

### Message from the Head

Summer has finally arrived and I sincerely hope that our staff, students and all of our families have the opportunity to enjoy doing some of the things that you love and that you have the chance for a welcome break.

Since we returned to school in Spring, we have been committed to returning school to as close to normality as we possibly can and to provide our students with the enrichment and wider opportunities that are such an important part of school life.

After school activities have been running throughout the term and it has been fantastic to see so many of our students staying behind to engage in sport, the arts, science and technology. A huge thank you to our staff who were willing to facilitate these activities and we will look to build on this further in the autumn. Whilst competitive sport has not been in place across schools in the authority, we were able to enter a Y7/8 cricket team into the Joe Root Challenge Cup which enabled us to have a competitive fixture in Sheffield. Whilst we lost the game, it was a fantastic experience for all of the players, who performed admirably and were a credit to the school. These are the things that I believe make Winterton Community Academy so special, when other schools have chosen not to engage with their enrichment, we have completed our risk-assessments and found solutions to make things happen.

As a result, we have recently been able to allow our traditional Year 7 camp to go ahead. This is such an important date in the academy calendar and it is very much a 'right-of-passage' for generations of students at our school. We were therefore delighted that this has been able to go ahead and a huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have given up so much of their time (and sleep) to allow this to happen. Given that last year, we were unable to go ahead, it has been a double dose this year, with year 8's ensuring they also didn't miss out. The whole experience is amazing and I know from a staff perspective, whether it was their time or they are Normanby Camp veterans, they have loved the opportunity to work with our children and get to see them in a different context. They have all had an amazing experience and after 18 months of restrictions, it has been incredible to see them in this setting.

We also used this as an opportunity to celebrate our Year 11 leavers with the inaugural 'Winnie-fest', a mini-festival experience which replaced the traditional format of the prom. Again, this was an awesome evening and the students were able to celebrate safely and have a really enjoyable event. The feedback was such, that the students enjoyed the opportunity to be able to celebrate and to be themselves in an informal setting. Some students were dressed up for the occasion and some were dressed down, but certainly, they all had a lovely evening and it is something worth considering as to whether this is a better way to do things in the future.

There have been so many other fantastic events and occasions taking place throughout this term and I feel that this newsletter provides a valuable insight into our wider school life. There is a great deal for us to be proud of here at Winterton Community Academy and equally, so much to be optimistic about.

I hope that you all have a fantastic, restful and safe summer and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Mr Rowlands

### **Important Dates**

Monday 6th September- Return to schoolFriday 22nd October- Break for half termMonday 1st November- Return to school





# 2021 Normanby Camp

















All Year 10 pupils at Winterton have been a offered Taster Day at North Lindsey College (15th July). This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to find out more about their options after they leave Winterton, and also to help them to set targets for themselves of grades to achieve at GCSE. Winterton is continuing to work with local institutions and businesses to inspire our pupils, and thankfully because of Covid-restrictions loosening, we can begin again to share these career ideas and information with our pupils so that they can make informed decisions about their future.

In the last few months, two of our departing Year 11s were not only preparing evidence for their Teacher Assessed



Grades, but they were also putting in applications for Christ College's Summer School, at Cambridge University. Naturally, this is a very competitive programme, but their grades and applications were incredibly strong, and so for now all we can do is wish our pupils the best of luck for when they receive the news from the university.

Mr Lemmon - Careers

Stop Press!- Caitlin Lacey Hatton has been accepted to the Cambridge summer school for English! Well done.

# CAKE SALE

Me and my friends did a litter pick around school and we wanted to do a bake sale to raise money for something.

My Mum's friend Lorraine is doing a virtual challenge to cover the distance of Route 66 in 2 years which is a lot of miles, 2278, by walking running or biking.. Lorraine is always raising money for PDSA so we decided to give what we raised to her.

We asked Mr Rowlands if we could do it and he said we had to

organise it all ourselves. Some teachers baked and helped us. We baked and brought it all into school and sold it and managed to raise over £93. Lorraine was really humbled and cried a little. She said how proud she was of us after the stresses of the last year how



selfless we were at wanting to help poor defenceless furbabies.

Poppy Paige Paige Holmes Reuben Hart Ella Mae Thompson Summer Tune Sapphire Watson Alfie Young Henry Bowers



The UK Armed Forces defend the UK and its interests. They are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. There are many ways for people, communities and organisations across the country to show their support and get involved.

Our Armed Forces couldn't do their job without the incredible support of their family and friends.

One of our students entered the Armed Forces Day Poetry competition and was awarded first place.

The poem was shared on the North Lincolnshire council Facebook page on Saturday 26 June as part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations

Well done Alexandria Morley

Always fighting from the heart **R**eady to go into battle Medical teams helping you succeed Extraordinary people fighting for our country **D**evastating news for your death

For all our love

Our loved ones are grateful for your service

**Ready to save lives** 

Cries in battle shows your hard work

Extraordinary people fighting for what is right

Super people we thank you for your service



### Thank you and good-bye

As we reach the end of the summer term, it is for some, the end of their time here at Winterton.

Miss Apostle (MFL) is leaving the academy after almost 4 years teaching French. We would like to say thank you for all of your hard work and good luck in your next role

Mrs Slowen (Head's PA) is leaving the academy after more than ten years and is looking forward to spending time with her eagerly awaited grandchild. We hope everything goes well and wish you a happy retirement. Thank you for keeping us moving!

Mrs Jacklin will be retiring from her role in the school office after 8 years and is going to be disappearing into the sunset with her husband in their camper van. Thank you for all your hard work and enjoy yourselves.

In addition, after short-term temporary appointments, Mr De Kok will be leaving his role in Maths, Mr Cowling will be moving on after supporting us in psychology and Mr Smith after supporting us in Humanities. Thank you to all of them for their valuable contributions this year.

In September we are delighted to announce that Mr Gallacher will be returning to the Maths department and we are also looking forward to Mr Pye joining us in Maths and Miss Bartlett who will be taking up the role as a teacher of English after completing her degree with first class honours. Congratulations!

Finally, Mrs Jones will be taking on the role as head of MFL and will be joining us from JLC. We look forward to welcoming them all.

WE have been very fortunate to receive a grant from Brigg Garden Center which will enable us to continue with our gardening projects around the school. We are hoping to develop the quad area by the main hall, introducing some colour and scents for us all to enjoy.

Liam Commander has been busy replacing some of the plants in the baskets at the front of the school.

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We can all now enjoy his hard work.

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# GREEN FINGERS



After a long year of lockdowns and home learning, the easing of Covid restrictions has meant that this half term, we are finally back in our CADT groups and able to safely do practical projects in our specialist classrooms and workshops!

Here are some of our lovely year 7's getting stuck in taking their "sewing machine driving test" in Textiles. The CADT Team are



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particularly proud of how patient and motivated our students at Winterton were while studying a more theory

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based Art and Design curriculum in their large tutor groups and in non-specialist classrooms... we can't wait to do more making now! D & T





At the end of the spring term the whole school took part in a non-uniform day to raise funds for Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

Staff and volunteers at Lindsey Lodge have been providing palliative care and wellbeing services to local people and families living with life limiting illnesses for over 29 years. They are an independent charity working across North Lincolnshire to provide a wide range of services including end of life care along with bereavement and family support services. Every year, their dedicated team have touched the lives of hundreds of people

We raised a grand total of £492.71 which was presented to the hospice by our staff members Mrs Balderson and Mrs Daveran.





# **Short Story Competition**

We recently introduced a short story competition for our students to enter with the intention of making this an annual event in the school calendar.

The competition is open to all year groups and with a first prize of £50, it is certainly worth getting involved.

This year, amongst a range of fantastic entries, we received an entry from Kieran Lawlor. Many of you will be familiar with Kieran's story in that he had a life threatening accident on his bike a couple of years ago. Since then, Kieran has been on a long road to recovery and his resilience and courage have been an inspiration to all of us. He has continued to commit to his studies and has worked exceptionally well throughout this last year however, Kieran has also taken a keen interest in writing and has shared with us some amazing and highly philosophical reflections. It has been incredible to watch Kieran over these last couple of years and I know that he has left a very strong impression on us all. Therefore, we have taken the decision to make this annual competition his legacy and I am delighted to announce that the first ever winner of the Kieran Lawlor Short Story Competition goes to **Jasmine Tric.** 

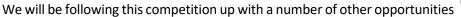
### Тар. Тар. Тар.

The safe clangs every few seconds, getting slower by the minute, like a defeated, exhausted mule, slowly plodding along, waiting for a rest. No one dared to go near the safe. What was inside it? Why was it constantly tapping? What did it want?

