



"Through hard work, inspiration, mutual respect and enjoyment, we will achieve success together."

April/May 2018

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 24 May: School closes at 1.15 pm for years 7-10 and year 12
 School finishes for Half term on Friday 25 May at 2.55 pm
 School returns on Monday 4 June

Items for Sale

Good quality Men's/Boy's shoes, size 8, ideal for Prom, worn once: £15.
 Boys M&S smart black trousers, 36" waist, 33" leg, never worn: £6

Note from Headteacher: Schools across the county are now entering the time for formal external examinations and I wish every success in particular to our Year 11 and Year 13 students taking GCSE and A Level exams over May and June. Staff support will continue until the leaving days and beyond to ensure success. The leaving events themselves have been given careful consideration by heads of year and we hope that every student marks this important occasion in an appropriate manner and not in a way which causes disruption to the school.

Parent Consultation evenings have now taken place for all year groups since January with a high level of attendance - thank you for your support. Just under 500 surveys were completed over the course of the six evenings with many parents taking the time to comment on the school's strengths and areas for improvement. This information will feed into the school improvement plan with targets set in relation to the survey outcomes next academic year. The top three questions with which there was the greatest level of agreement were:

	Agree
My child feels safe at JCS	94%
My child is well looked after at JCS	93%
My child is happy at JCS	92%

The areas that the surveys suggest the school needs to focus on for improvement are:

	Agree
JCS deals effectively with bullying	55%
JCS ensures the pupils are well behaved	69%
JCS responds well to any concern I raise	76%

A high proportion of responses on the bullying question (29%) were 'Don't Know' suggesting that the bullying issue has not arisen. Nevertheless I would wish to improve on this response for next year.

One recurring comment was the lack of social space for students at break and lunchtime. I'm delighted that the PTA is seeking to raise funds to landscape the grass bank at the back of the school beside the hard standing area with a view to providing additional seating. Please do support their fundraising efforts. The school is also planning to submit a capital bid to the Education Skills and Funding Agency for the construction of a new canteen. The ESFA receives applications over the period September to December with schools informed of the outcome by March 2019. Once the bid has been submitted I hope that parents will assist with lobbying our MP and local councillors to ensure a successful outcome that could allow for the possibility of construction to take place in the summer of 2019 as the most optimistic outcome.

Rocket Car Racing

During February and March Year 7 students took part in a rocket car racing challenge. This was a joint project between science, ICT and technology.

The Build

At the end of January students were asked to put themselves into groups of four within their forms. Year 7 were then split into two groups and the challenge took place over two days.

What happened

Half of the year group went into the hall and were given the rules to the project. The teams of four then split into pairs, two students went to ICT and two to tech.

ICT challenge

Using what they had learnt in class students applied their knowledge to programme a microbit to record the time of the rocket car. They also designed the colours and patterns for the car.

Tech Challenge

One student in tech designed the wheels, they had to consider how wide, how thick and even how many spokes the wheels should have. The other student built and shaped the car using the template and rules provided.

Science Challenge

In lessons we all learnt about the shape and structure of the car and how this can affect its performance. We needed to understand how to make our cars more streamlined.

Race Day

On 23rd March the RAF visited the school and two forms at a time took their cars up to the playing courts where the RAF slotted in the rocket to add the power and the microbit to record the time. One student from each team got to press the 'big red button', which ignited the rocket. The rocket propelled itself down a wire line towards the time gates this read the time off the microbit. All the times were recorded and the fastest car from all the heats will be representing our school in a national final racing winners from other schools.

Representing our school will be 'Unstoppable', the winning team from 7D With an amazing time of 46 milliseconds, with an average speed of 48.63 miles per hour.

The ultimate prize is to have their team name and their names on the Bloodhound the world's fastest car.

Matilda, 7R



The Spelling Bee

The spelling bee was great and was loads of fun. There were lots of amazing spellers in this competition that would definitely have a potential for later on in their lives. It was hosted brilliantly by Ms Simpson and she gave us some challenging words to spell.

Firstly, we tried to spell some words that were commonly misspelt and a few people went out early. The rest gave up a good fight to stay in the competition but sadly another few went out.

