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Dear Parent/Guardian

Christmas Dinner

We will be providing a Christmas meal to all pupils in Year 7-10 in the week before Christmas free of charge to say thank you for their hard work and kindness this term. Year 11 have instead decided they would prefer a donation towards their school prom to reduce costs in the Summer Term. I will share more details of arrangements closer to the date.

OFSTED

Our recent OFSTED inspection maintained our current 'Good' rating as well as giving us some priorities to work on. While an inspection is never a pleasant couple of days, I was really pleased and proud of how well pupils and staff came together to share the very many positives we have here. The report will be published on the OFSTED and school websites in coming days.

Homework Expectations

As we continue to work to secure the best possible outcomes for every pupil, we continue to raise expectations around homework completion. Mrs Elliot will be writing to parents of Year 7's, 8's and 9's outlining this system to start in January.

Early Finish on 20th December

Some advance notice: we will be finishing after period 3 on December 20th, at 12.40. There will be packed lunches available for any pupils who want to take their lunch with them.

Winter Concert

Our musicians will be performing in the Winter Concert on 12th December, from 5.00pm. Due to the limited capacity of the Hall, ticket allocation will be initially two guests per performer. Tickets will be available on Arbor from this week, and we will let families know if additional tickets become available.

Mr Dolan and Ms Paull

Our Head of Music will be leaving us at Christmas. Mr Dolan has served this school with passion and commitment since he joined us as a newly qualified teacher in September 2020. His enthusiasm and passion have transformed Music at this school, exemplified by the wide participation in peri music lessons, extra-curricular music clubs and school performances. Mr Dolan is a charismatic and talented teacher, well regarded by colleagues and pupils alike. We will miss him a good deal.





Year 11 Prom Reward Scheme

We are excited to introduce a new rewards scheme aimed at encouraging our Year 11 pupils to actively participate in after-school revision sessions. We believe this initiative will support their academic progress while also rewarding their dedication and effort.

Each pupil will receive a reward card. Every time they attend an after-school revision session, they will receive a stamp on their card. Once the pupil collects 10 stamps, they can trade in their card for 10% off their prom ticket and a free hot chocolate.

After handing in their completed reward card, they will be issued a new one to start collecting stamps again.

We hope this scheme will serve as a positive motivation for pupils to take advantage of the valuable revision opportunities provided by our dedicated staff.

Christmas Hamper

A reminder that we are running a Christmas Hamper Draw. Tickets are allocated each time a pupil who achieves a 'Perfect Week' (100% attendance and no negative behaviour points). Good attendance remains the biggest single factor in ensuring children feel happy in school and are able to do well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher