



Advent: Joy and Peace

Last Sunday was Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means rejoice and we lit the third candle on our Advent wreath this week which is the pink candle of Joy. Our assemblies and thoughts this week have encouraged us to reflect on the deeper meaning of Joy that comes from God and the Peace that this joy brings to all. Congratulations to all students who received awards, prizes, and certificates this week in Celebration assemblies and thank you to our Heads of House who arranged and led them.

Christmas Liturgies

We held our Christmas Liturgies today which involved our choir and readers telling the Christmas story. Thank you and well done to everyone involved and special thanks to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Goodfellow. This was followed by Christmas dinner for everyone. Thank you to the catering team for the delicious dinner.

I wish you a happy and holy Christmas.



Kate Pereira, Executive Headteacher

Return to School

It has been a busy term with many opportunities for our students to take part in, DoF, Sporting Events, Drama Productions, Clubs, External Visitors and even a trip to the Opera! This week we celebrated the Achievements within each House, held an Inter-House Music competition, Staff Advent Liturgy, and celebrated Christmas together on the last day. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas! A reminder that school starts on the 6 January for all students!

Mrs Wilmore, Head of School

House Competitions	
Beverley	1809
Cambridge	1755
Westminster	1687
Rochester	1488

Cambridge Celebrations

On Monday Cambridge House celebrated their assembly with the focus on, Attendance, Merits Achievements, and Subject Awards. Well done to:

- C4-SH Best Over All Form
- C2-SI Literacy Winners
- C8-SH Merit Winners
- C7-CI Quiz Winners

The Head of House and Student Support Officers award goes to Elijah Ssenabulya and Lylia Bellabiod.
Mr Cayley, Head of House

Rochester Celebrations

On Tuesday Rochester House celebrated their assembly with the focus on, Attendance, Merits Achievements, and Subject Awards. Well done to:

- R1-PN Best Over All Form
- R8-PL Literacy Winners
- R1-PN Merit Winners
- R8-PL Quiz Winners

The Head of House and Student Support Officers award goes to Olga Azevedo and Patricia Bejenaru.
Miss James, Head of House

Westminster Celebrations

On Wednesday Westminster House celebrated their assembly with the focus on, Attendance, Merits Achievements, and Subject Awards. Well done to:

- W5-SM Best Over All Form
- W1-CO Literacy Winners
- W5-SM Merit Winners
- W6-KR Quiz Winners

The Head of House and Student Support Officers award goes to Lucas Bacalhau and Hannah Mukwahuri & Viola Chimbeva.

Mrs Maudsley, Head of House

Beverley Celebrations

On Thursday Beverley House celebrated their assembly with the focus on, Attendance, Merits Achievements, and Subject Awards. Well done to:

- B7-MR Best Over All Form
- B7-MR Literacy Winners
- B7-MR Merit Winners
- B4-GN Quiz Winners

The Head of House and Student Support Officers award goes to Muhammed-Faizan Asif and Rio Remedios.

Mrs Udeaja, Head of House



Hampers to Friary Court

On Monday some of our Chaplaincy and Choir Ambassadors delivered the Christmas Hampers to the Longhurst Group, Elderly Care at Friary Court. The residents were delighted with their gifts and the kindness of our students. The Choir sang a melody of Christmas Carols. Many thanks to all who contributed and to each form for creating such amazing and imaginative hampers, I know they have been well received!

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



Christmas Liturgy

Today we celebrated our Christmas liturgy with all students and staff. It was a fantastic way to celebrate our school Christmas day, where we lit the last candle, the white Jesus candle, on our Advent Wreath. The scripture, drama and music all told the joyous story of the birth of Jesus. Our liturgy was followed by Christmas dinner, provided by the school, for all to enjoy. With grateful thanks for all who were involved; the readers, the candle lighters, the drama group and the band and choir who led the carols. Thank you to everyone who made this such a special day! Happy Christmas to you and your loved ones and blessings for 2025.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain



Royal Opera House

On Friday 13 December a group of students visited the Royal Opera House in London. Visiting the Royal Opera House was something that I would have never thought to do, but as soon as we entered the building a magical atmosphere surrounded us. We had the privilege of having lunch on the rooftop terrace looking over the Christmas decorations in London. Later, we headed to the grand ornate Theatre to watch Puccini's Opera, 'La Boheme'. Set in France, sung in Italian, the actors sign language interpreter and the magnificent orchestra filled the theatre with their fascinating performance. The tragic story of Rodolfo, Mimi and their friends touched us with their amazing skills. Overall, this experience is one that we will always cherish and look back on.

Iris Jacob, Year 11 student



Before the performance everyone enjoyed lunch in a fancy dining area, overlooking Covent Garden and had a glimpse of the London Eye. This was my first time at an Opera and it was an amazing experience with detailed set, outstanding architecture and of course the Orchestra. Such wonderful music which corresponded with the performers on the stage above them, despite not seeing the performers, every step was on track.

Afterwards we were told the singers did not wear mics and it was surprising that we heard them considering we were at the top.

Natasha Dony, Year 11 student



Upcoming Events	
6 January 2025	Spring Term begins.
9 January 2025	Certificate Collection Evening 3.30pm – 4.30pm for Summer 2024 examination series.