



# Newsletter

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year



This term has seen a huge number of successes for our students; I know you will enjoy reading about these in our final newsletter of 2022. With a wonderful end to the term, we've had the pleasure of celebrating in our graduation ceremonies and through various student awards. Our pantomime, Robin Hood, was a superb showcase of our talented students and we'd like to send our thanks to you, and our local primaries, for being a wonderful audience during each performance. Extraordinary charity work has also supported our local communities this term: Children in Need, Save the Children and our food hampers, to name just a few. These things are vital to support those most in need; we are very proud of all the staff and students who have organised these fundraising events. A reminder that we will return to school **Tuesday, 3rd January**. As you know, our 'Winterhill Way' expectations **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** underpin everything we do and will ensure a positive start to 2023; with that in mind, a reminder of our uniform expectations [here](#). I look forward to a successful 2023, and wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Mr Rhodes, Headteacher

## Children in Need 2022

This year we put our students' resilience to the test with a Year 10 vs Year 11 Children in Need challenge. Throughout the day, students clocked up an impressive 5 hours and 15 minutes of running, a total of 90K between them, a feature on the local radio and local news, with Year 10 just overtaking Year 11 for the win! Our Y7 and Y8 pupils also put in the hours, but this time in the kitchen, with an incredible bake sale of culinary delights! With the fundraising total coming in at just over £1000, we couldn't be prouder of Team Winterhill after a brilliant day of teamwork and fundraising!



## Student Spotlight

This half term's spotlight is on our amazing **KS3 Ambassadors**. Many of these students have only been at Winterhill for a term, and already they have lead fundraising events, supported with our primary pantomime performances as well as starting their secondary education! We spoke to Jacob, Chloe, Beyza and Hibba to ask them about their experience so far... Jacob explained how they, "have really enjoyed helping people" with Beyza adding that, "it gives you an opportunity to be part of events like the charity Bake sale for Children in Need". When asked about what they have enjoyed about Winterhill so far, Chloe explained, "I love the lessons and all the new things I have done" with Jacob adding, "the food is good too!" Well done to you all.

## Oh Yes They Did...!

While King Richard was away, the nauseatingly nasty Sheriff of Kimberworth was busy upsetting the whole village. Our hero Robin Hood desperately tried to feed the poor and rescue the love of his life, Marian from the tower. With all of the usual characters like Friar Tuck and a few unexpected ones like Alan the Spider, this was a show with lots of laughter and lots of our talented students entertaining our local primary schools and evening audiences! Thank you to everyone who came to support our amazing Robin Hood Cast.



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## Subject Success!

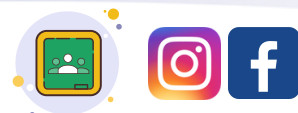
Our in house Winterhill Art Gallery is an inspiring exhibition of 26 pieces created by extremely talented Year 7- 11 students. Selected from 80+ entries as part of our **Art** Competition, the exhibition has been enjoyed by staff and students as well as our wider school community via our school social media pages. The exhibition will run from October - January 2023 with our winning piece 'The Joker' created by Lily (Year 9). In **mathematics**, Y8 students competed against 15 other schools at an AMSP Maths competition at Oakwood. Their resilience was exemplary and both teams enjoyed the fun and challenging maths. Well done to them!

Well done to our **Y11 French and Spanish** students who attended the MFL Challenge at Chapelton Academy. One of our teams came 1st and our other team came 3rd. **A great achievement!**





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## Reading Corner

A reminder that students **should have a book with them every Tuesday**. Students will also be given a reading log in January - parents/families/carers can comment on any reading completed at home. Thank you for your support!



## Christmas 2022



This year we have put together food hampers which have been directed to the families within our community who need them the most over this festive period. We have also purchased 50 extra warm blankets to provide some support and comfort for the challenges faced by families this winter.

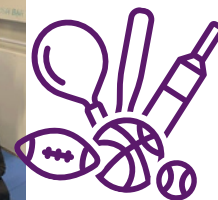
As well as our hamper donations, students wore their Christmas Jumpers on Thursday for our annual Christmas Jumper Day, to raise money for Save the Children. As always, this was a successfully festive day with students raising money for charity.

As we are all experiencing our first ever Christmas World Cup, **students are invited to take part in a non uniform day, Friday 16th December** where they will be invited to wear a football shirt of their choice, to **raise money for women in football charities**.



## Sporting Success!

What a term it has been for sport at Winterhill with some incredible successes for our students. Our **cricket, netball, rugby and football teams** have given students fantastic experiences by competing and doing extremely well in a range of competitions whilst also representing the school as talented sporting ambassadors. Well done to all.



## Attendance

**Good attendance is vital to making good progress across your subjects.** Each week we award our students for the best attendance with our winning forms on social media (links at the top of the page). A reminder that **school starts at 8:45am**. Well done to all the winning forms so far!



## Important Dates

- **Friday, 16th December:** Non-Uniform Day & early finish - 1:15pm.
- **Tuesday, 3rd Jan:** Return to school - 8:45am
- **Monday, 23rd Jan:** Y11 Mock Exams begin.
- **Tuesday 7th Feb:** Y10 Parents' Eve
- **Friday 10th Feb:** Half term begins
- **Monday 20th Feb:** School Closed



**Congratulations to all students who have graduated term 1 this week!**

