



Trinity School

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Mr David Samson
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Dear Parent/Carer

As the term ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The first term in school is always a busy one. However, there has been lots to celebrate. From our positive SIAMS inspection to our fabulous production of Mary Poppins we continue to be proud of the opportunities we are able to put on offer for our students. Our sporting achievements are well documented on our school social media platforms, and we are very proud of our students' achievements in all areas of study. Worthy of a special mention is our girls football team that won the Cumbria Junior Team of the Year Award. In school I am most proud of how our students have adapted to our expectations and routines.

In school this week we are going through the new reporting system with students and enjoying celebration assemblies, where we can reward and congratulate many of our excellent learners. The reporting system should allow a more detailed look at relative performance by sharing your child's assessment scores and comparing them with average student scores.

Year 11 will have a formal **mock results** event in the Jubilee Hall on Monday 18th December. We are very much hoping they are pleased with the progress they are making.

Attendance

I know you will be aware of our ongoing focus on attendance. I know you will also understand the important link between attendance, good progress and success in school.

To put it simply, students with more than 90% attendance achieve, on average, a grade higher than similar students with less than 90% attendance.

This can mean the difference between securing a place in Sixth Form, College or an apprenticeship. This was also evidenced in our own results last year in which students with high attendance performed significantly better than those with attendance under 90%.

Teachers have been asked to prepare and deliver lessons until the very end of term as every learning opportunity is vital, therefore please support us in encouraging attendance until the end of term.

Christmas at Trinity

Our **Carol Service** is to take place at 7.00pm on Monday 18th December at the Cathedral. Our students have been rehearsing in school and we hope to see many of you there. Further details can be seen on the school website. The Year 8 students will have their own carol service in the afternoon.

We are having our **Christmas Fayre** (run by students) this week on Wednesday 13th December, it is after school in the Jubilee Hall so if you would like to pop in you are welcome after 3.10pm. We also have our **Christmas Quiz Night** on Wednesday 13th at 6.30pm. All monies raised will go to World Challenge. Tickets are available on the door or through IPAY, with live music too, it is a bargain at £2 each! Doors open at 6.00pm.

If you would like to donate any items to our **foodbank**, please be sure to send them in by 15th December so that we have time to transport them for Christmas.



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Next term

Our first day back after Christmas is Wednesday 3rd January. School will be open as usual at 8.25am.

I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that everyone manages to have a relaxing time over the festive season. We are looking forward to returning in January to a New Year and a new term with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Samson
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