



Merry Christmas



December 2021

Academy NEWS

At the end of the first term, I would like to start by saying thank you.

Thank you to our students, for they have been the very best of what Winterton Community Academy is about. Throughout this term, they continued to demonstrate our school values of respect, hard-work and positivity. They have responded incredibly well to the challenges they have faced, and it is a credit to them that on many occasions visitors have commented to say what a fantastic atmosphere there is around school, and how well our students have presented themselves. You are amazing!

Thank you to the wonderful staff throughout the school for their outstanding commitment and incredible hard work. Throughout the pandemic, they have stepped up, to do their very best at all times. They have often gone the extra mile to try and ensure that despite the challenges and restrictions in place, they can make good things happen for our students. As a result, our students have continued to have extra-curricular opportunities and opportunities for enrichment which are an important feature of school life, and I know our students appreciate the things that they do.

Thank you to our parents and carers, for your patience and support, and for placing your trust and confidence in us. We appreciate your understanding when things have become more difficult, and always it is our intention to work closely with you to ensure that we are doing the very best for your child. We are delighted that, despite the obvious challenges, we have been able to have parent / carer evenings once again, and with around 80% of our parents being able to visit us in person, it has been a pleasure to welcome you and to be able to talk to you in person about your child.

You will see from this newsletter that we have been busy throughout this term and I have enjoyed running the art and photography competitions. The aim of these competitions is to promote engagement and create opportunities to celebrate the diverse range of talent that we have within the school. In the summer we held a short story competition, and we will continue to promote different opportunities throughout the school year, to encourage our students to participate and get involved. It was also fantastic, particularly in the first half term, to see our sports teams once again involved in fixtures. I know our students love competing and we have a strong legacy of sporting success to emulate.

Looking forward to the new year, the school is in a really strong position and we are looking forward to continued success both academically and in terms of the broader experiences and development of our pupils. It is our mission to do whatever is necessary to ensure that all children within the school are safe, happy and successful, and that means an absolute commitment to high standards and expectations. We sweat the small stuff, because we care and that is why the details matter. Uniform standards, behaviour expectations, standards inside and outside of the classroom: all contribute to the development of our students, helping them to be successful as they progress into early adulthood. It is therefore important that we have a positive home-school relationship with you as parents and carers and we want you to feel involved and invested in your child's education. You are always welcome to visit the school and see how we are doing, and would ask that you please always contact us if you have any questions, concerns or feedback relating to your child.

Have a lovely, safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to a successful year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Rowlands

5 th January	- Return to school
11 th February	- Break for half term
21 st February	- Return to School

Stay
positive,
work hard,
make it
happen.



WEA Art Competition

During the first half of the Autumn term we ran an Art Competition which was open to all year groups. Students had to create a piece of art on the theme of 'Lincolnshire'

Congratulations to **Emma Hornsby** (Year 10) and **Jack Sands** (Year 7) who have both received a first prize for their entry.

Also, well-done to **Emma Walker** (Year 9), **Evelyn Bryant** (Year 10) and **Maisy Deakin** (Year 7) who all received a runners-up prize and special commendation. All prize-winning entries will be shared on our school Twitter account.



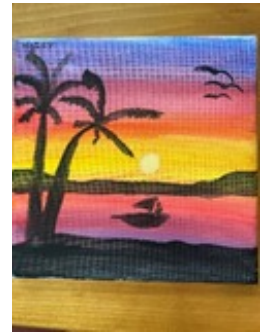
Emma Hornsby



Emma Walker



Evelyn Bryant



Maisy Deakin



Jack Sands



Jack Sands



Parenthood...

The most rewarding job in the world

And also the toughest

Need some advice about your child's behaviour or emotions?

Contact YoungMinds' Parents Helpline
0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk/parents

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Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

Mind North Lincolnshire

NHS North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Late night mental health support in Scunthorpe

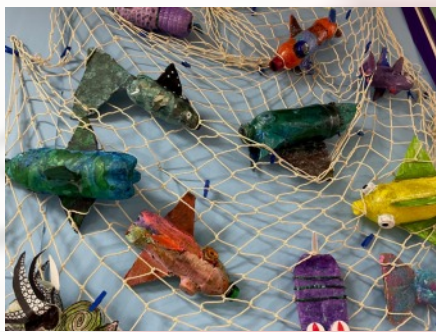
The Haven offers mental health support to people aged 16 and over in North Lincolnshire 7 days a week between 4 pm and midnight. Trained mental health support workers can support people to manage thoughts of self harm, low mood and anxiety, to help prevent them reaching crisis point. Anyone experiencing mental health distress is welcome to contact Haven on 01724 279500. Leave your name and telephone number and one of our staff members will call you back.

7 days a week (Monday to Sunday)

4 pm until midnight

Call 01724 279500 and leave a message with your name and telephone number and one of our staff members will call you back.

For more information about the service, please contact North Lincolnshire Mind on 01724 279500 (09:00–16:00 Monday to Friday) or visit www.northlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/the-haven/. In an emergency, please contact North Lincolnshire Crisis Team on 01724 382015.

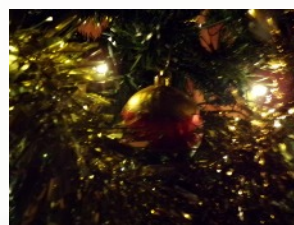
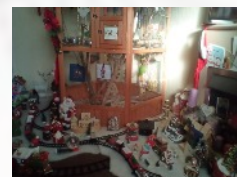


Key stage 3 Art

This term with Mrs Blackburn, Year 7 have been thinking about the environment using recycled plastic to create sea life, Year 8 have been enjoying papier-mâché and covering balloons with tissue and toilet roll, Year 9 have been using clay to make monsters.



The last week of term brought out our budding photographers with their entries for our Christmas themed competition. Again our students produced some excellent work. Well done to Abigail Sylvester, Harry Rush, Lucie Gable, Isabelle Sweeny, Seth Everitt and Mr Rowlands for their entries. Results will be announced in the New Year



Christmas Cheer!

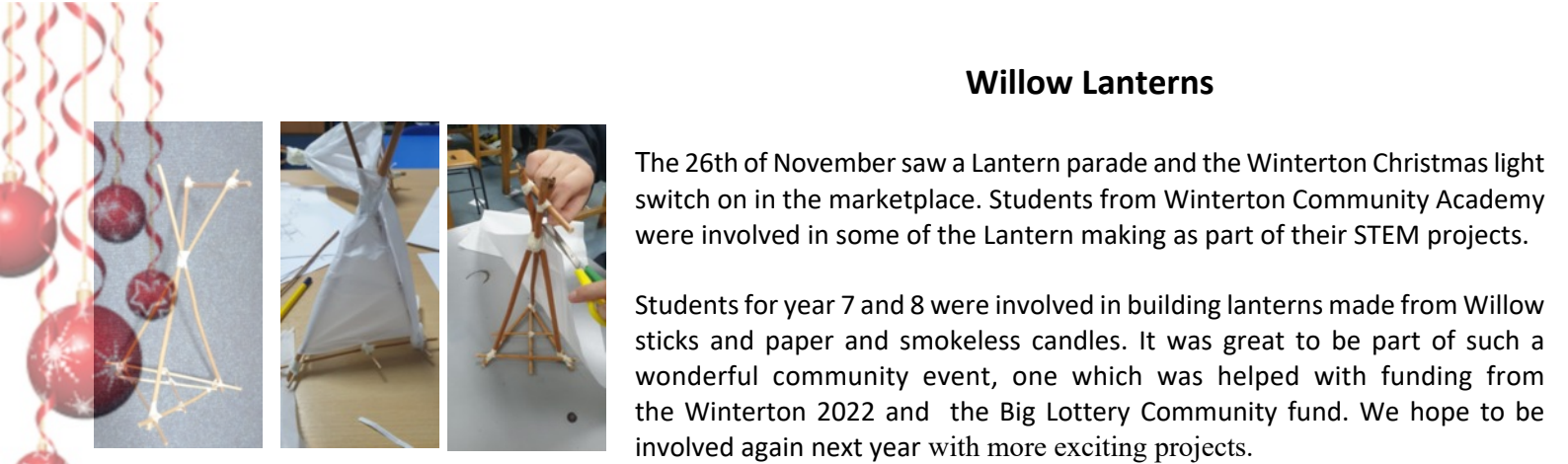
Staff at the Academy have donated items to provide five Christmas hampers.

These have been distributed to nominated families within our community by Mrs Burman.



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& HARD WORK
WILL ALWAYS
EARN YOU
SUCCESS

Willow Lanterns



The 26th of November saw a Lantern parade and the Winterton Christmas light switch on in the marketplace. Students from Winterton Community Academy were involved in some of the Lantern making as part of their STEM projects.

Students for year 7 and 8 were involved in building lanterns made from Willow sticks and paper and smokeless candles. It was great to be part of such a wonderful community event, one which was helped with funding from the Winterton 2022 and the Big Lottery Community fund. We hope to be involved again next year with more exciting projects.

The lights go back on! Year 8 making lamps

After the past 18 months negotiating bubbles and restrictions to limit the spread of COVID we have been delighted to welcome students back into the workshops this year.

This has enabled students to complete exciting practical work such as woodwork and electronics. It has been a thrill to see what the key stage three students have been able to produce in such a short time. We look forward to the term ahead with more exciting practicals in design technology, art, computing and food technology.

Miss Graves went to Mr Savoury's class to judge the best lamp. They were amazing! Niamh Rogalski and Niamh Dailey were the winners.



Engineering and STEM club



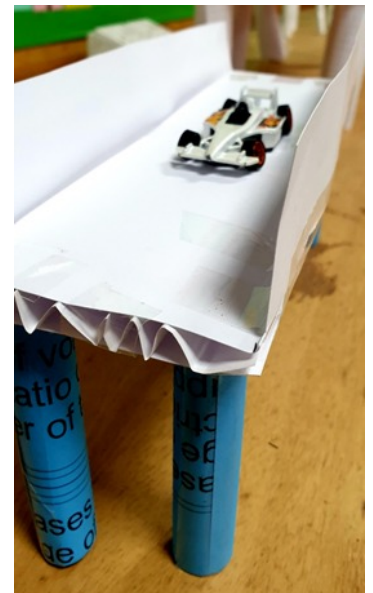
This past term has seen students from years 8, 9 and 10 being involved in STEM/Engineering lunchtime club. Currently we've been building Scalextric tracks and the ultimate fun part of testing our skills, racing on various circuits, inspecting banking and exploring the physics and mechanics of these designs. Some students have been involved in designing cars. Our aim is to build and manufacture these designs to enhance our Scalextric track.

The cars are designed using CAD Cam software and laser cutting tools. This has been very popular with students and has provided a great opportunity for refining and gaining skills in Engineering, but above all is just great fun!

Building Bridges

This term has seen students at key stage 3 being involved in a number of STEM projects such as the bridge building exercise. Students have competed against one another in teams testing their mechanical engineering design skills and communication in a race against the clock to build a bridge which would support a toy car and enable it to be transported across a surface using limited materials.

As with all STEM projects, these are fast paced lessons which test students' skills in a number of key areas. In the longer-term students will build up a portfolio of skills which will enable them to access the world of work and higher education with greater confidence.



Sports News

This half term began with the inter schools' badminton tournament which saw Dan Pooley, Ben Ferrer, Xander Keech-Mcleish and Charlie McCulloch represent the school at the North Lincolnshire school games. The boys played some good badminton but unfortunately did not progress to the next stage of the competition. This was then followed by the girl's tournament which saw Ana Curtis, Violet Barron, Amelia Dowse and Alexia Watson represent the school. The girls demonstrated their skills and banked a few wins within the pool stages but not enough to secure a place at the next round. Well done to all those who played and represented the school.

The Year 7 boys competed in Scunthorpe school's 5-a-side football tournaments this half term. The boys played exceptionally well, and achieved overall second place out of the twelve schools who attended which is fantastic! The team comprised of Alfie Paterson, Joshua Claypole, William Store, Xavier Cutillo, Olly Hall, Mikey Martin, Ethan Bellamy and Finlay Bristowe. The Year 8 girls were also in action at Scunthorpe school's 5-a-side tournament, the girls were full of enthusiasm and demonstrated fantastic school values and good sportsmanship throughout the competition. The team comprised of Sasha Dlugosova, Ruby Fisher, Freya Beach, Alana Keech, Chanel Saunders and Bethan Blanchard.

We were also pleased to see the return of cross country this year. It was fantastic to see our students competing in the school cross country competition and luckily the weather was in our favour with a cold but bright morning for the competitions. The same couldn't be said for the district competition! Year group winners were:



Year 7 - Alfie Paterson, Maria Lamberti

Year 8 - Oliver Frary, Sasha Dlugosova

Year 9 - Mason McDaid, Ana Tortosa-Diaz

Well done to the year group winners and to all those who took part on the day.