Then we went on to words that started with a certain letter and by that time most people had lost one of their two cards. By now there were about 6 people left. We moved on to letters beginning with A and 2 people went out by misspelling the beginnings of the words.

Then there were 3 people left. We all had only 1 card left so one mistake could cost us. Unfortunately our last girl went out so it was one vs. one. The nerves were building up between the last two challengers and a silly mistake made by the runner up cost him and that left the winner standing tall.

This competition was great and would definitely compete in it again.

By Will 7J

Our Winner, Will pictured here with Ms Simpson.



Girls Active Update

We thought you might like to see what the Girls Active pupils have been getting up to :

UV Tennis was a huge success and we had 86 females attend across 4 different year groups.

Pictured below are some pictures of the girls ice skating—the programme is going really well and participation rates are definitely increasing.



Model United Nations Trip

The United Nations is an intergovernmental organisation which tasks to promote international cooperation and to create and maintain international order.

Twelve students from John Colet attended with pupils from other schools and represented different countries to debate and to get their opinion heard on the problem of food wastage. Agreements with each of the various countries were needed to ensure that the resulting solution was the best possible option for everyone.

The MUN is to inform young people about the problems going on in the world and to take responsibility. Skills learnt at the Model United Nations include public speaking and debating. We all enjoyed our experience and meeting new people who were dedicated and friendly. I represented Canada and we discussed our position on the usage of genetically modified crops. Canada agrees with the usage of GM crops, only if they have been tested thoroughly and properly labelled on packaging. The most challenging aspect of the day was the public speaking. Although I personally did not say a lot, I took notes and helped my teammates on what to say. I enjoyed meeting new people who were passionate about the United Nations and wanted more knowledge on how they can help out in the ever changing world. Emily 9J


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Students pictured: Will, Riley, Anna, Emily, Natalia, Millen, Jude, Stanley, Ben, Robin, Caitlin and Amie.



Meet our Family Liaison Officer—Laura North

Helping students and families engage in and enjoy school life at John Colet School. Helping parents to feel confident that school is looking after their child well.

What do I do? How can I help?

I am in school from 8.30—12:15 Monday to Thursday.

I speak with families and students to:

Encourage good attendance to enable students to learn effectively and get the most they can out of school.

Support families to identify challenges and to find ways to overcome these barriers to learning.

Encourage families to become active members of the school community. Share with you what is going well for your child at school.

Offer a friendly listening ear so you can share any concerns you may have.

Liaise with school staff to help find solutions.

Feel free to call, email or arrange a meeting. Phone: 01296 623348 ext 246. Email: familyliaison@johncolet.co.uk



Information from Wendover Youth Centre

Riding Lights Theatre Company has been touring innovative, accessible theatre into all kinds of communities for nearly 40 years. Their aim is to create unforgettable, entertaining theatre in response to current issues and the hopes and fears of the world we share. Created in 1992, Riding Lights is a dynamic company of young actors.

Wendover Youth Centre is delighted to be working with our community partners to Host Roughshod, from Riding lights Theatre Company, from 24-27 May. So, what should you look out for during their visit?

24-25 May: They will be leading drama workshops at the Wendover Junior School for pupils from years 5 and 6.

Thursday 24 May: We will be hosting Roughshod at the youth centre for drama workshops during our regular Thursday youth club. Young people in Year 8 and above are welcome to join us for sketches, games and discussion. Contact becky@wendoveryouth.co.uk for more information.

Friday 25 May: Amazing Donkey will re-locate to the Christian Centre , where we will see Roughshod perform. We would love all young people from year 6 up to join us: £2.50 Entry 7pm-9pm. Contact Paul@wendoveryouth.co.uk or rev.remco@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday 26 May: Would you like a trip to the Theatre? Roughshod will be performing their full length show Deliver @ St Marys Church, Wendover. Show starts at 7pm, Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for under 18s. Tickets can be purchased from Just on the High Street. For more information contact: info@stmaryswendover.org.uk

Sunday 27 May: Roughshod will be performing at Wendover Celebrates (<http://wendovercelebrates.com/>) in the Activity Zone from 2pm, where they will also be joined by Premier Performing Arts from Halton (www.premier-education.com)

We hope you can join us for this great Community Project.

