



WIA:INSIGHT

PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

Term 5



Principal's welcome message

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have been enjoying the recent improvements in the weather since I last wrote. It seems fated every year that once the public examinations commence, temperatures rise and sunbathing becomes preferable to revision. Let's hope we get another month of rain....

I would like to pay tribute to our students taking their public examinations; they have been focused and shown great determination to succeed. I have been particularly impressed with year 11; they have maintained the highest standards to the last week of their formal attendance. As the summer examination series starts in earnest this week, on behalf of my colleagues I send our very best wishes to all our examination candidates. I want also to thank all those who have been preparing candidates this term; it is hard to know who is more nervous during examination season, teachers or students.



WIA students receive letters from parents

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/WAT-CH-Parents-write-moving-letters-Bristol/story-29279352-detail/story.html>

A special word of thanks must go to Miss Kirkbright and Mr Jackson who have masterminded our examination strategy. I hope you saw the recent article in the Bristol press where students opened "best wishes" letters from their parents on the eve of their examinations. I was there during the Bristol Post filming and can testify to how moving and inspiring it was for students to get messages of support from their families.

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Key dates

Saturday 28th May
Y9&10 Watersports trip starts

Monday 6th June
Term 6 starts

Monday 13th June
Year 12 students return

Wednesday 29th June
KS4 exam period ends

Thursday 30th June
Sixth form info evening

Monday 4th July
Post-18 prep week starts

Thursday 7th July
WIA open evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 22nd July
Last day of term 6

Principal's welcome message continued...

Term 5 has seen the customary outstanding performances from our students; these achievements will be highlighted across this edition of the Insight, and you can also read about our students achievements online at: <http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/>

My highlight of the term was the chance of a lifetime. On 16 May I accompanied Mrs Lesley Ward to Buckingham Palace where we attended a garden party to celebrate the work of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our group were fortunate to meet Prince Phillip and our guest speaker, the newsreader Naga Munchetty was inspiring.

We are also having an additional open event next term on July 7 from 15:30 to 18:00 which will be aimed at Year 5 students. If you have children in year 5, please come along.

Mr Richard Haupt, Academy Principal



SIMS Learning Gateway

Instead of waiting for the next subject evening, SIMS Learning Gateway is a fantastic way to stay up to date with how your child is getting on at the Academy.

- Real-time live updates
- Check your child's attendance figures
- Update your contact details
- View your child's behavioural record

To access SLG visit:
www.trfwia.org.uk/sims

For any issues with logging in please contact
Anthe.evans@trfwia.org.uk



Years 7-10 end of year examinations

Years 7&8:

- Students will complete most assessments from Monday 20th June to Friday 1st July in their normal timetabled lessons.

Year 9:

- English, Mathematics and Science examinations will take place in the week beginning Monday 13th of June.
- Other subjects will take place the following week.

Year 10:

- Students will take 'Pre-Public' formal examinations in all subjects from Monday 20th July to Friday 1st July.

For more detailed information please visit:
<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/end-of-year-examinations/>



Year 7 parents evening

Parents evening will be taking place on 14th June, with teaching staff available from 4.00 - 6.30pm for 5 minute appointments with you.

If you would like to make an appointment regarding learning difficulties please contact Mr Mogford via the main switchboard.

Bookings are now open and can be made until 3:00pm on Tuesday 14th June.

For online booking of appointments go to:
<https://trfwia.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

For more information please read:
<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/May-2016-letter-to-Year-7-Parents-regarding-parents-evening-and-booking.pdf>

Guild news

Lion Guild news

by KS3 students, Holly Becker, Grace Flynn and Bryony Pym.

We would like to start by saying a huge thanks to everyone who has participated in an activity for charity, whether it was a sponsored silence, running a mile or our fantastic pop up orchestra it has all contributed to the grand total, raised by Lion of £426.69 so far this term.

