



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

## Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your Accelerated Reading Targets

### Year 7

Marwa Aoufi  
Millie Carter  
Nia Carter  
Anthony Cheadle  
Ivy Goode  
Maisie Hall

### Year 8

George Devey  
Una Frith  
Cerys Hope  
Indiya Howells  
Pippa Pledger  
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.



## '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](#)

# 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 your 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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the new arrival

(0-12 months)



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## Understanding your child with additional needs

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### Discussion boards

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- 4 Select the **year** and **month** you were born.
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- 6 Create an **anonymous username** and secure **password**.
- 7 Let us know how you found out about Kooth from the drop down menu.
- 8 Select **Next Step** to complete your registration!

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# What's on Kooth in December



<b>December 3</b> <b>Kooth Discussion Board</b> <b>Not All Disabilities Are Visible:</b> 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.	<b>December 10</b> <b>Kooth Podcast</b> <b>History of the Holidays:</b> Join us as we chat about some of our festive facts and celebrate all the different holidays that fall at the end of the year.	<b>December 10</b> <b>Kooth Discussion Board</b> <b>Helping Hands - Kindness &amp; Volunteering:</b> Join us to chat about all ways we can bring kindness and volunteering into our communities.	<b>December 15</b> <b>Kooth Live Forum</b> <b>Looking After Your Wellbeing:</b> Come share in all the ways we can look after ourselves and our wellbeing throughout winter. If you can't make this one join us earlier in the week on our discussion boards instead! <b>7.30pm to 9pm</b>
<b>December 20</b> <b>Kooth Live Forum</b> <b>Let's Talk About: LGBTQIA+ &amp; Religion:</b> Join our safe space to chat about experiences of religion within the LGBTQIA+ community. <b>7.30pm to 9pm</b>	<b>December 24</b> <b>Kooth Discussion Board</b> <b>Give Yourself a Gift:</b> With so much focus on spending and buying gifts for others at this time of year, let's share some ideas on something special we can do just for ourselves.	<b>December 29</b> <b>Kooth Live Forum</b> <b>Let's Party:</b> Stop by our final live forum of the year for a fun, chatty space to celebrate our whole community. <b>7.30pm to 9pm</b>	<b>December 31</b> <b>Kooth Discussion Board</b> <b>New Year, Not New You:</b> Do New Year's Resolutions stress you out? Join our conversation about setting positive intentions for the year ahead that feel right for you.



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## Chat Availability Dates and Times

**Thursday 23/12/21**  
12pm - 10:00pm

**Monday 27/12/21**  
4pm - 8:00pm

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

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

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

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

**Saturday 25/12/21**  
4pm - 8:00pm

**Wednesday 29/12/21**  
12pm - 10:00pm

**Sunday 2/01/22**  
6pm - 10:00pm

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

**Thursday 30/12/21**  
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**Monday 3/01/22**  
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