

The Windsor Boys' School

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Headteacher's News

The sheer diversity of what goes on at TWBS never fails to amaze and inspire. By Monday morning this week, the set from Beauty and the Beast had been dismantled and the cast and crew had enjoyed their after party on the Sunday evening; no doubt exhausted but exhilarated too, having created memories that will last a lifetime.

To read more please click [here](#)

News Stories



Beauty and the Beast

What an amazing week we had last week. It was quite incredible to see the sheer number of people who came to see our show.

To read more please click [here](#)



Camps International Photography Competition Success

Following on from the very successful trip to Peru in the summer, Camps International ran a photo competition for students.

To read more please click [here](#)



TWBS Bowls Society

Friday night was Charles Wallace, Kyle Ferguson and Fionn O'Neill's final practice game before playing their first full competitive Bowls fixture on Saturday 25th November,

To read more please click [here](#)



ESSA National swimming championships 2017

The team of swimmers consisted of James McClellan, Shay Race, Moritz Hoogers, Max Hoogers and Harvey Karavis

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1st XI Footballers march on to last 32 in the National Cup

On Thursday 30th November the 1st XI played a keen Woodcote school from Croydon, who are connected to Kinetic Football Academy.

To read more please click [here](#)



1st XV Coached by England Rugby

Ex-Windsor Boy and England Rugby coach Dean Amasinger, came back to deliver a fantastic session with our 1st XV last week.

To read more please click [here](#)



Dragons' Den boys support the Trussell Trust

On Tuesday 12th of December, as part of the Dragons' Den competition, some students will be heading into town to set up a charity stall in the Christmas market.

To read more please click [here](#)



Want to be at the X-factor final?

We have an X-tra-ordinary opportunity, ahead of the Uno Animo Dinner Dance on Saturday. Even BEFORE we kick off the party on Saturday evening, we are auctioning off two tickets for the final of the X Factor on ITV on Sunday 3rd December.

To read more please click [here](#)

I teach because....

I want to inspire and encourage young people to be the best they can be.

Mr R Unsworth

Notices

Parent Governor Vacancy

An email went out recently regarding a Parent Governor vacancy at the school. This rewarding and essential role brings with it the opportunity to help ensure every pupil in the school is able to have the best education that they can in a safe and exciting learning environment.

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday 12th December 2017. Please email clerkto governors@twbs.co.uk

Uno Animo Dinner help needed – 3rd December

Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday morning please? We need help to clear away the Winter Wonderland dinner dance - all help welcome between 10am and 12pm in the main hall

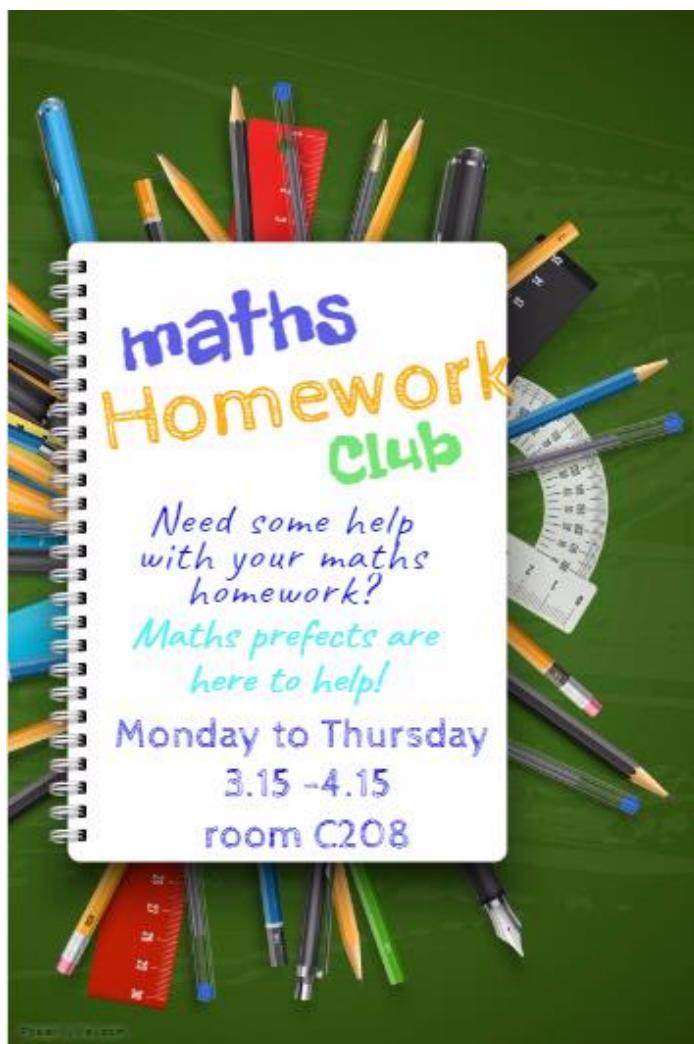
Thanks, the Friends of TWBS.

