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# Christmas Newsletter



## 'helping students to become learners'

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### The First Day of the January Term

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The **first day of term for students** in the New Year is on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009**. The day will be a normal day and all the school bus services will be running as usual. The students will be reminded of this start date during every guidance time in the last week of this term.

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### A Big 'Thank You' to all Families

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There has still been a tremendous support from the vast majority of families in ensuring that all the students are in the **correct uniform** and have the **correct equipment** which is carried in a **bag**. The two areas that are now starting to slip with a few students are with the uniform and the equipment. There are now a small number of students who are wearing t-shirts instead of polo shirts and a similar number who are not wearing the correct footwear. Students are also required to bring the full equipment with them and some students are now only bringing a pen instead of the full equipment. This term, **all the staff have passed comment on how much better** it is that the students are now more prepared for work.

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### School Christmas Production

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This year the Christmas production is of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

It will take place on the **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December** at the school.

The doors will open at 7pm and the show is due to start at 7.30pm.

The tickets are on sale at the school and will cost £3.50 for Adults and £2.50 for Children

**We hope to see you there!**



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## Holidays

This is always the longest and in many ways the most tiring term at school. The students have generally been very positive this year and the school has made progress in a number of key areas relating to attendance and attainment.

## Charity DVD

The staff have made a Christmas DVD of the old Christmas favourite from Slade, "Do they know it's Christmas" which can be purchased at the school for just £1. There are a number of interesting performances on the DVD.

**All the proceeds from the sales will be donated to Dove House.**

## GCSE Results 2009

The school has been trying a number of different strategies to try and maximise the GCSE results for all of the Year 11 students.

They have responded very well and the different interventions appear to have had a positive impact on them.

The results for the GCSE in English and Mathematics will be known in January 2009.



## Staff in Print

Two staff from the school, Mrs Settle and Mr Bird have had articles about their teaching published in two different magazines this year.

This is a reflection of their high quality teaching skills.



## GCSE Mathematics

This is a further reminder about the revision programme called **My Maths**. This is an online programme that can be accessed either at home or at school.

All the students will be shown how to access the programme but **we need you to support your children by making sure they use the programme at least twice a week for around 30 minutes at a time.**

## Exams

If your children are in years 10 and 11 you will find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the new **Exams Newsletter**.

**And finally:**

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you all the very best wishes for  
**Christmas and the New Year**



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