



Kingswinford Academy

A part of Windsor Academy Trust

20th-24th September 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

September is a particularly busy time for schools - not only is this the start of the school year but we are also busily engaging with our future students and primary schools as the school admissions process begins.

This coming week our transition and admissions process starts in earnest with our open mornings and the main event, our Open Evening on Thursday night. In order to support this crucial event we arrange for an **early finish on Thursday** - with students leaving at 12.50pm (lunchtime) and also arranging one of our **annual training days on Friday** which means the school is closed to students this Friday. We also invite some students to come and support the evening and you should have received notification if your child has been asked to support - please do make sure that the online permission form is completed as soon as possible.

Thank you all in advance for your support - these events are hugely important for our future students and we are so pleased that we are able to offer an open evening this year.

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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Home Testing Kits

J Wilkes



Could we please ask all parents to continue to support the home testing programme for students to take two tests a week. Although voluntary, this is a vital tool in identifying asymptomatic positive cases and could prevent outbreaks of Covid-19, which will cause disruption to students' education.

At present, the number of students testing is showing on Test Register as being significantly lower than last year so we would welcome your support and encouragement, in order to get our students back to regular testing twice a week.

Testing is only voluntary and students who have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days do not need to take these tests until the 90 days have passed.

Kingswinford Academy will send out weekly reminders for testing on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and the test register will also send out a morning reminder on Thursday and Monday. Please log your results on [TestRegister](#). A number of students have informed us that they are still testing, however we aren't aware of this as the results of the tests haven't been registered, so please log the results with us.

Career of the week

N McFarlane

An infographic for the career of a CNC Machinist, presented as a page from a spiral-bound notebook. The page features a photo of two people in a workshop, a title 'CNC Machinist', and sections for 'What do they do?', 'Salary', and 'SKILLS'.

What do they do?	Salary
CNC Millers / Machinists combine cutting edge design with computer programming and engineering skills to improve the efficiency and quality of products, from spacecraft to racing cars to games consoles.	Entry Level
	£22,000
	Experienced
	£55,000

SKILLS

- Great practical skills
- Good IT skills
- Good at problem solving

Number 17/17A Bus Route

T Macdonald

Thank you to all those parents who joined us to try and resolve the challenges with the No.17/17A bus. If you were not able to make it, please do email the school with the challenges you are facing so that we can support you and share your issues with National Express West Midlands. By working together we are keen to ensure that a suitable bus timetable can be reinstated to support your children.

info@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Water Street

T Macdonald



Please can I continue to encourage parents to avoid driving or parking on Water Street at the end of the school day.

We will always seek to ensure the safety of our students and community and have many staff on duty at the end of the day to try and keep our students safe and, from experience, we know it is both safer and faster for our students if parents seek to collect their children from the side streets surrounding the school, rather than directly in front of the school gates.

Do please support our school in keeping our community safe and please do not take offence if one of my staff asks you to move your car should you be stopped on the marked areas - we are only seeking to keep our children safe from harm on a very busy residential street.

Parent/Carer Art Audit

S Bianco

Parents/Carers please could you take a couple of minutes to complete this short questionnaire to support Kingswinford Academy's application for Artsmark status.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ahE5hxE3NRhymzOA7wLvunzaRwFNwgPn3hfNiueUCZ4/edit?usp=sharing>

Open Mornings & Open Evening

P Guest

A promotional poster for Kingswinford Academy's Open Mornings and Open Evening events. The poster features a young man in a school uniform painting a portrait of a man with glasses. The background is a collage of colorful images. The text on the poster includes the Kingswinford Academy logo, the Ofsted Good Provider logo, and the Windsor logo. The main headline is "Be Extraordinary". The event details are: Open Mornings - 20 to 22 September, 9am to 11am; Open Evening - 23 September, 5pm to 8pm. The website kingswinfordacademy.org.uk/open-events is listed, along with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

Year 6 Open Mornings and Open Evenings take place this week. School will close early at 12.50 pm to students on Open Evening in order for final preparations to take place.

To see our latest prospectus please click [here](#).

Ipads for Learning

G Fendek

Year 7 and 9 iPads - It has been a fantastic week and the majority of year 7 and 9 have been introduced to their iPad. Next week in Computing lessons they will learn how to best use them.

