

Head of School

Friday 9th December 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week! As we enter the final preparations for our Christmas festivities in school, for students we held the first of our two Christmas dinners on Wednesday. The amazing canteen served over 160 tasty traditional Christmas dinners. I would like to thank our Catering Manager - Tony Bursey and his team for all their efforts with the Christmas dinner. Two next opportunity for students to have a Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

Whilst we are on the theme of the canteen, we appreciate many of our students leave the house early in the morning and may miss the most important meal of the day... breakfast! We were given a community award for our breakfast service in 2021, and we would like to extend our service to those who need it. We are offering free porridge to all students from 8.20am in Café Central. We hope this will support our students and their families as the cold winter temperature sets in.

This week, students have also enjoyed our first SALAD day in school (this stands for 'Speaking And Listening Activity Day'). Our students in Years 7 to 10 spent their day on Thursday concentrating their learning on Speaking and Listening tasks, in order to develop their literacy skills. The students enjoyed tasks that ranged from participating in a persuasive advert using their best voice over techniques to replicating the Christmas Nativity play.

We also held our Year 9 Parents' Evening online on Thursday evening. Our attendance to this session was incredible. It was lovely to hear so many positive progress conversations happening with our teachers, students and parents/carers. I hope the evening was very informative and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have in order to support your child further on their educational journey.

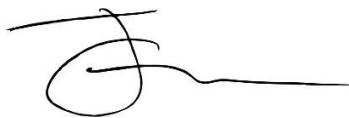
I would like to remind you about medical appointments made during the school day. I would ask you to avoid making any medical appointments during our school day. I appreciate sometimes this may be unavoidable; when this is the case, please make sure your child attends prior and after the appointment time. We want to reduce the number of students missing learning time due to day time medical appointments. We definitely do not support a whole day's absence for an unavoidable medical appointment at 11.00am.

Yesterday, you will have received a letter regarding the communication from the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team for all schools, in relation to the increased reported cases of Scarlet Fever and/or STREP A. The school will continue to work closely with the Health Protection Team and disseminate any additional information for parents/carers to be aware of.



And finally, next Friday is our last day of this term, I would like to remind you that we will finish for the Christmas break, at the normal finish time of 3.15pm. Our usual teaching and learning standards in classrooms will continue up until this time.

Your sincerely,



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