



End of term arrangements

The Autumn Term finishes next Wednesday when we will have normal lessons period 1 followed by a tutor period. We will then have our Christmas Liturgies and Christmas dinner, which is provided by the school. Students will be dismissed at 2pm; any who need to stay in school after that time should go to the Atrium.

The New Year

We begin the Spring Term 2017 on Wednesday 4 January. This is Week 1 of the timetable and is a normal day. The following evening we welcome back students who sat GCSE and A Level exams last summer when they come to collect their certificates. We have written to them but please feel free to pass on this message.

Sixth Form Taster Day

This takes place on Monday. I hope that it helps students to decide on the next stage of their education: deadlines for applying for places are fast approaching. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be interviewing Year 11 students next month to ensure they have made their decisions and applications. Year 10 please note: this time next year you will be doing the same!

Farewell

Several teachers are leaving us at the end of term: Matthew Adebusuyi, *Maths*, Russell Burgess, *Head of Expressive Arts*, Diane Coleman, *Geography*, Sadie Gray, *English*, and John Hayes, *Head of Beverley House*. We are also saying goodbye to our Site Manager, Pete Bidwell, who is retiring. Between them these people have made a substantial contribution to the school and so I would like to say thank you on behalf of us all, and wish them well.

In the New Year we welcome Cathy Young, *Head of Expressive Arts*, Sam Cayley, *PE & ICT*, Blake Rudkin, *Geography*, Melanie Stokes, *English*, and Stephanie Montgomery, *Art & Textiles*. We also welcome back Adila Naz, *Maths*, who has been on maternity leave. The new Head of Beverley House is Eliza Devanny and she was introduced to the students during the celebration Assembly on Wednesday.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the end of term events: the Carol Service, Liturgies, assemblies, fundraising, and so on. It has been a long term so I am sure we are all ready for a rest. I wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and every best wish for 2017.

Sean Hayes



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Peterborough Schools Cross Country

On Friday 2 December 18, students from across Years 7, 8 and 9 represented the school in the Peterborough Schools Cross Country at Ferry Meadows. The students performed exceptionally well on what was a new venture for many and a very cold day! All students showed great grit and determination when competing. A special mention must go to Adrian Bilicz who finished in the top 14 of the minor boys race and has now been selected to compete as part of the Peterborough Schools Cross Country team on 21 January at Kings School, Ely. Well done to all students who competed.

Mrs Maudsley

Christmas Youth Mass

A group of pupils from KS3 and KS4 who are part of the student chaplaincy team have been invited to take part in a Christmas Youth Mass on the 18 December at St. Luke's Parish, Peterborough at 6pm. The group has prepared a special Carol and reflection. It promises to be a joyful and uplifting occasion that will surely be a great way for families to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. All are welcome.

Miss O' Connor

Manga Competition

The long awaited manga competition results are in! This was for a competition held back in July with the aim of collecting a sample of the schools best manga art work. I had so much work it has taken me ages to sift through it all and categorise it ready for publication (the work is being printed and bound into books). The manga book will be bound over Christmas and should be available in the art room from January 2017 for anyone to visit and look through.

I am now ready to award the prizes, the runners up are:

Wanessa Zerella - R6 Taisha Peplowska - C2
Charlotte Pollard - R7 Ruben Santos Silva - B4
Idrees Bakir - C1

Winner of the best drawn/most contributed prize goes to:

Seyyed Naqvi - C3 (yr9)

Winner of the most creative manga goes to
Emilija Klimaite - B2

Many congratulations to these students and a big thank you to everyone who took part.

Ms Guppy



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Meal for the Homeless

On Tuesday 13 December, Mr Akbar and Luke took a group of four students to Fairview Court (a local homeless shelter) for their annual Christmas dinner, organised by Peterborough Interfaith Council.



We volunteered to help make their Christmas more festive and extra special. We

did this by serving food and talking to some of them, and we even got to try some Indian food too. Overall, this experience was pleasant and we all enjoyed it very much. It made us understand truly how lucky we are and it was a great feeling to put a smile on their face!

Erin and Urte

Learning Leaders

We as Year 11 students/Learning Leaders have come together with Dr Karangi and have decided to launch a Learning Leaders co-operating team. The aim of this is to portray a new Learning Leadership style. Our motto is, "Leading from within and not ahead". The meetings will take place in room 208 every Thursday lunchtime and we will soon be mentoring those who are Learning Leaders in Year 8. We will try to express the qualities of Learning Leaders such as being competent, open to help and to take in to account the 5R's and the 5P's. For example as a group we will discover how to demonstrate the learning habits in lessons and much more. The Year 11 students that are ambassadors of the Learning Leaders are as follows:

Chelsea Noronha - B1	Glenver Miranda - R7
Iwona Baranska - B3	Clarence Monteiro - W1
Khadija Mhedi - B6	Shakira Anderson - W2
Yasoda Thapa - B6	Mohammed Dhanji - W4
Vanessa Abankwa - C1	Asiyah Hakeem - W5
Madeeha Walji - C6	Stephen Noronha - W6

Vanessa Abankwa - C1

Milad - Birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Milad or Mawlid will be celebrated with a large street parade in Peterborough on Sunday, 18 December. Many of our Muslim students will take part in the procession.

This is to commemorate and remind ourselves of the beautiful messages of love and kindness given to us by the Prophet (PBUH). Also, prayers for forgiveness and peace in the world are said in congregations of thousands across different Muslim communities.

Mr Akbar