You might notice a former Youth Centre worker (Martha) as part of the cast!

Becky and Team (Please see advert over the page)

Plea from Matron regarding Lost Property and Water Bottles

We have numerous items of lost property including coats, odd shoes and trainers. If you are missing any, please come to Matron's Office - all unclaimed items will be disposed of at half term.



Please remind your son/daughter of the importance of bringing in their water bottle. We still have a number of students coming to Matron requesting water during the school day. There are water stations around the school that they can refill their water bottles if they need to.

Thank You.



ROUGHSHOD IN WENDOVER

23rd - 26th May. www.ridinglights.org/deliver



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together
in Wendover



8P Colour Run

Our Colour Run was amazing. I was standing at the half way point with free paints. I watched the clouds of colour appear at the paint throwing stations. Everyone was having fun and ended up multi-coloured. We tried to get face paint on Mr Kenny and Dr. Myatt but they got away! We raised £120 for Stonewall, it is a charity that supports LGBT rights.

By: Heidi 8P

In the picture:

Lily, Katie, Abigail, Ellie, Angharad, Poppy and Will.



Bake Sale

On Thursday 19 April, form 7G hosted a bake sale in aid of Cancer Research for their Make A Difference Week. They baked an assortment of cakes, cupcakes, brownies and flap-jacks, which were all voted for by our Food Tech teacher Miss Owen and Head of Art Mrs White. There was also a people's vote by pupils.

The winners for aesthetics were Amber and Savanah for their tie-dye cupcakes and victoria sponge cake. The winners for the challenging cakes were Harry and Caitlyn for their fox inspired cake and chocolate filled cupcakes. The people's choice winners were Corey and Brandon.

Overall we raised £145.13 from our cake sale and £85 from donations for Cancer Research.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Amber 7G



Sales Apprentice Challenge – Year 12

Our team of Year 12 students who were chosen to represent the school at the Sales Apprentice Challenge travelled to Pinewood Studios in April to compete with eight other Buckinghamshire schools and colleges in the final of the competition. The team had previously spent a day working with a local business, Shirley Parsons Associates, in Aylesbury and were ably supported by professionals there to develop their presentation and work on their pitch. The brief was to promote Buckinghamshire as a perfect place for young adults to live and work in, particularly explaining how it can be an attractive location for graduates. The team worked independently and spent many hours honing their delivery and presentation style as well as completing in depth research to produce their pitch. The team were nervous on the day but this was certainly not evident in their delivery which was confident, articulate and well-rehearsed. It was a close final and, whilst our team were not overall winners, they came very close! The experience has given the individuals in the team a breadth of experiences and has enabled them to develop the 'soft skills' employers are seeking in recruits. A big 'thank you' to Amanda and Rosie from Shirley Parsons Associates who volunteered their time throughout the process; the students really enjoyed their day in the offices working with the team there.



The team, Jessie, Jack, Caleb, Lauren, Corey, Charlotte and Lottie, pictured with our Enterprise Advisor, the judges, our business supporter and a very proud Mrs Fanchi. Well done!

Message from the Head of Sixth Form Good Luck to Year 13 Leavers

As we say farewell to our Year 13s ahead of their final exams, I want to take the opportunity to wish all of them the very best of luck! They have been working hard, with focus and effort, for many months and I am sure this will culminate in a successful exam period. Many students are going on to Higher Education, studying a range of courses at a variety of institutions. These students are about to embark on a new exciting challenge and we look forward to hearing how they settle in to university life. Many students have chosen to follow alternative routes and will be taking on specific training or courses designed to enable them to pursue their passions. Whichever path each student has chosen, they set out on it with the very best wishes from myself, the lower sixth and the staff and students at John Colet. The students will celebrate the end of their exams with a Prom at the end of July and the World Challenge group depart for their expedition to Nepal shortly after.

Year 13, please do keep in touch with the school and it would be lovely to welcome willing volunteers back one day to inspire future Sixth Form students with your successes and achievements; you will always be welcome.

Mrs Fanchi

Food Tech



Fantastic Pull Apart cupcakes by Piera and Phoebe, 8B : Well Done Girls!

