THE WINSFORD ACADEMY

9th September 2024



Ms Emma McLaren
Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Winsford Families

I hope that you've had a restful summer. I am delighted to be writing to you after a very busy yet wonderful first week at Winsford Academy.

The theme of the staff training days was 'Strong Start', with staff learning about the importance of students 'attending learning' and thinking hard about lesson content to support long term learning. Staff also planned key knowledge questions for the start of lessons, with follow up assemblies reminding students about the importance of getting to lessons on time to maximise learning. Excellent attendance to school continues to be a priority, we know that students with good attendance achieve better outcomes.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our new Year 7 students who have made a brilliant start to academy life. Due to the high number of achievement points students achieved throughout the week we had a special celebration assembly on Friday. Well done to Matthew who won a voucher and Lily, Lilly-Marie, Aria, Sian and Finley who will also be joining me for an additional sweet treat and a mug of hot chocolate!

I have been especially impressed by how students have stepped up to our refreshed expectations regarding uniform standards. The vast majority of students have now got blazers and are wearing them with pride. We were so 'over the moon' with the strong start that students had made to the academic year, that on Friday staff gave out over 1000 Rocket Iced Lollies for students to enjoy on their way home on a very warm September evening!

As part of my commitment to further strengthen our partnership with families, I will be updating parents and carers on a regular basis about academy life and events alongside the usual communication of formal letters. I very much look forward to meeting and working with you to bring an excellent education and outstanding care at Winsford Academy.

Winsford ties and blazers are available from our uniform suppliers:

Julie Clare Schoolwear: https://www.julieclareschoolwear.com/the-winsford-academy

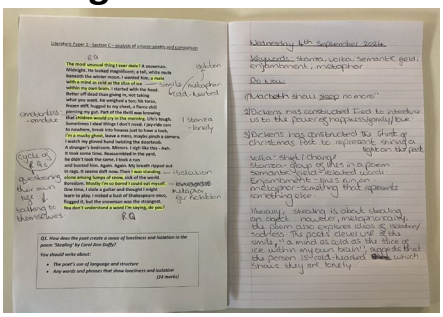
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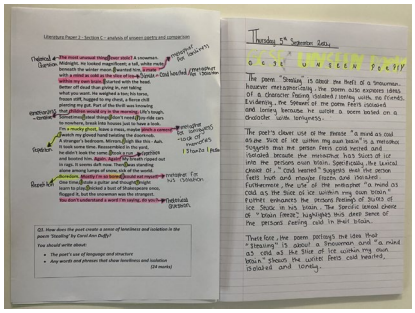
For those families still awaiting uniform items from stockists, please contact the school if you are struggling to obtain specific items – We want to help as much as we can. admin@winsfordacademy.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary: Autumn 1	
Thursday 19th September 2024, 4pm	**Coffee with E McLaren** If you would like to meet the new Principal, please add you details to the form below. https://forms.office.com/e/8akFnAZFqE Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We will notify you nearer the time if you have secured a place. Further dates will be issued throughout the year.
Thursday 26th September 2024 **4pm – 7pm** *(£5 reduction in Prom Ticket if families attend)*	**Year 11 Information Evening** Parents and students will learn about effective learning strategies in preparation for Mock GCSE Exams, week commencing 4th November 2024
Friday 27th September 2024	**MacMillan Coffee Morning**
Thursday 3rd October 2024 **4:30pm – 6:30pm**	**Open Evening for Prospective Parents**
Tuesday 8th October 2024, 5pm	**Parent Information Evening (more details to follow)**
Thursday 17th October 2024 **4pm – 6pm**	**Year 7 Settling-In Evening**

Strong Start from Year 11 in English

Outstanding effort as Tom and Lexi read and annotated an unseen poem





Attendance Matters

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Achievement is directly linked to attendance

Students with high levels of attendance make better progress and achieve better in examinations.

No school days missed	100%	The Winsford Way
1 day absent	99%	5 lessons missed
3 days absent	98%	15 lessons missed
5 days absent	97%	25 lessons missed
7.5 days absent	96%	38 lessons missed
10 days/2 WEEKS	94%	50 lessons missed
13 days absent	93%	65 lessons missed
15 days/3 WEEKS	92%	75 lessons missed
18 days	90%	90 lessons missed

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