An intriguing and thought provoking entry from Jasmine, congratulations.

Runners up prizes went to Izzy Sweeney, Alexia Dibdin, Jay Herbert and Toby Herbert, who all received a £10 voucher.

In addition, special commendations went to Jazmine-Rose Cranidge, Ella-Mae Thompson and of course, Kieran Lawlor – who all received some sweet treats for their entries.



for our students to submit their best work, including an art competition and a music / performance competition. This is a part of our commitment to value and showcase exceptional work and encourage our students to get involved and show off their talents.

Thank you to everyone who entered and good luck in all future competitions.

### The Value of High Expectations

There is a fantastic quote that states "*High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations*".

We continue to emphasise a culture of high expectations here at WCA, because we care. We put boundaries in place and we are strict with our standards, because we want the very best of all students who attend this school and that means expecting the very best of them in all aspects of their school life.

The introduction of detentions for example has had a profound effect on some of the low-level but undesirable behaviours that we have previously experienced. Litter, poor-language, use of phones, late to lesson, completion of homework etc. have all improved significantly, simply by clearly stating the standards that we expect of our students and putting a clear consequence in place if they fail to meet that standard.

Likewise in the classroom, we expect our students to work hard, to contribute in class and to give their all. It is our absolute responsibility to expect the very best of them, to challenge them and when they get stuck, to help them.

It is scientifically proven that <u>effort matters more than intelligence</u>, and it is really important that our students know that. The harder that you try, the better you will do. That is why regular assessment forms such an important part of our practice. We are building our students resilience to testing, helping them to develop their skills in retaining and using the knowledge that they have acquired. We use half-termly assessments to monitor progress and give students feedback, this is to allow us to support them, providing us with a diagnostic understanding of what they have learnt.

We should equally expect our students to take responsibility for the learning, to prepare themselves and to ensure that they have understood the work that they have completed. Those students who make the best progress are working hard in class but also, revisiting and revising their learning ahead of any assessment. You can help your child to make progress by supporting them to do this at home. We will also support them in school by teaching them revision strategies and memory techniques. We want all children to be the very best that they can be at Winterton and that means having high expectations of them.



### Year 10 mock examinations

After a difficult year in education, our Year 10 students have finally had the chance over a 2 week period to experience the opportunity of sitting their mock exams.

Our students displayed a superb maturity and resilience in their approach to these exams; this follows a difficult year of disruption to their education, with much of their learning taking place remotely during this time.

This has been their opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge, but equally the staff can now use the results to identify areas for development where learning needs to be reinforced and consolidated as they move into Year 11. Having submitted teacher assessed grades for our Year 11 students for the last 2 years, never has the importance of mock examinations been more apparent and significant.

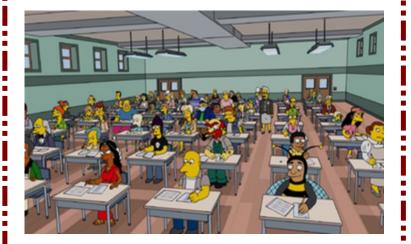
With this in mind, and as we do not yet know what next year will bring, we have approached this series of mock exams as rigorously and meticulously as we would the actual GCSE exam series.

We are committed as ever to ensuring that every student is given the very best chance to demonstrate their abilities in preparation for next year, and so enable them, with hard work, to achieve success in Summer 2022.

Whilst we acknowledge always the importance of their academic achievements, equally we recognise the value of their emotional and personal development in ensuring that they are the very best young people they can be.

Now they can look forward to moving into Year 11, well prepared for the hard work ahead, but also secure in the knowledge that we will continue to work together to prepare them to move confidently into the future.

### Kath Vincent Exams Officer





### Year 10 Exams

We have been fortunate to have completed the year 10 mock exams over the last two weeks. As the Examinations Officer, Mrs Vincent has managed this very successfully and we thank everyone who has been involved, especially the pupils. Now that they have been completed, we can offer more accurate predictions and targeted support for all the pupils as they move into their final year. For those who have done well, it will be a reassurance that they are going along the right lines. For others, it is a very useful reminder of what is required in order for them to reach their potential. The year ahead will be busy, but offers so much promise.