Triathlon

12 girls took part in the School Games Triathlon at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. U13 team and an U15 team. The girls in relay format had to swim 50m, cycle in 2 minute intervals and sprint 200m for a total of 15 minutes each. The team that travelled the furthest are the winners! Results are yet to be published. The girls worked very hard and I was very proud of them.

Part of the team were:

Year 7: Olivia, Zola, Amber

Year 8: Niamh, Freya, Aylah,

Year 10: Nicola, Ashley, Rosie, Jasmine, Lottie and Alicia



Scholars Programme Launch Trip

On Wednesday 18 April 2018, Mrs Abslom took me and the other 11 students (chosen to take part in the Scholars Programme) on our launch trip. This took place at Brasenose College in Oxford. After a short bus trip, we arrived in sunny Oxford. We entered the beautiful college and made our way into our lecture room for the day. We met two lovely men, both called Joe. One was a representative from the Scholars Programme and the other is a teacher at Brasenose college. Another school was supposed to join us on our launch trip. While we waited we were given an introduction to archeology using pottery. During this we were allowed to handle some of the College's pottery which was extremely old!



Finally, Joe introduced us to the Scholars Programme to make sure we knew a bit about the course ahead of us. Afterwards Joe taught us how to win an argument! During this we also learnt about some example of leaders (which nicely linked to our course on leadership!). Afterwards everyone was getting hungry so we were allowed a lunch break. We were guided to the college's Medieval Kitchen. On the short walk from the lecture hall, we passed lots of students sitting on the grass having fun with their friends. A group of men were even playing croquet!



There was a various selection of sandwiches/crisps/fruit and juice cartons. We all took and ate a delicious lunch. As the other School cancelled there was double the food! Everyone was offered more food which the majority of the group took up. After lunch we gathered back in the lecture room and a large group of students introduced themselves then took us on a tour around the campus; this was very interesting as we had never seen anything like this before. In fact for some of us, it was our first time on a college campus!

On the tour (lead by the students) we saw their study halls, library, chapel and we also got to learn some quirky beliefs and traditions that the students follow. We even saw some areas that had been used for filming The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. We all came back from our tour and got a chance to ask the students questions such as "how did you decide to study at Brasenose?" to "Where do you get your nice clothes from?"



Joe then took us on a walk around Oxford outside the of the Campus. We saw some of the other colleges which make up Oxford University. He showed us the door which was said to be the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland! We also saw a the first ever OXFAM and the local market. That concluded our amazing day at Oxford. We said our goodbyes to the students and our mentors for the day and made our way back home. On that journey we were able to tuck in to all that food that we had gathered from lunch!

We all enjoyed the trip thoroughly!

Thank you to Mrs Abslom for taking us and thank you to Brasenose for having us for the day!

Amy 10L

Sports Festival

A number of our year 8 and 9 students have been assisting with the primary school sports festivals. Below are some comments we have received from some of the schools that have attended.

It is so lovely to see such positive feedback and I always feel so proud of all their hard work, they really are a true credit to our school.

Hayley Tallyn

"Thank you for the multiskills festival yesterday, our children absolutely loved it. It was really well organised and our children had such a positive experience of P.E and of what a Secondary School looks like. You're leaders were great (definitely couldn't tell which ones were the new ones) so thank you."

St Mary's

"I just thought I would pass on a message on behalf of my team that attended your multi skills festival last week to say thank you for a well organised event. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they are constantly asking when they can go back. Could you please pass the message on to all the pupils that organised it and especially the young man that was leading my group around (short blondish curly hair). He had a great attitude towards the children, especially one little boy who really struggles to control his behaviour, and kept them well motivated and engaged throughout the session.

We look forward to, hopefully, attending next years! "

Oak Green

History Trip

The John Colet took 43 students to the First World War battlefields in the Somme and Ypres. Four girls, pictured below took part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. They were superb and did the school proud.

Pictured below: Madison 8L, Ruby 8L, Abigail 8L and Fleur 8R.



Maths Competition

In April, our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the the last UKMT national competition of the year; the Junior Maths Challenge. Students had one hour to complete a selection of challenging problems armed only with a pencil.

