

THE LINK

Edition 13 10th December 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, Year 11 students completed the last of their GCSE / Vocational mock exams. I know that I have said it before, but Year 11 have been absolutely fantastic throughout the exam series, both in terms of their behaviour and attitude to the exams. I am extremely proud of them!

On Wednesday, students enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch, prepared by Shire Services. Testament to the team spirit in school, Miss Gibbs (Business Operations Manager), Miss Morgan (Headteacher's PA & Office Coordinator) and Mr Thomas (Administration Assistant) stepped in to help the catering team serve students on such a busy occasion.

Thank you to the many parents & carers who have returned the electronic consent forms for children to have a Lateral Flow Test on return to school after Christmas. With the number being high, we will likely spread the testing of students (where consent has been given) across the first two days back; this will avoid the need to phase the return of students to school. I am sure you will agree that having all students return on the same day, 5th January, will be a good thing.

Finally a reminder that on Friday 17th December it is Christmas Jumper Day in school, raising money in support of Save The Children.

Have a good weekend.

John Parr Headteacher

'Christmas Extravaganza'

Due to current restrictions we have been unable to invite Parents/Carers into school to enjoy our usual festivities. However, Mr Mould has been busy recording our virtual 'Christmas Extravaganza for the last couple of weeks. Please use the link below to hear some great class and solo recordings.



Christmas Extravaganza Link

Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your Accelerated
Reading Targets

<u>Year 7</u>	Year 8
Marwa Aoufi	George Devey
Millie Carter	Una Frith
Nia Carter	Cerys Hope
Anthony Cheadle	Indiya Howells
Ivy Goode	Pippa Pledger
Maisie Hall	Toby Williams

A note from the Exams Officer.....

Huge congratulations to Year 11 on their super attitude, positivity, hard work and good humour over the last two weeks of mock exams. They have shown an impressive level of maturity in the exam hall and respect and thoughtfulness around their peers. Well done to Year 11 – they should be really proud of themselves.

Friday 17th December Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 17th December in aid of Save The Children.

We would like students to substitute their school jumper with a Christmas jumper. For this privilege we would like a minimum donation of £1 please.



LOST PROPERTY

Pictured below are the items of non-uniform clothing such as coats and hoodies that have been handed into lost property this term at school. If you spot a missing item that your child has not brought home, please direct them to Student Support/W1 to pick up the item. If items have not been claimed by the end of term, they will be donated to a local charity shop. We also have PE kits and school jumpers without any names written on them in lost property. If you child has lost these items, please send them to W1 to see if their items are here. Again, if not claimed by the end of term they will be washed and put with our spare uniform.

Thanks for your co-operation with this.









Tickets for the Big Raffle are still available.

3 years ago....before Covid and its' restrictions C3 tutor group held a raffle raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support charity. It snowballed into a huge raffle raising approximately £500. This year we would like to share the money raised between the 4 House Charities in school and Macmillan. We want to do it again **AND WE NEED YOUR HELP** to do so.

Currently most students don't carry a lot of cash in school and to buy raffle tickets they will need change. As they say "you've got to be in it, to win it!"

An individual ticket will cost 30p but a strip will be £1.

The prizes will be on display in the school entrance and tickets will be on sale at break and lunch times, every day, sold by a team of students from across the school.

There are some lovely prizes to win too.

Hopefully, your child will want to buy tickets so please could you dig deep in your pockets and give them your change. If every child bought a strip of tickets at £1 we would make £500 but there is no limit to the number of tickets, that they can buy. Please help the school raise money for these worthwhile causes.





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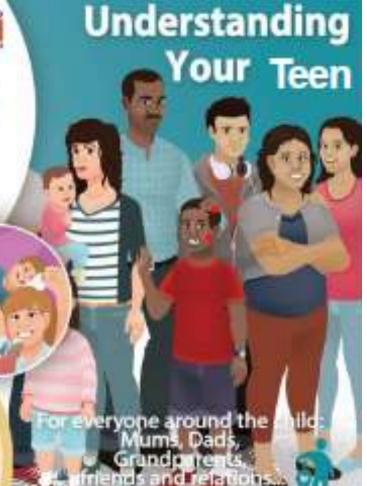
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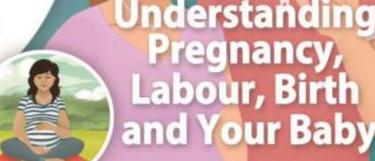


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What's on Kooth in December



December 3

Kooth Discussion Board

Not All Disabilities Are Visible: Come and celebrate international Day of the Disabled Person with us by sharing your thoughts stories and experiences about those disabilities that aren't always so easy to see.

History of the Holidays:

December 10

Kooth Podcast

December 10

Kooth Discussion Board

December 15

Kooth Live Forum

Locking After Your Wellbeing: Come share in all the ways we can look after ourselves and our wellbeing throughout writer. If you can't make this one join us earlier at the week on our discussion boards instead!

7.30pm to 9pm

December 20

December 24

Kooth Discussion Board

December 29

Kooth Live Forum

December 31

Discussion Board

Kooth Live Forum

Let's Talk About: LGBTQIA+ & Religion: our safe space to chat about elences of religion within the LGBTQIA+ community.

7.30pm to 9pm

Give Yourself a Cife

With so much focus on spendir and buying gifts for others at this time of year, let's share son stees on something special we can do just for ourselves.

Let's Party: Scop by our final live forum of the year for a fun, charty space to colebrate our whole community.

7.30pm to 9pm

New Year, Not New You: Do New Years' Resolutions stress you out? Join our conversation about setting positive intentions for the year shead that feel right for you.



Find all of this & much more on Kooth.com



Our team is still here to provide mental wellbeing support over the holiday period.



Chat Availability Dates and Times

Thursday 23/12/21

12pm - 10:00pm

Friday 24/12/21 12pm - 8:00pm

Saturday 25/12/21

4pm - 8:00pm

Sunday 26/12/21 6pm - 10:00pm

Monday 27/12/21

4pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday 28/12/21 4pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday 29/12/21

Thursday 30/12/21

12pm - 10:00pm

12pm - 10:00pm

Friday 31/12/21 12pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 1/01/22 4pm - 8:00pm

Sunday 2/01/22

6pm - 10:00pm

Monday 3/01/22

4pm - 8:00pm

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