Alongside this fundraising the Guild also organised bag collection of unwanted clothes for the Jessie May Foundation. Nell and Lily Waghorn deserve an huge congratulations for organising and participating in a charity dog walk which raised £203.02 for the Jessie May Foundation.

To add to our Guild charity total Mrs Flynn will be participating in her first Ultramarathon next month, running 69 miles along Hadrian's Wall.

Pegasus Guild news

by Mrs K Calver.

This term we say goodbye to our year 13 and 11 students as they leave for exam study leave, but encourage them to come back to the Academy if they feel they need any further help with their final preparations. We are proud of all the hard work they have put in and wish them every success.

My role at Winterbourne Academy is changing and in term 6; I will no longer be Head of Pegasus, as I take on KS2/KS3 transition work. Mrs Sarah Watkins, a former Head of Year will take on the Head of Pegasus and should you need to contact her please use the following e mail address Sarah.watkins@trfwia.org.uk .

Over the past year I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the Pegasus Guild. Students have worked very hard and I will still be looking out for them in forthcoming Guild competitions.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good break and all the best for the future.

Sixth form

Year 11 into 12 Induction Days

The Sixth Form Induction Days for Year 11 students will take place on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July. If you have applied to join the Sixth Form at WIA, please make sure you attend these days as they will help give you an exciting insight into the subjects you have chosen. For many of you, this may include new subjects that you haven't studied at GCSE level.

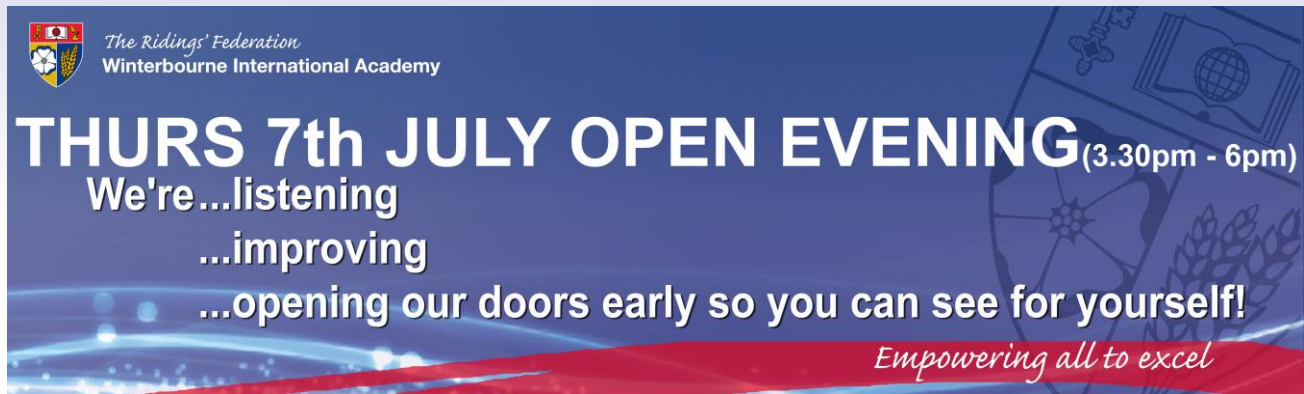
You will also be involved in selecting the Head Boy and Head Girl who will form the Sixth Form Student Leadership. Further information about these Induction Days has been sent to you via a letter and we really hope you are able to attend.

Parent Sixth Form Information Evening

Miss Kirkbright would like to invite the parents of all prospective WIA Sixth Form students to attend an information and advice evening at the end of the first Induction Day on Thursday 30th June at 6pm in the Auditorium. Please confirm your attendance by way of email to Mrs Arpino (jennifer.arpino@trfwia.org.uk)

Changes to Year 7 Guild Tutor Groups, Pastoral Structure and Transition Arrangements

Parents/carers will have received our letter explaining the changes we are making to the Guild system for 2016-2017. All year 7 students will join a dedicated Tutor Group. The Year 7 Tutor Team will be led by Mrs Calver. Parents/carers will be invited to the Academy to meet their child's Tutor towards the end of Term 1 (October 2016) for their first 'Parents' Meeting' to find out more about how their children have settled into the Academy.



