#### On behalf of all of the staff here at WCA, I would like to wish you a merry Christmas.

As the first term draws to a frosty close, there is a great deal to look back on over the past few months and I hope that you can see some of the things that we have been doing in this newsletter.

Our ethos as a school is to place an emphasis on supporting all students within our care, to have high expectations of them and to do all that we can to ensure that they are safe, happy and successful.

Since September, Mrs Dalowsky has taken on the sole responsibility of supporting our students 'Personal Development'. This allows us to ensure that some of the wider aspects of school life are prioritised, creating a broad range of opportunities, trips and visits for our students, ensuring they are accessing the right careers advice, at the right time in their life including opportunities to engage with and visit colleges and universities and develop some of their key employability skills through experiences such as Human Utopia and the armed forces. We are already seeing the benefits and the impact that Mrs Dalowsky has had within this role and we will continue to encourage our students to engage in a wide range of opportunities.

We are conscious of the demands and pressures young people face, growing up in an ever changing, highly demanding world and we work hard to ensure that our students have access to the support that they need. This includes supporting their mental health and the work that Mrs Daveran has supported, working with Steph to facilitate 'With me in Mind'. Alongside the most amazing pastoral team and the work of Mrs Walton as our Inclusion Manager and Mrs Rhymer-Newbould as our attendance officer, I am delighted with the support that is available for our students when they need it. As ever, it is good to talk and I would always encourage young people to come and speak to us if they feel they need any help.

We are all conscious of the difficult circumstances that we are living through at the moment. As a school, we just want to help and to be able to facilitate the support that anyone may need. The response to the introduction of our food and resource bank has been incredible, highlighting what a wonderful community this is. Everyone needs help at some stage in their life, so whether you are giving or receiving, this is an opportunity for us to help one another and to come together. On Christmas Eve, we are opening the school to the community for anyone who may want to come and watch a movie and spend time either as a family or just in the company of others. The food bank will be accessible at this time for giving and receiving donations so please do come along and see us. We will also be doing something similar in between Christmas and New Year and will share more information via our Twitter link and through community resident pages.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all of the staff here who have worked incredibly hard throughout this term. I hope you all have a wonderful break and a happy new year.

#### Best wishes,

#### **Mr Rowlands**



#### **Important Dates**

Spring Term Break for half term Return to school Easter Break

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 10<sup>th</sup> February Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 

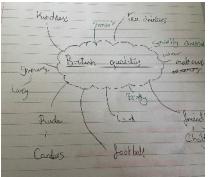
#### **January and February**

HSBC working with students Y7 – Y10 – Money Matters Cultural Diversity – Y7 Bikeability - Year 7 & Year 8 BG University Visit - Year 9



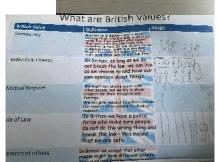
This term in PSHE and RE students in Year 7 and Year 9 have been learning about British Values.

Mutual Respect Democracy The Rule of Law Tolerance Individual Liberty









A big thank you to all the parents, students and staff that supported our first bake sale of the year run by Y10 students. Over £100 was raised.







**Hi, my name is Steph, and I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner** for With Me In Mind, the mental health support team for schools across North Lincolnshire. I have been based in Winterton Community Academy once a week for a couple of months now and am enjoying getting to know the staff and pupils here.

Part of my work involves providing support for students identified as struggling with mental health difficulties such as low mood or anxiety, using low intensity, evidence-based interventions. The young people who need it are accessing this support and it is rewarding to see the difference that the service can make for them.

As a team, we also offer whole school approach events within school, for staff, students and parents. So far, we have held several corridor workshops for students over lunch time, covering topics such as exam stress, whilst also promoting awareness weeks such as Mental Health Awareness, World Mental Health Day and Anti-bullying Week. The corridor workshops are increasing in popularity, and it is always lovely to have the chance to chat to as many students as possible. We delivered transition events in the summer term which included an assembly for pupils moving into year 7 and a workshop to support parents and carers of those students moving into secondary school. More recently, we held a parent coffee morning to introduce ourselves and our service to parents and carers.

