



Winterhill
School

Newsletter

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Welcome to my first newsletter of the term. It has been a great start to the year and I would like to thank you for ensuring your children have arrived back to school properly dressed and ready to learn.

Each year we aim to raise the expectations of what students are capable of and I'm pleased with the response we've had from them so far. We simply want all of our students to wear correct uniform, have their equipment with them for every lesson and arrive on time with a positive attitude. Students constantly doing this will be rewarded and I would ask that you reinforce these good habits with your children. This is the 'Winterhill Way'.

In particular I would like to welcome parents of our new Y7 students, many of you who are new to Winterhill. This newsletter is just a snap shot of what's going on in our busy school; please see our website or follow us on Facebook or Twitter to find out more.

S Rhodes - Headteacher

OPEN MORNING

This took place on Saturday, 14th September, showcasing the best of what the school has to offer. Parents and their children had the chance to decorate cupcakes, build LED torches, beat the goalie and see our science show. There were lots of games and quizzes for everyone to try and both staff and current students were on hand to answer the many questions that arose.

If you have any questions about a school place at Winterhill, or you would like to visit the school, please contact our senior transitions coordinator, Mrs Heidi Cooper - hcooper@winterhill.org.uk

If you weren't able to make it, please see the photos and videos on our website.

SUBJECT CHAMPIONS

Each week subject teachers nominate one key stage 3 and one key stage 4 student who they feel have demonstrated excellent work and attitude during their lessons that week. A winner is then drawn and we post a snapshot of these students on our website and Facebook page. Please ask your son or daughter about this if they have received a nomination.

PERIOD 7 REVISION

The Y11 period 7 revision programme is now up and running. Targeted revision is available and students will be invited to sessions by subject teachers. The programme follows a two week timetable, details of which can be found on our school website. This is a great way to get your son/daughter into the routine of revision each week and a starting point for revision that they can do at home.

We strongly encourage participation within this programme and value your support with this.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

It is vitally important that Winterhill has the correct contact information for your son/daughter. Please get in touch with school to provide your most up to date mobile number and e-mail address.

If you would like to contact me, please email **Julie Parkin**
jparkin@winterhill.org.uk
Headteachers' PA to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support S Rhodes - Headteacher

GCSE RESULTS

Well done to our Y11 leavers who continue to achieve their very best. There were lots of top achievers across all subjects and most importantly, all are moving on to the next stage, whether that is college, 6th form, apprenticeship or further training.

Finally, on behalf of our students and their families, I would like to thank our hard working staff for getting them ready for these challenges.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a very important part of school life and I appreciate all of the support we receive from parents in ensuring our students see homework as a priority. It is, quite rightly, one area that I am contacted about the most, by parents. The school has high expectations of homework and we use the 'Show My Homework' system to record and track engagement and completion of homework. Within Y7 and 8 homework is directly linked to our IMYC 'themes' and is presented as a menu via the IMYC booklet which students take home, as well as being uploaded onto 'Show my Homework' for electronic submission. In Y9-Y11, homework tasks are related to GCSE/BTEC courses of study and take many forms; including revision, assignments, extended learning and much more. All students and parents/carers have a dedicated log on to use the system which can be accessed via the school website as well as a free downloadable app. Moving forwards, we will be reporting on 'attitude towards homework' in order to share your son/daughter's engagement within this. Of course, if you have any questions about homework, please contact subject teachers, or your child's behaviour for learning leader for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS at WINTERHILL

Friday, 25th October	Last day of half term
Monday, 4th November	Inset day school closed to students
Tuesday, 5th November	First day back
Tuesday, 12th November	Y11 parents evening
Wednesday, 14th November	Students finish at 1.15pm*
Friday, 6th December	Elders Christmas party
Tuesday, 10th December - Friday, 12th December	A Christmas Carol - Panto
Friday, 20th December	Students finish at 1.15pm* school closes for Christmas
Monday, 6th January 2020	School re-opens to STAFF and STUDENTS

**Arrangements can be made to supervise your child until 2.50pm by contacting your child's Behaviour for Learning Leader.*