The start of December (and much colder weather!) saw our students compete at the District School Cross Country competition. The students were excellent on the day in terms of their organisation and the way they conducted themselves at the event. All students demonstrated great organisation and teamwork skills ensuring all runners were in the correct place at the correct time ready to run their race. There were some stand out performances on the day. Luci Lamberti won the Inter Girls event, Edward Spark achieved 5th in the Inter Boys, Sasha Dlugosova achieved 15th in the Junior girls, Maria Lamberti achieved 3rd in the Junior girls, Alfie Paterson achieved 2nd in the Junior Boys closely followed by William Store who achieved 7th place. Within the team events The Junior Boys achieved 2nd place and the Junior Girls achieved 3rd place. This will see several of our teams and individual runners compete at the next stage of the event, which is the County Competition to be held in the new year.



We look forward to welcoming students back after Christmas to our new activities and ready to face the next round of competitions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the PE department.

Students have been encouraged to develop their literacy and reading skills this term through the introduction of reading journals at Key Stage 3. We have also introduced literacy activities and reading for pleasure in tutorial time. Together with this we also have paired reading taking place in which our older students get to listen to the younger ones read on a weekly basis.

Certificates have been awarded for students with 15, 30, 50 and 100 reading entries in their journals, over

150 certificates were awarded this term. Alongside this students have received awards for reading from the 'advanced reading lists', these differ for each year group and can be found on our website.



Every Day Counts!

Attendance



By law, all children of school age (aged four to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. For most parents, this means registering your child at a school or you may choose to make other arrangements to provide a suitable, full-time education.

If your child is absent please contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence on 01724 732777. If we do not hear from you and your child is not in school, then we will call you. This system is for your child's safety and your peace of mind.

Any absences taken without the Headteacher's permission will be recorded as unauthorised in the school register and may result in a Penalty Notice or other legal intervention by the Education Inclusion Service

Benefits of school attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways

190 days in school	5 days absent	10 days absence	15 days absence	19 days of absence
	185 days of school	180 days of school	175 days of school	171 days of school
100% attendance	97% attendance	95% attendance	92% attendance	90% attendance
The best chance of success		Worrying.	Serious concern of not making progress or achieving.	

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

At the close of term, we will be saying goodbye to three members of our staff. Mrs Burman, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Vincent. Between them, these lovely ladies have been part of the Academy family for over 30 years. They will be sadly missed by students and staff alike. We wish them all the happiness in life beyond WCA.

Mrs Walton and Mrs Cummings have taken up posts at the Academy, as Inclusion Officer and Attendance Officer respectively. We wish them a long and happy career and look forward to getting to know them.

As we return in the New Year, Mrs Walker is resigning her role as Chair to the Governors and we welcome her as Exams Officer and PA to Mr Rowlands. We look forward to working with her.



Savoury Christmas Shortbread

Ingredients

125g salted butter, softened, plus extra for the tray
125g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
40g sage & onion stuffing mix
30g parmesan or vegetarian alternative, finely grated, plus extra to serve



Method

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Tip the butter, flour, stuffing mix and cheese into a medium bowl and mix well into a dough using a wooden spoon.

Roll out the dough on a floured surface to a 5mm thickness and use a cutter of your choice to stamp out as many biscuits as you can. If needed, re-roll the trimmings and repeat until you've used up all the dough.

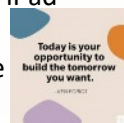
Transfer the biscuits to a generously buttered baking tray and bake for 10-12 mins until lightly golden at the edges. Leave to cool completely on the tray – they will firm up more as they cool. Scatter over another grating of cheese before serving.



Study Corner

Do you struggle with revision? Do you feel like the methods you've used in the past haven't worked? Here are some handy hints and tips to help:

Set up a comfortable work station with everything you need
Ensure you are away from tempting distractions – phone / TV / iPad
Sort revision in to manageable chunks
Don't try too much – focus on one topic or one theme at a time
Set a goal for what you want to achieve each study session
Don't just read your notes – this is not an effective strategy.
Practise Practise Practise – whether it's a past paper or an essay question you have tried before – keep going until something is committed to memory.
Use colour and highlight to make things stand out (but don't spend too much time making things look too pretty!)
Work in breaks
Eat (well) and sleep!



