

15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be the final newsletter of the term.

Foodbank Donations

I would like to say a very big thank you for all the donations that have been brought in. As you can see from the picture a group of students have been busy working with Mrs Southern to collect all the donations and sort them. We have been able to provide hampers for some of our families who are in real need and all the donations will be taken to the Foodbank next week. We know so many people are in need and it is great to see our school community responding in this way. Final donations on Monday please.



Year 11

Yesterday I sent a broadcast to some of Year 11 informing them of a revision opportunity at Blackpool Sixth Form for those who have applied there. Year 11 begin mock exams on Wednesday 10 January to Thursday 18 January 2024, and so while we want them to have an enjoyable Christmas, they should spend a good part of the second week revising for these mocks.

Blackpool & Fylde College are offering taster sessions in a variety of subjects on Wednesday 24 January from 5-6p.m. There is a link here that can be used to book onto these.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/twilight-tasters-bispham-campus-tickets-694579394667>



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They are also offering Twilight Taster event at Fleetwood Nautical Campus for Year 11 students interested in a Career at Sea, on **Monday 15th January - 5pm - 6pm.**

To register your interest, please use this link <https://forms.office.com/e/p0tRyYBCj9>

A Tech-Free Christmas?

The National Online Safety Organisation has produced resources to help coax children away from their screens this Christmas. We would all probably benefit from time away from devices – please see the attached flyer for 12 top tips to assist with this.

Reading for pleasure!

Speaking of enjoying a Christmas story, please do be encouraging your sons and daughters to be reading for pleasure – it is recommended that students read for pleasure at least an hour a week outside school. Reading in this way develops literacy, improves vocabulary and can open up the imagination. If you are stuck for that last minute gift, why not a book?

SEND Drop-in Clinic

The next SEND Drop-in Clinic is on Wednesday 20 December from 3.20 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Please make appointments via Reception.

A few reminders

Can I please ask that students do not do anything over the next few days or during Christmas holidays for the new term that will cause problems with uniform and appearance expectations. I would especially ask that any nail extensions/acrylics etc. are not done – they are a health and safety issue in school.

Please can you ensure that all students return in January with full school uniform and complete equipment including earphones and calculators as well as the basics of pens, pencil etc. If there are any problems regarding this then please contact the relevant mentor or head of year.

School finishes at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 22 December which is a late finish going right up to Christmas. Please ensure students are in school – classes will continue as normal apart from the Christmas Assembly on Friday and an extended mentor time. There is still work to do with attendance of some students but thank you to all those who ensure their children are in school day in, day out, properly equipped and dressed.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Here is the winning Christmas card that the school sent out this year – well done to Rowan in Year 7 for her lovely design.



Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of Mr A Waller

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Headteacher