I look forward to meeting more of you at future events, but in the meantime if you would like to find out more about With Me In Mind, then you can click on the link below to see a video introduction from myself, visit our website at withmeinmind.co.uk/northlincolnshire or find us on Instagram.



key Stage 3 Quiz winner 9C



Spelling Bee Winners

9B



#### **Author Visit**

At the end of the summer term the author Cynthia Murphy visited the Academy. She met with year 8 students and chatted to them about what its like to be an author, the struggles and the successes.

The students thoroughly enjoyed her inspiring talk.



## **Poetry Competition**

At the end of the Summer Term, many members of 7 set 1 entered a poetry competition. It was through Young Writers, who published a book full of the best entries. 16 pupils from 7 set 1 were chosen to be published! Here they are with their certificates! The theme was 'Empowered' and pupils wrote excellent poems around issues such as self-confidence, anti-bullying and who/what inspires them.

There are also some £100 prizes available for the very best entries in the country; the winners are being announced at some point during this term. Fingers crossed!

"My poem was about Muhammad Ali. He is my hero and I want to be like him one day." Qais Mehmood

"I enjoy any sort of creative writing so this was really fun. My poem was written to encourage others to be strong and positive." **Bethany Leach** 

"I really liked writing the poem because it gave me the opportunity to express myself." Liam Roberts

#### What Lies Ahead

Like animals in a zoo, we can all be freed Start life over, like a little sprouting seed For all of us our future lays ahead Until one day we lie in our grave, dead.

Walk in with a wide-open mind For your lives have yet to be defined There are many more tales to be told Don't fit it in... be bold

Not every day is a battle
Maybe it's a war
But one thing I can tell you for sure
Is don't win the battle
For you can win the war

You know, everyone's worth fighting for
Your off to great places
So, tie up your laces
Your future is awaiting
So, let's start stating,
What lays ahead
Look up high, don't droop your head
Your hopes have yet to be said
For I still don't know what lies ahead

**Mya Betts** "I enjoyed writing the poem; it was good to write something to try to inspire others. I'm really happy that I was chosen to be in the book."



#### Science is the "Key" to Success

Harry Key from the Winterton "Class of 2020" has returned to the Academy recently to undertake some work experience in the Science department working alongside Science technician, Kath Kynaston. Harry Key who studied Separate Sciences at GCSE,

collected a grade 6 in Biology, 6 in Physics and 5 in Chemistry before enrolling at John Leggott college where he completed 2 courses; Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care and Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science. Harry is now working towards his Foundation Degree in Medical Bioscience and plans to further his studies by completing a BSc Honors Degree in Medical Bioscience. Whilst Harry is unsure of his career path after this he did share some of his experiences of attending Winterton and what influenced him to take the post 16 route he has so far.

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Harry working in the Prep room

# What was the best part of attending Winterton Community Academy?

I liked the staff at school, I always had good relationships with them and they encouraged me to succeed.

## What made you want to study Science post -16?

Mrs Shaw was the inspiration for me to want to do a Science course and I enjoyed helping Mrs Kynaston on open evening; this made me want to work in a lab. Mrs Nicholson used to tell us real

life stories about Science in the outside world; this really made the subject relevant and worthwhile for me.

#### What advice would you give to year 10 and 11 students?

Listen to your teachers and follow their advice. Go to Miss Forman's revision sessions as they are spot on, she knows exactly what you need to know to pass your Biology exams and the sessions will help you with your own personal revision.

## What careers are you considering after you complete your degrees?

I am not sure yet but I may continue to study for a Master's degree and then pursue a career in healthcare.

#### **Careers Fair**



Winterton held a Careers Fare foir students in years 9-11. It gave them an opportunity to talk to ex-students, local companies, apprenticeship providers and colleges. By doing this students were able to see what qualification are required and also what personal qualities they need in order to help them stand out from the crowd at job interviews.

A second Careers Fair will be taking place in March next year.









#### Farewell to staff

After 28 years of loyal service Julie Davey is retiring from Winterton Community Academy.

Julie has worked tirelessly to make such a difference to the lives of so many young people. Her work with the Peer Mentors, the Diana Awards, anti-bullying and the Scunthorpe United Study Park are amongst Julie's greatest achievements.

Her kindness, care and dedication will be greatly missed by both students and staff. We all wish Julie a long, happy and healthy retirement.



The interview with Humberside Radio which started the Princess Diana Award journey

#### Attendance Matters!



You must make sure your child gets a full-time education that meets their needs (for example if they have special educational needs). You can send your child to school or educate them yourself.

Children must get an education between the school term after their 5th birthday and the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16.

You'll be contacted by either:

- the school if your child is enrolled in school and does not turn up (even if they're only absent for a day)
- the council's education welfare officer if they think your child is not getting a suitable education at home
- You can be prosecuted if you do not give your child an education. You'll normally get warnings and offers of help from the local council first.

You can get education and attendance information from your council.

#### When your child can miss school

- You can only allow your child to miss school if either:
- they're too ill to go in
- you've got advance permission from the school

There's extra support available if your child cannot go to school for long periods because of a health problem.

#### Holidays in term time

You have to get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

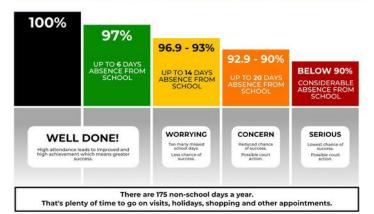
You can only do this if:

- you make an application to the head teacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- there are exceptional circumstances

It's up to the head teacher how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted.

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

#### WHAT IS **YOUR** ATTENDANCE?



# humanutopia

empowering young people to make positive change

Human Utopia deliver motivational, life changing courses for young people and adults and their wider communities, which embeds values of tolerance, empathy, resilience and volunteering

Their life-changing programmes are aimed at improving the mental health & wellbeing of all participants by empowering them
 to make positive changes in their life.

Human Utopia aims to:

To encourage students to think about how they can volunteer and make a difference in their community

To provide an opportunity for students to develop their communication and teamwork skills

To empower students to feel confident mentors and equipped with the skills they will need

To provide real opportunities for students to be leaders – it is important not just to talk about leadership – they need to experience it for themselves

To develop a range of important life-skills which will increase their employability and life chances.











Empowering young people to make positive change

#### **University visit**

As part of the Personal Development programme at Winterton we aim to raise students aspirations so they are able to see what the wider world can offer after attending college.

The first element of this programme was to take Year 10 students to visit Hull University. Students got to see the campus, experience a lecture and see all what courses were available to them.

This was a real eye opening experience for some of our students who now believe that attending university is within their grasp.

The visit to Hull University was the first of its kind for Winterton and one that we are continuing next term with a Year 9 visit to BG University Lincoln.





#### **CPR Training**

CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure, performed when the heart stops beating.

Each year over 30,000 people have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK, with less than one in ten surviving - giving CPR and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival.

Our students took the British Heart Foundation course and learnt how to give CPR















#### The Army came to Winterton

Over 100 students attended the Army Base Brief led by John. They were introduced to the different strands of recruitment within the Army in which there are 76 different roles to recruits aged 18+. Students were also informed about the range of qualifications that they could achieve when working in the Army including Level 3 qualifications to Degree opportunities, together with life experiences that they would have available to them.

After the session students had the opportunity to ask questions with regards to their own future aspirations.

### Year 11 trip to Thackray Museum

The Y11 Historians enjoyed a trip to the Thackray Medical Museum in the Autumn term.

The Thackray Medical Museum is on the site of a former medical supplies company and close to St James Hospital in Leeds. The educational visit encouraged students to further engaged with the

British, Health and People topic which is their thematic study. Students explored the development of public health, medicine and surgery over time through exploring the sights, smells and sounds of a recreated 18<sup>th</sup> century street, participating in a surgical operating

theatre and exploring the use of leeches and modern medicine. Students studied this GCSE History topic in year



10 and Miss Monteith wanted to offer the opportunity to revisit this topic through an interactive visit.



2 tsp. ground allspice
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp kosher salt

In a medium bowl, whisk allspice, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg, pepper, and salt. Add chocolate on top of spices.

In a small saucepan over low heat, heat cream until gently simmering but not boiling. Pour cream over chocolate and spices. Let sit 5 minutes, then whisk to incorporate until smooth. Pour into an 8"-by-8" baking pan and smooth into an even layer. Press plastic wrap on the surface of chocolate mixture and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.

Place crushed gingersnaps in a small bowl. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.

