



Weekly News

7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We had a great Christmas concert last night with dance, drama and a good deal of music. It is truly wonderful to see so many pupils performing with such enthusiasm and talent and the standard of our school productions continues to be of a very high standard. It was good to see so many parents and carers there. This performance always marks the start of the run up to Christmas and we have the tree in the foyer to remind us of this time of year! Do remember to sign your child up for Christmas dinner: it takes place on Tuesday 11th.

Please carefully read the attached letter about attendance. Dark and short days and wet weather might prompt your child to ask to stay at home, but do continue to encourage pupils at every key stage to be here on time and ready to learn. It really does make a big difference over time to pupils' life chances. I've continued to receive many supportive messages this week and want to thank you for your continued understanding.

I have already written to you about the industrial action proposed for Wednesday 12th December and will confirm what is happening by Monday evening.

Lastly, I've started my 1K for 1K cycle challenge this week in spite of the weather! More updates to come.

Have a good weekend!

Fact of the week... The evergreen fir tree has traditionally been used to celebrate winter festivals (pagan and Christian) for thousands of years. Pagans used branches of it to decorate their homes during the winter solstice, as it made them think of the spring to come. The romans used Fir trees to decorate their temples at the festival of Saturnalia. Christians use it as a sign of everlasting life with God. More recently it is used as a symbol to begin Advent and the countdown to Christmas Day. But superstition dictates that you'll be assured of a bumper crop if you remember to take down each one of your Christmas decorations before the end of the evening of 5 January. It's seen as bad luck to keep decorations up after Twelfth Night.

School News

Barclay Music Concert

Enormous congratulations go to all our students that took part in last night's concert. This was a spectacular display of musical talent by our students across years. We are very proud to have such talent in our school. Well done.

Year 13 Parents Evening

Year 13 Parents Evening will take place next Thursday 13th December. Appointments are being arranged by students and they are beginning to fill up. If you have any questions, please get in touch. We look forward to welcoming year 13 parents to school.

Christmas Jumper Day

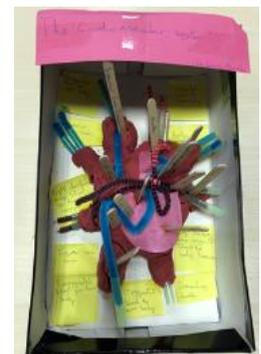
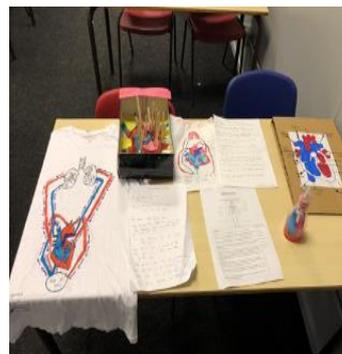
On Tuesday 11th December will be our Christmas Jumper Day along with Christmas Lunch. Tickets are still available to buy at a very reasonable price of £2.75 for a two course lunch. If you could like to join us in wearing a Christmas jumper, we will be collecting donations of £1 please to go to charity.

Mock Interview Day

After last year's resounding success, we will again be holding a Mock Interview Day for our year 11 and 13 students on Friday 14th December. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience what it will be like to be interviewed by a potential employer. We will be welcoming in to school over 30 professions who have volunteered to support our students with this valuable life skill.

Creative Home Work

Well done to Lenny Dunning for his brilliant homework this week. And thank you to all parents for supporting home learning. This is essential to maximise students potential learning.



Hands Off Barclay

Our parents are doing a fantastic job of rallying support for the school with their petition, currently in excess of 1300 signatures. Please keep sharing as they will be presenting this to the Department for Education early next week. Your support has been hugely appreciated. Thank you. This is the QR code that will take you straight to the petition.



Strike Action

Please be aware that the NEU union have proposed strike action on Tuesday 12th December. We will do our very best to give you as much notice as possible so you can make arrangements for this day should the school be required to close. Please understand this is a decision that has not been taken lightly.

Book donations

If you have any books you no longer require please consider donating them to us! Our library is in need of new reading material for older years and any donations would be very welcome.

Student of the Week...

Yr7. Ronnie Arloff Nominated by Miss Sheppard - English Teacher for being fantastic in English this week and earning a gold merit	Yr8. Julie Dymoke Nominated by Mr Brown - MFL Teacher for showing excellent ATL and challenging herself during the speaking task	Yr9. Anson Anton Vijayakumar Nominated by Mrs Bala - EAL LSA for working hard and improving his handwriting and taking part in class discussions.	Yr10. Brian Gomez-Bugia Nominated by Mrs Smith - PE Teacher for achieving a high grade for his GCSE Volleyball assessment in GCSE PE	Yr11. Lauren Hughes Nominated by Miss Boniface - Head of Year for her excellent attitude to revision for her mock exams
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Yr12: Emily Hartshorne. Nominated by Mr Norwood - Director of Key Stage 5 for working well in her subjects.

Yr13: Bangaly Kabba. Nominated by Mr Norwood - Director of Key Stage 5 for working consistently well in his subjects

Believe! Achieve! Exceed!

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