



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another very busy but also very successful term at Highfields could I update you on some key dates for your diary and remind you of some important school procedures. Alongside the term dates below we also have a number of events in the next few days to get us in the festive spirit and ease us into the holidays. We hope you are able to join us

Key Dates and Events

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| • Friday 14 th December | Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Fund |
| • Tuesday 18 th December | School Carol Service – St Bart’s Church 7:00 – 8:00 pm |
| • Thursday 20 th December | Student Film Night – 4:00pm |
| • Thursday 20 th December | School Christmas Concert – Lyceum 7:30pm |
| • Friday 21 st December | End of Autumn Term – School closes to students at 1:15pm |
| • Wednesday 9 th January 2019 | Start of Spring Term – School open to students |
| • Tuesday 15 th January | Year 9 ‘Moving Forward’ Event |
| • Wednesday 16 th January | Year 11 Intervention Evening 5:30pm |
| • Thursday 24 th January | Year 12 Parents’ Evening 5:30pm |
| • Wednesday 30 th January | Careers Event & Year 9 Course Choice Evening |
| • Friday 1 st February | Year 11 Retake weekend |
| • Tuesday 12 th February | Year 7 Parents’ Evening 4:30pm |
| • Friday 15 th February | INSET Day – School closed to students |
| • Monday 18 th February | Half Term – School opens Monday 25 th February |

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) – Friday 14th December

On Friday 14th December we are having a **Christmas Jumper Day** in support of the ‘Save the Children’ campaign. Students make a £1 donation to wear a Christmas jumper, top or are free to customise an existing jumper with tinsel or other festive decoration. These jumpers will replace shirts, ties and blazers on this day. We will also be encouraging our staff and Sixth Form students to take part in the fun. Students should make their donation to their Form Tutors during morning registration.

I am sure this will be a typically fabulous event which will also raise lots of money for this very worthwhile cause. I would like to thank all of the students for their support of Children in Need day earlier this term which raised over £1000 and particularly congratulate three of our Sixth Form students who themselves raised £2000 for Cancer Research UK with their sponsored head shave.



Film Night and School Christmas Concert - Thursday 20th December

Students can purchase a ticket for £2.50 which includes gingerbread and hot chocolate with marshmallows. The Film Night, featuring Elf, The Grinch and Home Alone 2 showing in three separate venues, starts at 4pm and students should be ready to leave the building at 5:45pm, unless involved in the Christmas Concert. Tickets are available from Mrs Mockler in the Maths and Science LRC.

Our annual Christmas Concert follows on from the Film Night. The concert will open at 6:30pm in the Restaurant where refreshments will be available. An 'Open Mic' and 'Sing-a-Long' session with the Choir will provide entertainment. The Christmas Concert will commence at 7:30pm in the Lyceum. Tickets for this event are £2 and are available from Mrs Banks in the Humanities LRC.

Although there is no snow imminently forecast it is always worth preparing for the worst. Could I draw your attention to the School Procedures which are published on the Parents' section of the website. We will, of course, do all we can to make sure that the school is able to operate as normally as possible, but in the event of very severe weather conditions, as is predicted tomorrow, we may be forced to close for health and safety reasons.

In the unlikely event that school is forced to close during the school day, could you please inform your child's Year Team in advance if you are not agreeable to your child making their own way home.

It is also the time of year in which student safety becomes a particular concern. We would be grateful if all parents/carers could reinforce the importance of children taking road safety seriously, especially when crossing roads on their journeys to and from school. With the current programme of road works in the vicinity of the school it can make school drop off and pick up a little more hazardous. As always, we appreciate your respect for our neighbours and local residents when parking.

Could I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all the best for the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER