



Winterhill
School

Spring Newsletter



I would like to extend my thanks to all families who have joined us for one of the many events we have showcased this term; your support is greatly appreciated. Our second term has brought a huge number of successes for our students, and this week, we are celebrating these achievements in our graduation assemblies. **Well done** to all students graduating this term, for your consistent dedication to the Winterhill Way showing respect, resilience and responsibility.

I would also like to praise Year 11 who are in the final stages of the GCSE preparations. This next term will require **hard work and resilience**, but commitment to your revision, period 5 sessions and home learning does not go unnoticed. Please ensure you take all the opportunities open to you over the coming weeks.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Easter; a reminder students return Tuesday, 18th April.

Mr Rhodes, Headteacher

Attitude to Learning

Next term, we will be updating the way we discuss and reflect upon **attitude to learning with our students**. We have developed the current 1-4 attitude to learning: **students will receive descriptions outlining their attitude towards their learning** in each of their lessons. We will be working closely with students regarding this change and how they can become "Independent" learners within all of their lessons. Please note, this change will be reflected on any data reports you will receive regarding your child's progress.

Student Spotlight: Y10 PREFECTS!

This term's spotlight is on our Y10 prefect team. To allow Year 11 to concentrate on their studies for their exams, Y10 have stepped up to a full time prefect role. Organising events, doing tours, supporting at parents' evening, reading with younger students and helping at options events, our Y10 prefect team have made us very proud and are a real credit to The Winterhill Way!

Next term, the process for Head Students begins, and with the fantastic commitment to the role shown this year, it is going to be a very tough decision to make! A huge well done everyone!

Y10 Drs Show

48 Y10 students attended a revision seminar called the Doctors show in Leeds. Students enjoyed the experience and were fully engaged in the seminar and completed all of the work booklets and exam workshops efficiently. Well done everyone!



Home-learning Success!

Fantastic, creative geography homework by Ruchita and Isobel in year 8! Well done to Oscar and Konstanty for producing some fantastic homework relating to Sikhism for their Religious Studies lesson.

Fantastic Geography homework from two dedicated Y7 students. Holly and Lucy designed and labelled a house that can withstand increasing climate temperatures.

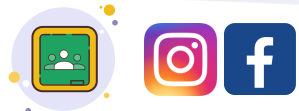
Excellent geography homework from Y7 designing 'Climate change proof' houses! Well done Jack, Sam, Max and Will.





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World Book Day 2023!

This year we celebrated all things reading with activities in form time, staff costumes, reading assemblies and a free book token for all students! We know how important reading is to student progress & also our wellbeing, so it was great to celebrate the world of reading! Please look out for our next reading newsletter which has exciting updates on all the reading activities and opportunities taking place across school!



Sporting Success!

What a term it has been for sport at Winterhill with some incredible successes for our students. Our **netball and football teams** have given students fantastic experiences by competing and doing extremely well in a range of competitions whilst also representing Winterhill 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!



Our Science department have hosted a number of local primary school children for exciting Science lessons and assemblies - including this great 'potions class' led by Ms O'Connor!

Pond Project 2023!

Wellies on and we were in the pond clearing out everything that shouldn't be there! Students who came were amazing; they didn't let the freezing wind hold them back. We were joined by more families within the community which was great to see!

Important Dates

- Friday 31st March: Non Uniform Day and final day of term.
- Monday 17th April: INSET DAY. School closed to all students.
- Tuesday 18th April: School Reopens for Summer Term.
- 18th-21st April - Y10 Work Experience.
- 20th April: Y7 Parents' Evening
- 27th April: Eid Party
- 4th May: Governors' Awards
- 15th May: Mental Health Awareness Week

