



Parental Bulletin

26th – 30th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all a massive thank you to all of the parents who joined us on Wednesday for the PTFA meeting. The group is now well established with a large number of parents signing up to and playing an active role in the PTFA. Planning for their first event is already taking place so what this space for more information next week!

Congratulations to all our Year 10 Dance students who had their first ever performance on Monday evening. They joined the students of Windsor High School and Sixth Form as well as a range of students from the Trust Primary Academies in a Dance celebration themed around Alice in Wonderland. Our students performed amazingly, especially given that this is a new subject for Kingswinford! A huge well done to all of the students and thank you to Windsor for hosting this fantastic event. Our own 'Dance Sharing' is coming up too on the 12th of December so you can come and see for yourself!

Last night as well we celebrated the return of last year's leavers who came back to receive prizes and awards and collect their GCSE certificates. It was lovely to see them all again and celebrate their success. It was particularly lovely to see all of their GCSE artwork and DT projects on display as well – the talent on show at our school is just phenomenal and, as a result, we will be planning a far more open Art and Design show in the future so that all can see just how fantastic our students and staff are in these areas.

My last message comes as the nights draw in and 'flu season returns. Can I encourage as many students (as well as staff and parents!) to get a 'flu vaccine as possible? Last year many students lost an enormous amount of school time through the various bugs and viruses that went around and I would hope to avoid that this year if at all possible. On our part we are investigating whether or not we can arrange for 'flu vaccines to be delivered on site for students, but in the meantime please ensure students wrap up well in the cold weather, keep washing their hands and cover sneezes and coughs in an attempt to avoid the worsts of the colds and 'flus this season brings!

Please do enjoy your weekend

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher



Calendar for the week

Monday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7 Assembly – PTFA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Krypton House AssemblyStudent Senate Meeting 12:40pm
Wednesday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Helium House Assembly
Thursday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Argon House Assembly
Friday 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Neon House AssemblyNovember Final Day – students may wear a moustache (real or fake) for a donation of £1 to the Movember UK Charity
Assembly Topic	Christmas Talent show Launch and MOVEMBER

Week commencing 3rd December (subject to update)

Monday 3 rd December	
Tuesday 4 th December	
Wednesday 5 th December	School Twilight Training session – after school activities will finish by 4.00pm (except by specific arrangement)
Thursday 6 th December	
Friday 7 th December	WAT Conference Friday 7 th December – school closed to students
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dance Sharing 12th December - Main Hall 6pmCarol Concert Rehearsals 13th December 12pm - 3:10pmCarol Concert 13th December 7pm - 8pmChristmas Jumper Day 14th DecemberPTFA Year 7 Disco 6pm - 8pm 14th December



- **MOVEMBER** – Please encourage students to take part on Friday 30th November, for a £1 they can wear a false beard or moustache – all for a good cause.
- **GREASE** – reminder that rehearsals for the main cast will be taking place Tuesday - Friday lunchtimes.
- **ABSENCE** - If your child is going to be absent from school, can you please contact the school before 9:30 am, where possible. There is a designated absence line for attendance, please call 01384 296596 and press option one, record message and press # to finish, then follow the prompts to save the message.
- **BIKES** – we are concerned that some of our students are travelling on bikes in ways which we consider are unsafe. Most are not wearing helmets, many cycle on the pavements, many do not have lights as the nights close in and some have bikes which are not roadworthy. We will be looking at how we can encourage safer approaches in the coming weeks and hope that you will work with us on ensuring our young people stay safe.