We are pleased to announce the follow student won awards: In year 8: Katie (Gold award), Kayla (Silver award), Grace (Silver award) and Niamh (Bronze award). In year 7: Haydn (Gold award), Samuel (Silver award), Alice (Bronze award) and Ami (Bronze award).

Katie and Haydn were in the top 8000 competitors nationally and qualified for the 'Junior Kanargoo' challenge. We would like to wish them a lot of success in this prestigious mathematical competition.

Many congratulations to all our students - very well done!"

Mr Stow



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are fundraising to improve the outdoor social areas for students! We have two projects: the first is to purchase seating for the grassy area near the MUGA courts – they should be in place before the end of this school year. The second, more ambitious project, is to landscape the area in the picture below. This is a popular area where the students congregate at break and lunch. We hope to clear the shrubs, create covered seating areas, and build stepped landscape seating into the mud banks.

We need your help!

Are you a landscaper or gardener?

Can you help us plan and cost the work?

Can you donate any materials for this project?

Will you join a group of volunteers to help clear shrubs one weekend?



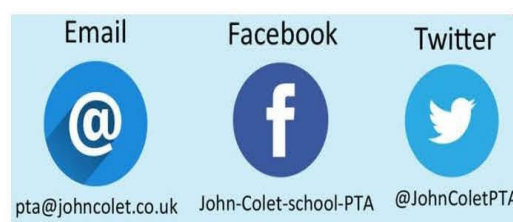
We would really welcome input from the wider John Colet community. If you would like to be involved in any way, please email us at pta@johncolet.co.uk

WE ARE LOOKING FOR UNIFORM DONATIONS!

Do you have school uniform items (blazer, shirt, trousers, tie) that you no longer need? Please donate it to our second hand uniform shop! Please leave your donated uniform at the school office in a bag clearly labelled "John Colet PTA." No named PE kits please. Thank you in advance for your donations!

**COMMENTS, IDEAS
OR FEEDBACK?**

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



BML PERSONAL TRAINING



Exercise class Time Table

Mondays;

9.30am – 10.30am – **Pilates** with Debbie at Renew Pilates.
1.45pm – 2.45pm – **20 20 20**
8.30pm – 9.30pm – **Pilates** with Maddie at JM Pilates

Tuesday;

6am – 6.45am – **Commuters Circuit Class**
9.30am – 10.30 am – **Clear Cut Core**
11am – 12.30pm – **50 + Low impact exercise & coffee Morning**
7.30pm – 8.30pm – **Man Alive** with Dan. (**Men's only**)

Wednesday;

9.30am – 10.30am – **Pilates** with Debbie at Renew Pilates.
12.15pm – 12.45pm – **lunchtime HIIT**
7.30pm – 8.30pm – **Step up and Hit**

Thursday;

6am – 6.45am – **Body conditioning Circuits.**
9.30am – 10.30 am – **Postnatal fitness Class**
7.15pm – 8pm – **HIIT Boxing**

Friday;

9.30am – 10.30 am – **Ladies that Lift**
12.15pm – 12.45pm – **combat HIIT** with Vicky

Saturday;

9.00am – 10.00am – **Body blast boot camp**

Contact Emma on 07969433351 for more details or to book yourself onto a class.



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1:2 Personal Training - £50
1:3 Personal Training - £60

Small group Personal training of 4+ can be arranged privately.

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2018**

An entire day of fun for all the family

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Entertainment from Colonel Custard - Vintage Cars -
Have a go with the local Football, Netball, Cricket Tennis &
Squash clubs - Take part in artistic & sporting workshops
Show your strength in the tug of war - show off your musical
talents at one of the "busk stops" - enter your four-legged
friend into the dog show**

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LINDENGATE FAIR



SATURDAY 9 JUNE
12noon - 4.30pm

A fun day out for all the family!