### **Reports**

We are currently in the process of sending out the end of year reports for all the year groups. They are being given to the pupils on the following dates:

Year 8 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Year 7 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Years 9 and 10 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The reports have been an essential element of providing information about the attainment and attitude to learning of each pupil, especially in the absence of formal parent's evenings. However, the intention for 2021-22 is to return to having parent's evenings and the opportunity to meet and discuss the progress of each young person in the school, starting with year 11 in September. The dates will be confirmed nearer to the time. There is an opportunity to feed back or request further information from specific staff using the feedback form provided in the link on the school website or via the text message that will be sent. It also acts as an acknowledgement of the report, so we thank you in advance.

Mr Featherstone Deputy Headteacher

### Panzanella (Tuscan tomato & bread salad)

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200 g stale ciabatta loaf 600 g ripe mixed tomatoes, roughly chopped sea salt freshly ground black pepper 1 handful small capers, drained 1 small red onion, peeled and very finely sliced red wine vinegar extra virgin olive oil a bunch of fresh basil



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### Method

Tear the ciabatta into rough 3cm pieces and place on a tray. Leave aside in a warm place for around 30 minutes – this helps to dry it out.

Place the tomatoes in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Rinse the capers, squeezing out any excess liquid and add to the bowl, along with the onion, torn ciabatta. Toss the mixture together with your hands, then stir in 2 tablespoons of vinegar and about 3 times as much extra virgin olive oil. Taste and add a little more salt, pepper, vinegar or oil, if needed. Tear in the basil leaves, stir together and serve. Delicious with barbecued meats or roast chicken.

Hot Breakfast

THIS WEEK'S Eats



# SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO LEAD

At Chartwells, we understand the responsibility we have to pravide nourishing meals that will sustain your students to get the most out of their school day.

It is also our responsibility and goal to help guide young students to making more nutritious choices and develop healthy eating behaviours which track into their later years.

We know that for some students, their school lunch may be their only hot meal that day and so we take our responsibility to provide yummy meals, rich with all the nutrients children need to grow and be healthy very seriously.



By following an approved Chartwells food offer, we can reassure you, our parents and a students that we are serving balanced and nutritious that will provide students with everything they need to excel in the classroom.













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## #MyWholeSelf

My Whole Self MOT 🚘

There are simple steps you can take to look after your whole self. Use this MOT to check in on your own and others' mental health and wellbeing.

### How's my mental health today?

### Looking after my wellbeing

Am I eating a balanced diet and drinking enough water?

For tips on supporting your mental health, especially when working from home, look at our guidance.

### My Stress Container

How full is my container? Are they working?

Learn about your Stress Container her

### How's my thinking today?

Create Your Mind Plan with Every Mind Matters to get tips to help deal with stress and anxiety and boost your mood.

### My mental health journey

Our mental health is part of the v journey of our lives. Learn more.

### What can I do to look after my whole self?

Write down a few things that you can do to improve your wellbeing Check in next week to see how you are doing

Join the campaign for workplace culture change. Check out our resources at mhfaengland.org

# Are you at risk of sunburn today?

When is the sun the strongest - the shadow rule A handy tip to help you work out when the sun is strong is the 'shadow rule'. It's simple and it works anywhere in the world. It's also a fun way to talk to children about enjoying the sun safely.

Look at your shadow and if it is shorter than your height this means that the sun's UV rays are strong. So that's when you're more likely to burn and need to take care and protect your skin, especially if you get sunburnt easily.

### Who's at risk of sunburn?

Sunburn, just once every two years can triple your risk of melanoma skin cancer. Anyone can get sunburnt or develop skin cancer, but some people are at a higher risk and need to take more care in the sun.

You should take more care in the sun if you have one or more of the following:

- skin that burns easily
- light or fair coloured skin, hair, or light coloured eves
- lots of moles or freckles
- a history of sunburn
- a personal or family history of skin cancer

You're the best person to know how your skin reacts to the sun. The more easily you get sunburnt, the more careful you need to be. Remember, you don't need to peel - if your skin's gone red, pink, itchy or tender in the sun, that's sunburn.



Those who judge will never understand, and those who understand will never judge.

# School nurses in North Lincolnshire

The eClinic is running 5 days a week, please download the free app to book a confidential appointment with one of the school nurses.

Monday 12-1pm Tuesday 3-5pm Wednesday 12-1pm Thursday 3-5pm Friday 12-1pm

Please see Mrs Burman for support with access for appointments.

· The eClinic app can be downloaded to any Apple or Android device using the App Store or Google Play Store



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