Year 8 iPads - To ensure that iPads purchased last year are able to take advantage of recent developments in Mobile device management software (MDM) and have the same features that our current roll out of iPads have, we need to perform an update that can only be completed at school. The update requires the software on the iPad to be reinitialized by our IT team. **All Year 8 iPads must be brought into school on Monday 20th September** and left with our IT support team until Tuesday 21st September to receive this critical update. This will all be organised during form time on Monday. We ask that the iPad is fully charged and any files, including photographs, are saved into the students Google Drive. Files held locally on the iPad will automatically be erased as part of the process.

Portal reopening - some parents have expressed an interest in signing up despite missing the deadline. We will reopen the portal but not until the end of September. If you could let the school know if you intend to opt for an iPad when the portal re-opens it would be much appreciated.

You can email Mr G Fendek if you have any challenges or wish to sign up to the portal. Thank you in advance for your support in this fantastic programme.

[gfendek@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:g fendek@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk).

Class Charts Parent Log on Reminder

J Airey



Open www.classcharts.com/parent/login

2. Enter your email address
3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'
4. Enter your parent access code and name
5. Choose a password
6. Click Log-in!

If you need your access code please email your child's Head of House requesting this. It will allow you to see what has happened during their school day as well as their homework.

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ASPIRE Graduate Programme - Year 7 Home Activity

J Wilkes

This week our Year 7 students will be looking at how they can Be Organised in and out of school in order to maximise their learning potential .

The Year 7 home activity this week is for the students to take ownership of a particular area of homelife that needs planning. This could be a weekly meal schedule or even a list of jobs around the house. Please support students and help them plan a schedule that requires organisation.



Students are to hand their plans to their form tutors during the week.

COVID-19 Vaccine rollout

T Macdonald

New guidance for schools was released to schools on Friday regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people. This can be viewed [here](#). At this point we have not had the opportunity to act on this guidance and will provide more information and detail about the school’s role in the programme in due course. However, there are one or two key points I would draw your attention to in advance.

- The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team will be the primary provider of the

vaccination programme for healthy 12 to 15 year olds and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.

- Vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff working closely with the school and following the usual approach to school-based immunisation.
- Consent will be sought by the SAIS provider from the parent or person with parental responsibility in the same way as for any other school vaccination programme.

Schools will support the SIAS team in sharing leaflets and distributing consent forms and letters from SIAS. We will also provide a venue but SIAS healthcare professionals will coordinate the programme with schools as normal.

School Photographs

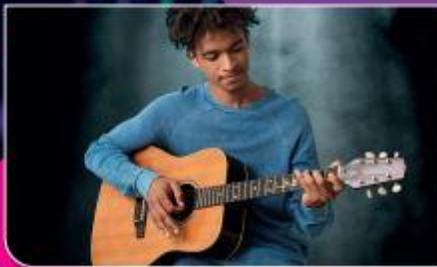
L Wise

On Friday Tempest photography came and took our annual school photographs. Following the COVID-19 pandemic we decided to photograph all year groups and offer sibling photographs as well.

Sadly Tempest were unable to complete all of the sibling photographs in the time available, so we will arrange for them to return at a later date in the year to enable all those who missed out on a sibling photograph on Friday to have these.

More details will follow in the coming week regarding ordering and paying for any photographs you may wish.

Learn to play play



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Young people can now enrol for discounted music lessons with Dudley Performing Arts.

If you live or study in the Dudley borough you can learn to play for just £6.50 for a group lesson.

Lessons take place in school delivered by the biggest provider of music tuition in our area.

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to enrol.

Alternatively, visit www.dudley.gov.uk and search 'lessons in schools' or phone 01384 813865.



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Calendar

Week Beginning 20th September

Monday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour & Talks 9:00 am -11:00am
Tuesday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour & Talks 9:00 am -11:00am
Wednesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour & Talks 9:00 am -11:00am
Thursday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Evening 5:00pm - 8:00pm • Early finish for students 12:50pm
Friday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY Closed to students

Week Beginning 27th September

Monday 27th	
Tuesday 28th	
Wednesday 29th	
Thursday 30th	
Friday 1st	
Advance notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers Evening 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Sports Hall (Y11 Elevate tbc) - 13th October • LAB Meeting 1 - 20th October