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Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome to the weekly newsletter.**

## Year 11

Thank you to those who met with Year 11 teachers through school cloud yesterday evening. I hope you heard encouraging news and also benefitted from strategies on how your sons and daughters can make progress moving forward. Year 11 finish their first set of mock exams today but should continue to work to the best of their ability both in school and for at least 10 hours a week at home.

## BBC Story Day Visit

On Tuesday we had a team from the BBC in school as part of the BBC's 100 Birthday 'Share Your Story Tour'. Staff from the BBC shared something of their own personal stories and took questions from audiences of Years 7-10. We are planning a further visit from the BBC in December to focus on careers.

## Anti-bullying Week

Next week, 14-18 November is national anti-bullying week. We will have assemblies and mentor time activities with anti-bullying as a focus and are also encouraging students and staff to wear odd socks (girls can put these on over their tights) on Monday. Bullying sadly is something that can so easily happen, especially through social media. I would encourage you to check your children's phones and messages and report any concerns if there is evidence of any bullying/activity which could result in retaliation or a deterioration of behaviour.

## Vaping

Many Headteachers are concerned about the extent of vaping among some young people. It is evident that vapes are very easily available from certain shops even though it is illegal to buy vapes or to use them for under 18's. Scientific research would show that vaping is not a safe activity and potentially damaging to heart and lungs. We will be having assemblies on vaping in a couple of weeks' time, but in the meantime, please can I ask:

- If you are aware of shops selling vapes to under 18's please report them or tell us and we will report them;
- You remind your sons and daughters that if they are vaping or thinking about it, that it is both illegal and harmful for them;
- You do not allow your sons or daughters to come to school with a vape – they will be confiscated if found.



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## Matilda

On Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November the school will be presenting the musical Matilda. Students and staff have been working hard for weeks to get this production ready and they will also perform it for our primary school Year 6 children. Please do come along to enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment. Tickets are available from the Performing Arts' Office before school, during lunch time or after school and are priced £8.00 and £5.00 for concessions.

## Kirkham Grammar School

Please find attached to this broadcast a flyer for the Sixth Form Open Evening at Kirkham Grammar School on Thursday 1 December.

## Additional Bank Holiday

You will be aware that an additional Bank Holiday has been announced for 8 May 2023 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This means school will be closed on Monday 8 May as well as Monday 1 May 2023. We will be looking at our timetable to mitigate the loss of Monday classes especially for Year 11 as they will then be just a week off their public exams.

Yours faithfully



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