Charity Mufti Day

While in the Christmas spirit, the whole school will have a mufti day on 13th December. Again for £2, the boys will be donating to our chosen charity, Shelter Slough. We will also be selling doughnuts during break and lunch to raise as much as possible, so bring as much as you can to help the cause. Shelter Slough are a great local charity for homeless people, working to eradicate homelessness by offering advice and support to those that need it. Christmas is major time for their fundraising and we hope you'll support them as much as you can.

Sixth Form and Staff Christmas Jumper Day

With the carol services on the way, TWBS are getting into the Christmas Spirit. On 12th December, all staff and 6th form students will be encouraged to take part in Christmas Jumper Day. We're asking for £2 from everyone to help support Save the Children's excellent Christmas fundraiser. It's an amazing charity doing brilliant work world-wide. For every £2 donated, a blanket and hat can be bought for a child in an under developed area, helping them keep warm in the winter months. There's a school-wide competition for the favourite Christmas jumper, be it the biggest, funniest or simply the best.



Year 11 Mock Examinations

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will no doubt be aware, the year 11 mock examination period is approaching fast. The mock exams run for two weeks, beginning on the **28th of November and ending on the 12th of December**. This is a briefer period than the real exam schedule next summer (for logistical reasons) but in every other way we try to replicate the real thing as closely as possible to ensure that the boys are fully prepared and know exactly what to expect in the summer. Please note that some of the exams are scheduled to finish beyond the end of the normal school day.

A copy of the generic mock timetable is available on the school website but all boys have now been issued with individual timetables detailing the room and seating arrangements for the exams that they have been entered for. If you haven't seen this yet it may be have been folded multiple times and stored safely in a blazer pocket or at the bottom of a school bag! On the reverse of the individual timetable is a copy of the official regulations; it would be enormously helpful if you could take a few minutes to read through these with your son before the beginning of the mock exam period. We will be briefing the boys during an assembly next week about exam regulations and the importance of fully complying with them.

It would also be really helpful if you could check that your son has all of the equipment that he needs for each exam. It is an official requirement that **black pens must be used** in all exams. A really good way to minimise extra stress during exam periods is to be really well organised so that last-minute panics are avoided. It is vital that your son is prompt to exams and is wearing full school uniform. All seating and rooming arrangements are displayed on the main school hall windows – it is a good idea for your son to check this regularly to double check his exam room and seating number.

A final request is that you support and encourage your son to prepare and revise thoroughly for his mock exams. As well as being a useful way to get him used to the processes that we will use in the summer, the mocks are an excellent gauge of where each pupil is in terms of being ready for the real thing next summer so it is essential that everyone gives it their best shot.

On behalf of everyone at Windsor Boys' we wish your son a productive and successful mock exam period.

Many thanks.

Mr A Titheridge

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme



Bags of Help

Support Extra Curricular Sport - During the months of November and December we are taking part in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme which will run in four Tesco stores listed below. We would really appreciate everyone's support on this to allow us to get the top award of £4000. Please just ask for a token and pop it in the box to vote for Windsor Boys' Extra

Curricular Sport. This will help support our wide extra-curricular sporting programme.

Thank you

Tesco Windsor Superstore SL4 4JT

Tesco Windsor Express SL4 3QL

Tesco Langley Express SL3 8BB

Tesco Slough Esso Express SL3 7HR

Dates for Your Diary

2 nd December	Uno Animo Dinner Dance
7 th December	Physics Society Lecture @ 15.40 Johnny Gilmour (Former TWBS Student)
12 th December	Sixth Form Only - Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	Dragons' Den Boys' Christmas Stall in Windsor town centre
13 th December	Whole School Charity Mufti day
14 th December	Carol Service at Windsor Parish Church for Parents and Community @ 19.30
15 th December	End of Term
18 th Dec to 1 st Jan 2018	Christmas Holidays
2 nd January	Start of term
18 th January	Year 13 Parents' Evening
19 th January	Music Dept Quiz @ 18.30 in Main Hall
24 th January	Piano Recital @ 17.00 – 18.00 in Main Hall
25 th January	Physics Society Lecture @ 15.40 Professor C Ford (Cambridge) – Playing ping-pong with single electrons
29 th January	Year 13 A Level Music Recital Evening 1 – Main Hall
31 st January	Year 9 Options Evening
7 th February	Night At The Musicals No 2 @ 18.00 – Drama Studio