school, nobody enjoys being in an environment that is unclean. Bin it!
3. **Out of bounds / Running around corridors:** Boundaries are in place for your safety. Please respect them.
4. **Chewing:** Not allowed in school because it ends up everywhere... no gum please!
5. **Stay hydrated:** Everyone knows that drinking lots of water is important. Prepare yourself, bring a water bottle and fill it up at break / lunch. (not during transition / lesson time)
6. **Don't be rude or disrespectful:** Give your teachers respect, never argue back and always listen.
7. **Don't throw water:** It is unpleasant and creates an unsafe environment... stop doing it.
8. **Respect that people are different:** Whatever makes you different is the same for everyone else, celebrate and enjoy diversity, it makes life interesting.
9. **Respect the school environment:** The school environment is not there to be damaged / vandalised. If we spend money on repairs, we can't spend it on you.
10. **No violence...ever:** It is never ok to kick, hit, push, pull, barge or any other physical contact. Don't do it.

*Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for the
New Year from all the staff at
Winterton Community Academy*

"PEOPLE MAY
DOUBT
WHAT YOU SAY,
BUT THEY WILL
believe
WHAT YOU DO"

YOU GET
WHAT YOU
WORK FOR
NOT WHAT
YOU WISH
FOR.