Detailed Processes to try:

Shrink your Notes

Your book is one of your best revision tools – use the notes from the classroom, homework and revision and break them down in to a shorter version, keep shortening and shortening until you have your notes down to a just a few key words that help you recall a topic easily. Make sure you feel comfortable navigating your books – use lessons titles, headings and sub-headings to help you find the information you need quicker. Use post-its as book masks too!



Create Mental Associations

Want to know how you can improve your memory for studying? Learn how to make associations. It's the best way to remember anything and it's used by memory champions (yes, they exist). A popular way of doing

this is to visualise your revision into scenarios, for instance in chemistry and you need to remember the chemical formula of oxygen you might think of mobile phone network because the answer is O₂. Another thing to do is to relate topics to things you enjoy, like game characters,

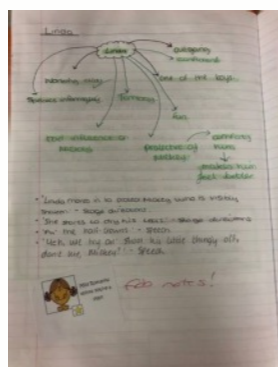
movie titles, books or sports players. Having trouble remembering the story of your English text? Imagine it being read out by your favourite football commentator or fictional character.



Use the green pen / DIRT work from your book

Using the green pen correctly in lessons is one of the quickest ways to see where your knowledge was already secure and where it wasn't.

Don't waste time revising the things you already know – this will not help you get better. Used the colour on your page to see what you were already secure in and what you then added after feedback – focusing on this visual area will give you a head start on what to focus on. Extended DIRT work will help you see how your work was improved from its original version – another valuable way to ensure you make progress during revision.



A welcome return to meeting our parents and carers

After two very disrupted years, where a number of our parents / carers have not had the opportunity to meet with the teachers in the school, it was wonderful to be able to welcome back our Year 11, Year 10 and also our Year 7 parents / carers for the first time. The response was very pleasing as our new online booking system was used. This enabled us to stagger the arrival times and for you to determine who you wanted to meet and when, rather than relying on the pupils to manage it. It also meant that the appointments for each family were kept close together, ensuring that it was not such a long evening.

Being able to work together to support the pupils is essential, and it was lovely to be able to do so once again.

The feedback has been very positive and we look forward to welcoming the parents / carers of Years 8 and 9 in the new term, before Year 11 have their final parents' evening in the Spring.

Of course, it should always be remembered that we do have an 'open door' policy and would ask that if you need to speak to us, then do so.

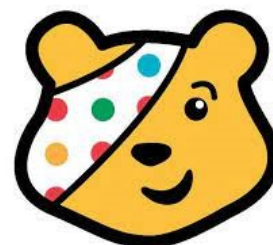
The dates for the future parents' evenings currently are:

Year 8 - Thursday 20th January 2022
Year 9 – Tuesday 1st February 2022

Mr. Featherstone

In November we held a non-uniform day for Children in Need .

We collected **£250.75** for the charity.





It's Good to Grow is a schools programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.

Using our donations we were able to purchase some seeds for bee friendly plants to sow in the spring.



Catering Club Christmas Bring-a-Dish Buffet!

Hospitality and Catering students prepared a festive buffet lunch for friends and staff. Everyone was asked to bring a contribution and the students cooked and prepared the dishes along side their own signature bakes.

The students presented a splendid table of culinary delights which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Music lessons are available in the following instruments

Guitar
Cello
Woodwind – Flute / Clarinet
Singing
Brass
Piano

If you are interested please see Mr Martin – the cost is £80 per term



Extra Curricular Activities at Winterton Community Academy – Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Careers Library History Club Drama Club	Y11 Engineering Drop in session	Chess Club Computing Club and homework catch up Year 7-9 Catering Club – Year 11	Just Dance Year 7/8 Y11 / Y10 Engineering Drop in session Engineering STEM Club Years 7-9 Equine Appreciation Club Badminton / Table Tennis All Year Groups	Y11 Art and Photography Drop in session Science Documentary Club GCSE PE Practical Wellness Year 11
After School		Y11 Art and Photography Drop in session Art Club Years 7-9 Drama Club Basketball All Year Groups	Advanced Humanities Oxbridge Club	Y11 Art and Photography Drop in session Netball All Year Groups	