Using a 1-tablespoon cookie scoop or measuring spoon, scoop rounded

16 oz. semisweet chocolate, chopped 1 c. (235 ml.) heavy cream 1 1/2 (170 g.) finely crushed gingersnaps (from about 26 cookies) 1 c. (115 g.) powdered sugar 1 tbsp.(or more) whole milk 1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract

tablespoons of chocolate mixture. Toss in gingersnap crumbs to coat. Roll between your palms to make balls, then roll in crumbs one more time. Transfer to prepared sheet. Repeat with remaining chocolate mixture.

In a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla, adding more milk 1 teaspoon at a time until a drizzling consistency is reached, if needed. Transfer glaze to a piping bag fitted with a 1/4"-diameter tip (or use a plastic bag with a corner cut off or a squeeze bottle).

Arrange truffles on a platter. Drizzle with glaze.

Make Ahead: Truffles, without glaze, can be made 1 week ahead.

#### **London Cuture & Theatre trip**



Our aim at Winterton is to give students life experiences and memories that will last a life time. We started this with an overnight visit to London which is now going to be an annual trip.



Students got the opportunity to walk the sights, seeing

Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, The Houses of

Parliament and Trafalgar Square to name a few. They

looked at Christmas Markets, shopped in Covent

Garden and ate out in a restaurant.

The highlight of the first day was a visit to the Lyceum

Theatre to watch the Lion King and then meet

members of the cast afterwards.

The following day we were able to visit Stamford Bridge, the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum.

The trip really was once in life time for some students.

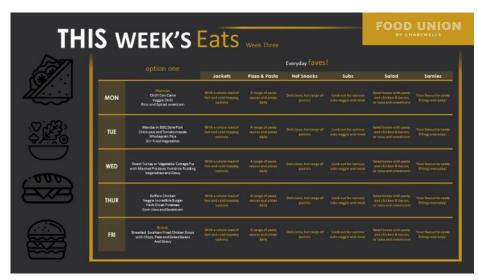




#### **Gingerbread Truffles**











#### **CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE MOVIES**

Winterton Community Academy Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Films start at 3pm

No admission once the film has starte



two films will be showing, one on the big screen in the Main Hall and the second in a classroom setting or the

This event is open to the general public admission is free. Everyone is welcome

To secure a place, please email walker.a@wintertonca.com

Stating the movie you would like to watch and how many people will be attending, as places will be limited.

You are welcome to bring your own 'garden chairs' or cushions / beanbags if you wish to make it more comfortable. ②



# Diana Anti Bullying Ambassador Awards

Winterton Community Academy has a really strong history in the development of Anti Bullying Ambassadors, not only are we known locally for our great work but, in recent years we have received awards in London for the great work we have done.

However, over the last few years Covid put a stop to the conferences and the training of young people, this was a real shame

as our students have made excellent leaders and role models.

Luckily, in September we were informed that the programme was starting back up and that they wanted us to be part of it.

Students in Year 8 and 9 attended training in order to become Anti Bullying Ambassadors. They spent the day looking at different scenarios, role playing and then looking as to how they could support students experiencing difficulties. They are now bringing back their knowledge into school in order to develop the role as a Wellbeing Ambassador and work with students in Year 7.



Year 8 and 9 students have started their training to become PrincessDiana Anti Bullying Ambassadors. They attended a day in York andare now bringing these skills back to use is school. Thank you to MrsDavey who is coordinating the programme in school.



#### **Christmas Hampers & Food Bank**

We have been lucky enough to be able to distribute food hampers again this year. Many thanks to staff, pupils and members of the public who have been more than generous with their donations, which has enabled us to send out 20 hampers and also stock our food bank which is open during school hours to anyone who needs it.

Thanks also go to local companies who have kindly donated

The George Hogg Dowson's Farm Booth Farm Two Sisters Golden Wonder







# Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)

At the beginning of December a selection of our Year 11 students were asked to participate in a worldwide survey.

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students' reading, mathematics, and science literacy every 3 years.

First conducted in 2000, the major domain of study rotates between reading, mathematics, and science in each cycle. PISA also includes measures of general or cross-curricular competencies, such as collaborative problem solving. By design, PISA emphasises functional skills that students have acquired as they near the end of compulsory schooling.

