



Parental Bulletin

3rd – 7th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

When November comes along in schools we take a deep breath and prepare for one of the most challenging months: the nights are drawing in; 'flu season is beginning; Mock exams are taking place; the holidays start to feel a long way off'; and life in school for students (and staff) can become a little strained. It is lovely, then, to have something positive and fun to celebrate at the end of the month. Our staff (and some students!) have been raising some money for 'Movember' this month by growing moustaches and beards all in preparation for a 'tache competition today. Do check out our twitter feed to see a few of the best examples on show today and many thanks to all of our staff and students who supported this worthwhile charity.

Of course, as Movember ends, Christmas begins and, although we will be focussed on learning (as you might expect) right up to the last day, that doesn't mean we won't have a chance to celebrate the Christmas season with students and staff. We start our Christmas celebrations in earnest on the 12th with our Dance Sharing - more detail about this will follow but do please support our newly developed Dance group who are doing some fantastic work. On the 13th we have our Christmas Carol concert and then on the 14th we have the Year 7 Christmas Disco organised by our PTFA. The 14th is also Christmas Jumper day and we will again be raising money for Save the Children by asking students and staff to donate £1 to wear a Christmas Jumper with their uniform on that day. The final week of term will be filled with awards assemblies; our rewards film afternoon; Christmas Dinner for students; A whole school Christmas celebration on the last day and an early finish for students on the 21st in readiness for a well earned holiday. Plenty of time left for some good learning but with some cheer and goodwill along the way as the excitement over Christmas grows.

Have a lovely and peaceful weekend

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher



Calendar for the week

Monday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krypton Assembly
Tuesday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helium Assembly
Wednesday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Argon Assembly
Thursday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neon Assembly
Friday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAT Conference Friday 7th December – school closed to students
Assembly Topic	Disabilities Awareness

Week commencing 10th December (subject to update)

Monday 10 th December	
Tuesday 11 th December	
Wednesday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dance Sharing 12th December - Main Hall 6pm
Thursday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol Concert Rehearsals 12pm - 3:10pm• Carol Concert 7pm - 8pm
Friday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Jumper Day• PTFA Year 7 Disco 6pm - 8pm
Advance Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reward Afternoon 20th December Celebration Day - Early finish for students(1pm) Non Uniform Day,



- **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.
- **CHRISTMAS POETRY COMPETITION** – Poems should be no more than 20 lines and have a Christmas theme, the deadline for entries is Monday 3rd December.
- **TALENT SHOW** – Deadline for entering is Monday 3rd December – students to go to the House Office if they would like to enter.