THE WINCHESTER SCHOOL, JEBEL ALI

Date: 30th October 2026	**Audience:** KS3 Students & Form tutors	**Venue:** KS3 Form Classrooms

Title: Pinktober – Breast Cancer Awareness: Wear Hope. Share Strength.
Presenters / Conductors: HOK / HOY / KS3 Student Leaders – Wellbeing, Student Voice and Health & Safety Leads

Aims & Objectives:
To raise awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection, help students see how small acts of kindness can support those affected, celebrate the strength and resilience of survivors, mothers and families, and foster empathy, solidarity and hope across our school community.

Summary: **Pinktober**, observed on Friday 30th October 2026 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, was a joyful and heartfelt celebration of strength, courage and hope across our KS3 community. Led by **HOK, HOY and our KS3 Student Leaders** — Wellbeing, Student Voice and Health & Safety Leads — with the enthusiastic support of students and staff, the day formed part of our ongoing commitment to wellbeing and community engagement. It was centred on this year's **Leading with Diversity – Flourite** message that **true leadership is about standing beside those facing life's toughest challenges** — and that a small gesture of support can inspire courage, strengthen hope and remind those affected by breast cancer that they are never alone.

Students and staff began the day by **Wearing Pink**, filling our classrooms and corridors with colour to honour survivors, remember those lost to the disease and support the progress we are making together against breast cancer. During the **Beyond 100 – Longevity Programme**, classes were introduced to the **Hope Song for Mums** — a heartfelt song composed and performed by KS3 students, honouring the strength and resilience of mothers and reminding us to show care, compassion and gratitude for the mums in our lives. Under the Flourite theme, students then created and shared **Pink Ribbons of Hope** with their peers and staff as symbols of courage, compassion and solidarity, and reflected on three powerful questions: how a simple pink ribbon can become a voice for those facing breast cancer, what it truly represents beyond raising awareness, and how its message can become a meaningful act of kindness. Our corridors were full of smiles as ribbons were passed from hand to hand!The creativity of our students shone throughout the day.

The **Pink Hands and Ribbon of Hope** display filled up with handprints carrying messages of strength, hope and self-care, while the student-designed **"Pink Horizon" Pinktober photo frame** — complete with its butterfly, bows and "Have Hope" sticker — had students and staff queuing up to pose and share their smiles. The day also sat within Winchester's wider Pinktober programme of awareness activities, helping students understand that early detection saves lives and that compassion is a form of leadership. Classes closed with a short reflection on how each of us can turn a ribbon, a song or a kind word into an act of kindness. Because every mother's love is precious, every struggle deserves support and every family deserves hope. **One Song. Many Voices. Endless Hope — together, we SPARKLE!**

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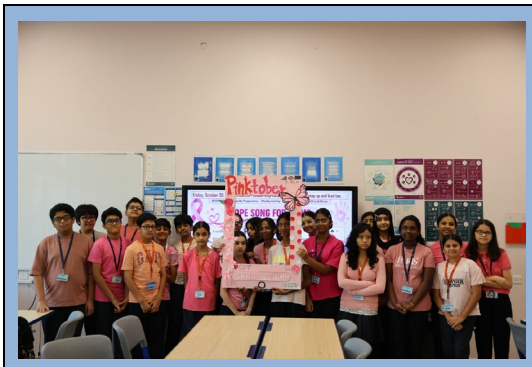

Student/Parent/Teacher Feedback:

Wearing pink made me feel part of something much bigger than myself. I learned that a tiny ribbon or a handprint with a kind message can show someone they are not alone. Writing my message for the Pink Hands and Ribbon of Hope display made me think about how much strength our mums and families show every day – Aaron Rae Rosario, 8C.

The Hope Song for Mums was so touching – it reminded us to say thank you to the women who care for us. Sharing Pink Ribbons of Hope with our friends and teachers was special, and the Pink Horizon photo frame was great fun, but it also reminded us that a small act of kindness can spread hope – Ms Minnu Jose, Form tutor of 8B

The pink theme brought warmth, unity and a real sense of purpose to the day. The reflection questions sparked thoughtful conversations about compassion, early awareness and what leadership really means, and it was wonderful to see students and staff sharing ribbons and smiles in the corridors – Ms Trupti Panicker, Head of Year 9

Organized by: KS3 team, HOK & HOY