

15 December 2023



## MESSAGE FROM..... MR EARL, PRINCIPAL



On Thursday, 14 December students from all year groups took part in a spectacular evening of entertainment for our Annual Christmas Concert. We had a variety of performances including a sneak preview from the Addams family cast for their production in February, a variety of bands and soloists, with our new Sixth Form music class finishing the night with a stunning three song set. Also, students from 12SY conducted some fantastic fundraising including providing sweets, hot chocolates and a raffle. They managed to raise over £200 for the Priscilla Bacon Trust in the process. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the concert and fundraising and in particular the Performing Arts Team for their efforts in arranging this lovely event. Photos will be on our webpage shortly!

I would like to thank all students and staff for their hard work over the last term and I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas spending time with family and friends and enjoying the festivities. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year on **Thursday, 4 January 2024.**



### Just to remind you of the end of term arrangements:

- **Wednesday, 20 December** will be a half day, we will finish at **12.25pm**. School buses have been arranged to leave at **12.30pm** and students in receipt of free school meals will be able to get these at break time from the canteen or kiosk.
- It will also be a non-school uniform day, Christmas jumpers are encouraged!
- There will be live music at break time and all students will be in tutor Period 3 & 4 completing a range of Christmas activities and attending a House celebration assembly.
- As our final House Competition of the 2023 we will be collecting donations for a Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services on **Wednesday, 20 December**, we are encouraging students to bring an item from the list, on the \*attached poster, these will be collected in during tutor time. To clarify that "food hampers" does not mean to put together a hamper, it means you may bring one of any of the following food items:

#### Food

UHT Milk

Tinned Meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc)

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Sponge/rice puddings

Coffee (small jars)

Long-life juice

Pasta sauce

Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans tomatoes)

Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)

Tinned soup

Jam and spreads

Dried pasta

**THEME OF THE WEEK**  
for week commencing 18 December

**“Do Christmas adverts reflect the Christmas spirit?”**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


- **19 December** – Year 7 and Year 8 Snow-ball (Main Hall), 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- **20 December** – **School closes at 12.25pm**

## GENERAL NOTICES/NEWS STORIES

**Y7 & Y8 Snow-ball** - It's the Snow-Ball on **Tuesday, 19 December 5-7pm** in the main hall. Students from Year 7 and 8 with good behaviour records will have been issued a ticket. If students wish to attend, please can parents and carers read the recently sent letter outlining times and details of the event [Snowball letter](#).

**PTA Lottery** [results](#) for December.

## SCHOOL HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**House Challenge 2** – Congratulations Nevis  for winning the House Challenge, Attendance. Good luck to all Houses for Challenge 4 – Good Attitude, the House with the highest amount of ‘good attitude’ marks will win!

## ATTACHMENTS

- Leeway Domestic Violence Abuse Services Poster



## NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

### Sixth Form Applications

Thank you to all those students who have applied to Sixth Form, applications are being processed and students will be invited to application interviews in January. Students will have received an email this week explaining this further. For those students who are still thinking of applying, please email us [sixthform@hellesdon.net](mailto:sixthform@hellesdon.net) or pop over to Sixth Form and speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to Mrs Rose who won the Christmas Hamper, a total of £182 was raised for the Sixth Form Ball and the chosen charity WWF.

### Y12 HCP Charity days

Our Y12 students have been busy organising their charity events they will be running on Monday, 18 December and Tuesday, 19 December. We wish them the best of luck for these events.

The Sixth Form Team would like to wish everyone a happy, restful and safe Christmas break. We look forward to seeing all students back on Thursday, 4 January 2024!



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