Craft and Conservation Stalls - BBQ - Cakes

Hot and Cold Drinks - Raffle and Tombolas - Competition

Children's Activities - Storyteller - Circus Workshops

Magician - Archery - Donkeys - Free Bike Checks

Plant and Produce Stall

*The Old Allotment site, Wyevale Garden Centre, Aylesbury
Road, Wendover, HP22 6BD.*

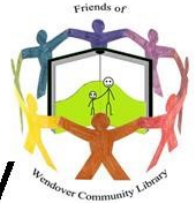
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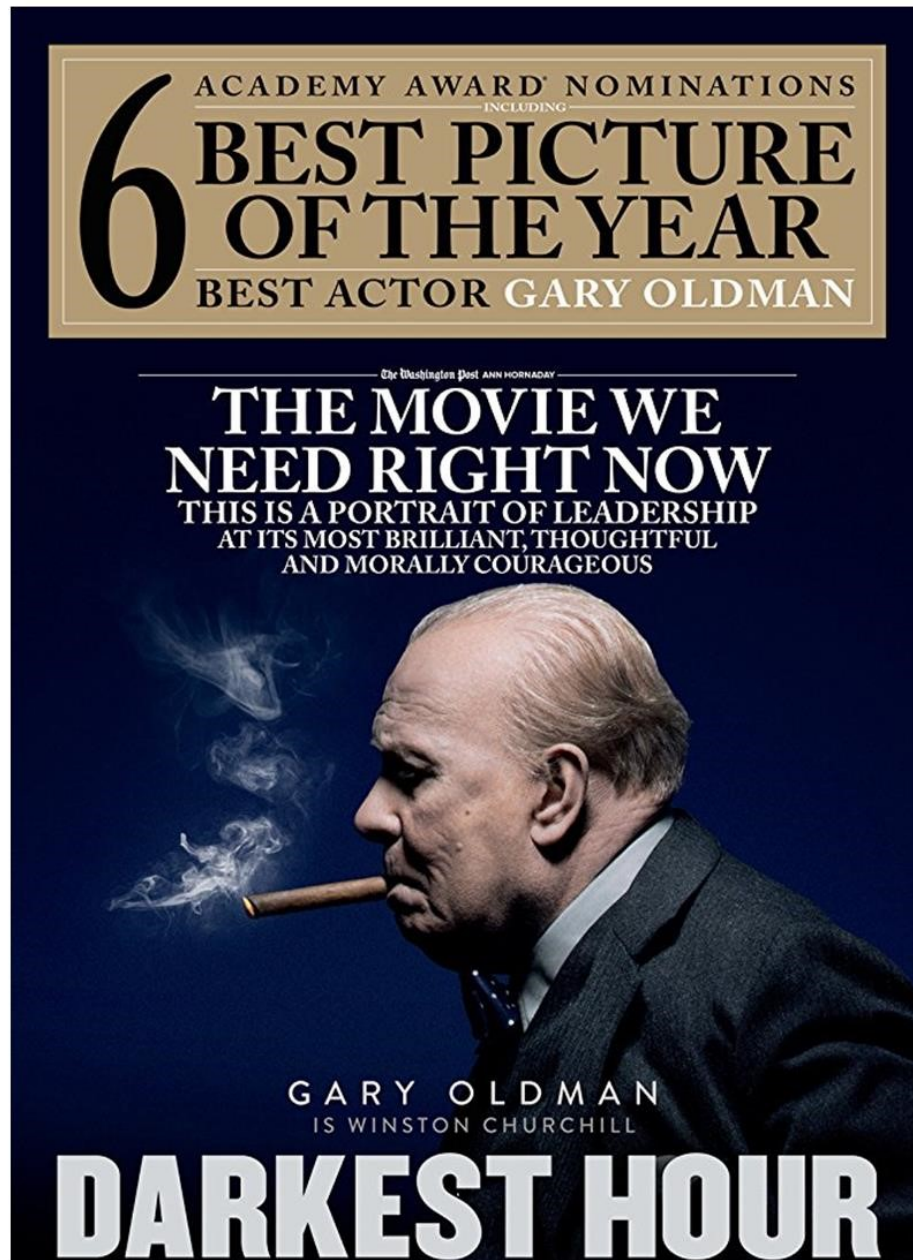
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On Screen



Wendover Community Library



Friday June 15th 7.30pm £5

Certificate 12A

*Advanced booking only. Seats are not allocated.
Refreshments available on the night.*

**Tickets are available to buy in the Library.
Booking enquiries to onscreenatwendover@hotmail.com**