The Ridings' Federation
Winterbourne International Academy

THURS 7th JULY OPEN EVENING (3.30pm - 6pm)

We're...listening
...improving
...opening our doors early so you can see for yourself!

Empowering all to excel

Changes to Data & Reports

We are busy finalising plans for a new tracking and reporting system which is being introduced across the Academies in September. These changes have been designed to better communicate the progress being made in each subject and to support students more in knowing what their '**Next Steps for Learning**' are. These grades replace the previously used A*-G grading structure as follows:

Top A*	A*-A	A	B-C	D	E	F-G
9	8	7	6-4	3	2	1

We will run an information evening about this for parents very soon.

Uniform Update

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us in getting the uniform to look smart and presentable this year, however, some old habits have crept in:

- **Skirts:** we have received a number of complaints from local residents and some parents about the length of girl's skirts. Skirts must be mid-length and should not be of stretchy material.
- **Guild Ties:** all students in the current years 7-9 have to wear a guild tie. We understand that some of these get lost or broken, and we have supported this by giving out an old tie as a *temporary* replacement. From the start of next term, any student in years 7-9 without a guild tie will be picked up and action taken to rectify the fault.
- **Leaving WIA site:** all students need to be in full uniform as they leave. This includes tie, blazer and shirts/blouses tucked in. It is so important to our reputation that our students look smart in the community and think of our reputation, irrespective of the time of day.



We understand that parents often like to wait until the summer break to get new uniform, but we would urge parents to rectify uniform problems quickly to help us keep things on track. Thank you.

New Behaviour Model

Creating Our Culture:

The Academy have been looking at how our culture and expectations shape and influence the students' aspirations, motivation and behavior. A clear set of values emerged, these values truly define the Academy and what it stands for, and the values have been distilled into five key words:



Courtesy: 'we want everyone to be polite, treat others with respect and show manners to create a friendly, warm learning environments.'

Resilience: 'we want everyone to build inner strength so that they are persistent and determined in their goals and can overcome mistakes and setbacks.'

Integrity: 'we want everyone to be honest and honourable, to build a strong sense of character and moral compass that can direct them through life.'

Self-Reflection: 'we want everyone to build the capacity for self-discipline, self control and mastery; this comes from being able to reflect on successes and failures and learn from every experience.'

Purpose: 'we want everyone to develop aspirations and dedication so that they can find focus and energy in all their endeavours.'

More information about this behaviour model is available online at: <http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/new-behaviour-crisp-model/>.

We will also be running an information evening on 29th June.

Summer's coming: some things to remember

During the warmer weather please ensure that your child brings a water bottle with them. Water dispensers are placed around the school but students must provide their own bottles as we are unable to provide plastic cups. Drinking plenty of water is not only essential for keeping our students healthy and hydrated but also helps them to maintain concentration during lessons.

May we also ask that, if your child suffers from hay fever, you provide them with antihistamine medication prior to coming to school (or keep a supply in their bag) as our Medical Room is no longer able to provide or administer medication.



CEP Video blog and tweets

Thank you for all the positive comments regarding Mr Williams weekly video blog. To view our latest videos visit vimeo.com/ridingsfederation or follow our CEP's twitter page: @AdamWilliamsRFA

Academy day consultation

As mentioned in the last CEP vlog, thank you to everyone who responded to the academy day consultation. Further discussions are being had based on this feedback and we will keep you informed in due course.



Summer Concert

Reminder that our summer music concert is taking place on 30th June.

Music Lessons

Please remember that the deadline for instrumental and vocal lesson payment is the 7th June.

Highlights online this term



Rags to Riches raise £221.75

The Mexico 2017 team at Winterbourne International Academy have successfully raised £221.75 in aid of the primary school in Mexico.

The Rags to Riches event allowed staff, students and parents to donate their unwanted clothing items, and the Mexico team will receive every penny of the money raised to then put directly into the Primary school.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/events/rags-to-riches-raise-221-75/>



Tesco and Sainsbury's donate to WIA

Sainsbury's Emersons Green kindly donated £100 of gift cards to the Academy and Tesco Local in Winterbourne generously donated 300 bottles of water to Winterbourne International Academy to help students in the exam period, allowing students to buy fresh fruit, water, and cereal bars.

Six students from the Academy, Abi, Megan, Dylan, Bethan, Grace and Rafael went to collect the donations.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/students-donations-from-supermarket/>



U16 Girls Football Champions

On the 27th April our under 16 Girls Football team became South Glos Champions, allowing them to go on to play in the Gloucestershire County final the following week.

The following week the girls were crowned County Champions after defeating Bedminster Down in the final with a score of 4 – 1.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/events/u16-girls-football-champions/>



U16 National Basketball Champions

Oli Carey, Seb Hodge, Callum Fitzgerald and Harry Padfield were crowned the under-16 National Basketball Development League Champions.

They were crowned champions following a 79-76 victory over Leicester Dynamite at the NSPC in Manchester.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/students-crowned-u16-national-basketball-champions/>



Jacob helps Chelsea win youth cup

A massive congratulations to former WIA student Jacob Maddox signed a contract with Chelsea FC two years ago having previously been on the book with Bristol City.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/sport-and-leisure/jacob-helps-chelsea-win-youth-cup/>



Harry's acrogymnastic's success

Congratulations to Harry Hole who recently achieved a bronze medal at the acrogymnastic's championships in China, competing in the 13-19 men's pair event.

Highlights online this term continued...



Rex signs contract with Oxford City FC

A massive congratulations to Rex Mannings of year 11, as he has just secured his first professional football academy contract at Oxford City FC.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/rex-signs-contract-with-oxford-city-fc/>



Lexi becomes an International Champion

Year 7 student Lexi Johnson was crowned International Champion in sparring and forms, after competing in the International Martial Arts Championships in Cardiff.

Alongside being crowned International Champion, Lexi also came away from the competition with two gold medals.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/lexi-becomes-an-international-champion/>



Harriet's success in Hungary

Year 10 student Harriet Lambe has been representing the Republic of Ireland playing for their U16 team, and most recently, playing in the U16 UEFA Development Tournament in Hungary.

<http://www.trfwia.org.uk/news/harriets-success-in-hungary/>

Photos from our Arts Festival



T★alent Show

WANTED: TALENT

When? Friday 10th June, Lunchtime

Where? Arts Centre

Buy tickets from Guild office or pay on the door

Tickets Cost 50p

Talk to Mr Milton or Mrs Webber to perform!

PHOENIX GUILD

A chance to watch the England v Wales match on the big screen in the Auditorium



How to win a ticket for this match:

- If you're currently not on a stage
- If you have more than 50 positives
- Give your tutor your name, to be entered into the rewards lottery for a ticket.
- Only 300 tickets available

Trip Information:

French trip to Nice and Monaco from the 22nd to the 25th March (term time).

- Currently open to y9 and y10 students.
- Please contact Miss Maule on rosie.maule@trfwia.org.uk or Mrs Adams on Nathalie.adams@trfwia.org.uk for further details.
- Initial payment deadline 15th July.
- Current y7 and y8 students will be able to apply at a later date.

Spanish trip to Andalucía from the 27th to the 31st January (term time).

- Currently open to y9 students.
- Please contact Mrs Adams on Nathalie.adams@trfwia.org.uk for further details.
- Initial payment deadline 15th July.
- Current y7 and y8 students will be able to apply at a later date.

Modern Foreign Languages Assembly:

Current year 8 students were treated to a special assembly, four Airbus graduates came in at the end of term 5 to promote languages and the need for linguistics in the workplace.

The speakers informed our students of the company they work for and how speaking foreign languages can open the door to many opportunities on the job market.

Our year 8 students were also given the opportunity to ask questions and find out more information about languages in the work place.



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