PISA is coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental organization of industrialized countries, and is conducted in the United States by NCES.

# College Days

Students in Years 11 and 10 were visited by John Leggott College who delivered an ASPIRE session and gave students an insight into the Oxbridge application process. This was followed up with a Year 11 visit to JLC in order to meet students already on the Aspire Programme.







All Year 11 students have had the opportunity to visit 3 of our local colleges, John Leggott College. North Lindsey College and Wyke 6<sup>th</sup> Form College. This allowed them to see the college in a 'normal' college day, participate in different subjects, speak to staff and students and also see the sheer size difference of the buildings when compared to Winterton!

They have also all had 1:1 meetings and careers guidance to support their future aspirations and college choices. The students have utilised this opportunity in order to inform them prior to completing their college applications by the end of January.



#### Extra Curricular Clubs at Winterton Community Academy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Board Games (Junction)	Board Games (Junction)	Board Games (Junction)		KS4 Art and
	BOARD	Chess Club M1	Badminton  KS4 Art and Photography	Musical Theatre (M4)	Photography
After School (4.30 finish)	Football	Creative Writing (E3)  Art Club  Y11 Art Drop in  All Years Netball  Football Y9 – Y11	STEM KS3 Lab 4	Fitness Y7 & 8 Trampolines	

SAFE HAPPY SUCCESFUL HARDWORK RESPECT POSITIVITY

Early in December The Acadamy Cross Country winners took part in North Lincs Schoola District Cross Country at Central Park in Scunthorpe. A super well done to all students who braved the cold and ran for us. Congratulations to all the winners









Year 7 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> placements

Year 8 1st 2nd 3rd placements





Year 9 1st, 2nd, 3rd placements



Alfie Paterson – Junior Boys District





Mrs Blackburn's Year 8 are doing really well in cookery. Matthew Harness's burger shown. Students are gaining skills and independence as well as showing creative flair.

Year 9 are working on landscape paintings in a watercolour and mixed media. The results are developing beautifully. They have also been using printmaking before studying and creating their own large scale graffiti walls.

Year 7 are studying sea life. They have been making sea life related clay work which is getting ready to be fired in the kiln along with monster based art from year 8.









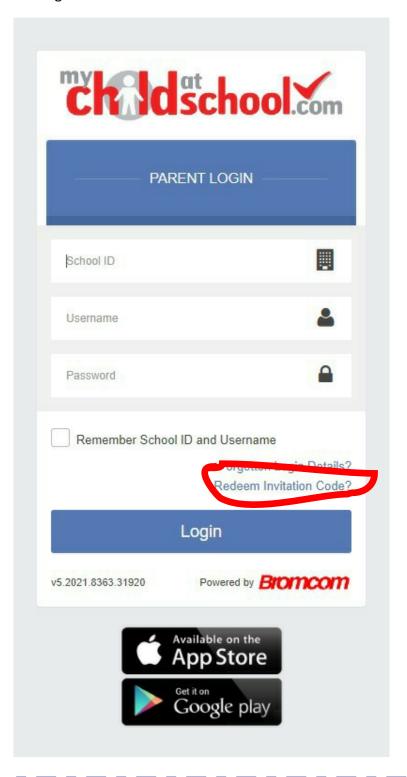






Our year 10 students baked cakes and decorated them as part of their GSCE studies. Future *British Bake Off* contestants in the making?

Please remember to sign into the Academy App to be able to track your child's progress and receive regular messages from their teachers.





An Ambassador from OddBalls visited the Academy to present an assembly to some of our students.

As part of the PHSE programme it is important that students learn about keeping themselves safe. To support the good work in lessons, we invited OddBalls to talk to both boys and girls in years 10 and 11.

They talked to our students about Testicular Cancer; reminding boys and men to check their balls – and removing any stigma and embarrassment about it! Testicular Cancer is around 95% curable so early diagnosis and regular checking is important.

A quick quiz for all listeners saw Charlie and Alfie winning cushions for their hardwork.





#### **Christmas Shopping**

In a recent student voice survey students in Years 10 and 11 stated that they wanted a shopping trip to Meadow Hall! As a school we like to please, so we arranged a Christmas shopping trip for over 95 of our students. Students were amazing and represented the academy with pride!

