

Parent Bulletin



6th - 10th December

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Upcoming dates

Wednesday 8th December	Year 11 Sixth Form taster day
Thursday 9th December	PSHE day
Thursday 9th December	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - 6pm
Friday 10th December	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - 6pm
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day

Masks

Many thanks to all students and parents who have been so supportive in helping with the re-introduction of masks in school. A majority of students are bringing and wearing masks in the corridors without being asked. They have been incredibly mature in coping with this change and I am very proud of them.

We do however have a small number of students who are 'forgetting' their masks on a daily basis. Please could you support the school in checking that your child has a spare mask in their bag each day, along with the one that they plan to wear during the day.

As masks are temporarily part of the school uniform, students who repeatedly do not bring a mask will face the same sanctions as those who don't wear their uniform correctly.

If you believe your child is exempt from wearing a face covering please provide a letter detailing the reasons for this and we will happily provide an exemption pass for them to carry around school.

Road Safety

There has been a report of some of our students running in front of cars on the Lordswood Road at the end of the school day. I am sure that you will agree that this is unacceptable behaviour that may result in a serious accident. May I ask that you have a conversation with your daughter about safely crossing roads using the Green Cross Code and the dangers associated with running into moving traffic. Thank you for your support in this matter.

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

A quick reminder that there will be cast rehearsal in school on Saturday 4th December from 9.30am - 1pm. Cast members will be out of lessons Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December in technical and dress rehearsals. Students are responsible for catching up with any work missed.

If you have booked a ticket and would like to purchase refreshments, there will be a message sent to you on ParentMail.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December

On Friday 10th December, the School Council will be holding a Christmas jumper fundraising day in aid of Save the Children, a charity that works to ensure that all children can grow up healthy and safe and with access to education.

The Council would therefore like to invite all students to wear Christmas themed non-uniform on the 10th in return for a donation of £1, which will be collected during registration. As this is non-uniform, all jewellery, make up and nail varnish will be permitted, we just ask that whatever students wear is appropriate for school, not revealing, and that shoes do not have a high heel and are therefore safe on stairs. Please note that if students have PE they will still need to bring their PE kit to change into. We would also like to remind students that, if they do not own a Christmas jumper, we are not asking them to purchase one. We would much rather students wear their own clothes and make a donation than buy anything new. The Council would also like to reiterate their thanks for everyone's generosity, any donation made is very welcome as we are aware of how difficult the past two years have been.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Riley.

Arrangements for the end of term

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas lunch.

Thursday 16th December

08:40 Year 12 Assembly in the sixth form block

Friday 17th December

Rewards assemblies will also take place as follows:

08:40 – 09:10 Year 7 Rewards Assembly in the hall

09:15 – 09:45 Year 8 Rewards Assembly in the hall

09:50 – 10:20 Year 9 Rewards Assembly in the hall

10:20 – 10:40 Break

10:45 – 11:15 Year 10 Rewards Assembly in the hall

11:30 – 12.00 Year 11 Rewards Assembly in the hall.

Achievement Co-ordinators will dismiss students from 12.00 onwards apart from Year 11 students who will be dismissed from the hall after their assembly.

Year 7 & 8 Christmas Card Post Box

A red post box has been placed in the reception area for Year 7 and 8 students to post Christmas cards to other students. The box will be in place until 15th December and cards will be delivered in the following days. All envelopes must have recipients' full name, review group and review room on them.

Year 11 Taster Day

On Wednesday 8th December, our sixth form will be running a day of taster sessions for Year 11 students. This will be an opportunity for your daughter to experience being a sixth form student for the day. They will spend the day in the sixth form block and will have the opportunity to sample 5 post 16 subjects. Students will be able to **wear their own clothes** in line with the sixth form dress code. Details of which can be found on the sixth form website.

Safeguarding

As a parent of a teenager, I understand how difficult it can be to know how to approach challenging topics with my child, or even know what types of issues he might be facing.

Safe Stories has been created by SAFE! is an independent charity working with young people aged 5 to 18 who have been harmed by crime or bullying. They highlight some of the issues being faced by teenagers both on and offline. These are problems which we know young people experience on a regular basis.

All of the characters were created during group sessions with young people. Their stories are based on their own experiences and whilst the end results are not a 'true story', each element is based on a real situation.

The stories are designed to encourage a 'one step removed' approach to talking about an issue and an indirect approach to problem solving. If we can think about what Maddie, Rob, Charlie, Hope or Katie might feel, teenagers can reflect on our own experience, and seek personal solutions. The video stories are designed to be accessed directly by teenagers but can also be used in conversations with young people by parents. It is also designed to encourage any young person to seek help if they are struggling with an issue such as these and each page has links to other sources of information or support.

<https://safestories.org/about.html>

Motivation and Goal setting with your child

Parents in Birmingham have been invited to attend the following webinar. The session will cover 'Top Tips On Motivation and Goal Setting with your Child'. The session will be lead by Rachel Kidson (Maths Author and Educational Psychology Lead) who will share some of the latest research on Motivation and Goal Setting.

Setting goals gives your child long-term vision and short-term motivation! It focuses their mind, and helps them to organise their time and resources so that they can make the most of life.

The session will discuss hot topics such as intrinsic motivation, whether we should use rewards and sanctions, habit stacking and the dreaded question "When will I ever need this in real life..."

The session will take place on Wednesday 15th December, 2021 07:30 PM. Booking essential via the following link

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L6uBw4QkQ7uUsWAGC2X0Ew

Post 16 Ice-Skating

Students from years 12 and 13 will be heading to Centenary Square after school on Thursday 9th December to go ice skating . This is part of the social enrichment programme for post 16 students, and a lovely opportunity to get us all in the holiday mood.

Parent & Carer SEND Event

'Have your Say' on SEND

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.



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Carrs Lane Conference Centre
15th December 2021
10am - 1pm

Online event
15th December 2021
6pm - 8pm

