

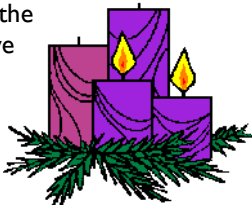


## Christmas is coming...

Thank you to everyone who supported the Carol Service last night. It was the largest number of singers that we have ever had and it really made a difference, and an excellent start to the Christmas Season.

The Staff will gather on Monday afternoon for a short Advent Service and then we will have Christmas Liturgy after break on Friday before sitting down together for Christmas Dinner.

**Students will be leaving at 2pm** unless they have made another arrangement with their form tutor.



## Pre-Public Exams

Students responded well to these exams this week. There are just a few practical subjects remaining to take place in the first few days of next week. Results will be issued on Results Day on 12 January. The exams and the results day are designed to let students find out what the 'real thing' will be like and we hope that this will soothe any nerves while ensuring that both are taken seriously.

## Taster Day

The deadline for applications for our Sixth Form is next Friday, 18 December. Whether students are applying for a place here or elsewhere, we have planned a Taster Day for them on Thursday of next week. Students should attend that day in business dress, and have already selected the subjects they want to 'taste'. This is a new and additional opportunity which we are providing in order to help them make the right decision about the next two years. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will then interview each student early next term as the next stage of the process.

## EBacc Consultation

Can I again ask parents, if you haven't yet done so, to respond to this current consultation. This can be done online at

<https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=Respond&consultationId=2015>. Alternatively you can find the link by googling EBacc Consultation.

This is the only opportunity for parents to have a say in which subjects your child will study at GCSE. As I explained in a recent newsletter, some notes about this issue and suggested responses to the consultation questions are available on request from reception.

## Peterborough Light Project

During assemblies this week students have heard about the work of this project which works in the local area, particularly with the homeless. Further information can be found on their website:

<http://www.lightproject.org.uk/>

## All Saints Christmas Tree Festival

This year we entered this event for the first time, with a group of students decorating a tree to symbolise the diversity of ethnic and faith groups represented in our school. Over 1000 people visited the event at All Saints Church in Peterborough last weekend and our tree is now displayed in the church itself. If you are able to visit the church before Christmas please go and see our tree.



Sean Hayes

## House Points



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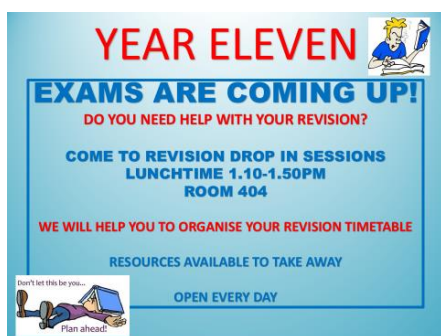


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## Year 11 Revision Drop-In

A Year 11 Revision Drop In is now available every day in room 403 from 1.10-1.50 pm. All Year 11 students are welcome to come along and receive help in planning their revision. The Teaching Assistants will provide revision timetables, advice and resources from all subjects to take away.

In January our Year 11 will be sitting some of their GCSE exams. Our Year 11 should have a plan in place for revision over the Christmas holidays by the 18<sup>th</sup> December. If target grades or better are to be achieved then it is vital that preparation for the exams takes place during these two weeks. The holidays are a time for rest, relaxation and meeting with friends and family but if the students could fit in 30-40 minutes every day or couple of days this will make all the difference to them when they finally sit down in the hall for their exam. Being prepared cuts down the stress that these young people go through at this time and anything that cuts down stress has got to be good news for parents! So with this in mind could I please ask all parents of Year Eleven students to gently remind their son or daughter to come along to the "Revision Drop In", arrange a timetable, collect resources and get themselves ready to revise. We will be very pleased to see them and will do all we can to help.



## Young Enterprise

We are Kingz Limited, a team of sixth form students who strive to sell our products in this school and outside of school. Our main products are hoodies for the winter and T-shirts being sold in January, with mugs and key rings too. The school was approached by Young Enterprise; a leading UK charity which empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills and makes the business relevant to young people.

Our business consists of Managing Director (Ziyad Mohammed), Assistant Director (Suhaib Haider), Admin (Fardeen Khan), Marketing Directors (Zeeshan Waseem and Shanygne Horne), Finance Manager (Ashley Remedios), Sales Executives (Daniela Da Costa and Seid Demaj), Director of Operations (Mohammed Miran), IT (Karl Colaco), Human Resource (Nigel Fonseca) and Artist (Ryan Mouatt).

If you are interested in becoming a shareholder of our business, please speak to Mr Echendu.

## Hack the Holidays

Hack Yourself a Merry Little Christmas this December. Peterborough's first 24-hour student hackathon is Coming to Town!

Hack the Holidays is being run at the Future Business Centre on the last weekend before Christmas (19 & 20 December).

This is a 24 hour event for students aged 14+ and aims to encourage participation in coding skills and promote opportunities for students to work in this growing market.

The event is FREE for students to participate in and 120 can be accommodated in the Centre for the event. This is a first for Peterborough and is a fun activity that will support the city's skills agenda. For further information and registration details, visit [www.hacktheholidays.io](http://www.hacktheholidays.io) or contact Gareth Jones at [gareth.jones@allia.org.uk](mailto:gareth.jones@allia.org.uk).



## Advent Fundraising

In order to raise funds for Rochester House charities, students and staff will be able to wear Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term, Friday 18 December. The cost will be £1.00 which will be collected on the day. Please support this worthy event. Don't forget your items for the Bring and Buy sale which will take place every lunchtime during the last week of term.



Cambridge House will be holding a Winter Fest event in the Atrium on Tuesday 15 December. For sale will be sweets, hot chocolate, toffee apples. Come and try ping pong, lucky number, nerf gun target practice and much, much more.

