

# Newsletter



## Greetings from the Principal

### **Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

As we enter the festive period and begin to approach the end of term students and staff are engaging in a range of festive and charitable activities. I would like to say thank you to the Junior Leadership Teams, librarian and staff who have bedecked the school in decorations.

This is still a very busy period for many students however, with Y12 and 13 students preparing for their mock exams in January and the Year 12 Ready2Lead? group supporting local primary schools to reduce litter.

It is traditionally a busy period for the Performing Arts department who will be attending the local Christmas Tree festival and are preparing the Winter Concert for later this month. We hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy some of these events.

### **Vapes**

Last week I included some information on vaping. I attended a Headteachers meeting last week and many of us shared our concerns with the number of young people taking up vaping. More worryingly, some Headteachers reported how there are increasing examples of "super charged" vapes being bought online that have unknown substances in. I urge you to discuss with your children the risks and legality of vapes and the purchasing of them.

Any child found vaping or having a vape on them in school will receive a suspension.

### **Road safety**

With the evenings drawing in, I am aware that many pupils cycle to school and some do not have lights on their bikes. Please, if you believe your child will be cycling in the dark can you ensure they have adequate lights and safety precautions to be seen by other road users.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Stainsby'.

Chris Stainsby

Interim Principal

## **Parent Handout – Concerns Around Teenage Vaping.**

This week we will be circulating a document that raises the issue of teenage vaping and our ongoing concerns about this significant national problem.

Our intention is to provide some key headlines and facts about this issue that we are sadly not exempt from. We would appreciate parental support as we continue to tackle this problem both now and in the future. The document in question will be sent directly to all parents as a PDF via Parentmail.

Thank you for your support

Mr A O'Rourke

Assistant Principal

## **Foodbank This Christmas**

Dear parents/carers,

We are excited to be collecting for the Bedford Foodbank this Christmas. We have been in contact with them and have asked what is needed which we have listed below.

*Items needed: Tinned soup, Shampoo, Tinned fruit, Variety tins/ boxes, Rice, Deodorants, Nuts, Coffee, Tea, Jam, cereal, Chocolate, UHT milk, Tin Openers, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Chocolate selection Packs and Cup A Soup.*

Please bring items into form time for 11<sup>th</sup> December (students in year 7 can drop off donations on the 12<sup>th</sup>). We are awarding lots of merits to the forms with the most donations.

We will be dropping off our donations on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and will let you all know how much we collect.

Kind regards,

Mrs Loynes

11A Form Tutor

Head of RE and PSHCE

## **Message from our catering provider Dolce**



### **Christmas Menu Throughout December**

The Academy kitchen will be offering a Christmas themed menu, each day from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, with a turkey roast dinner available every Wednesday.

Some of the festive food on offer will be:

Festive pizza slice

Giant Pig in blanket dog with sprout slaw

Roast turkey, stuffing and cranberry torpedo

Cranberry glazed festive vegan sausage roll

Turkey sandwiches

Please ensure your child has enough money on their account to make any purchases as we are unable to let account go into debt. Accounts need to be topped up on School Grid.

If there are any queries, please contact [finance@wixamsacademy.co.uk](mailto:finance@wixamsacademy.co.uk)

Kind regards

The Fiance Team

## **History Revision Guides Update**

Please be assured that the History Revision Guides have been ordered and should be with us before Christmas. Apologies for the delay; they will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

Kind regards

Mr Craze ([rcraze@wixamsacademy.co.uk](mailto:rcraze@wixamsacademy.co.uk))

## **Year 11 History Revision**

These sessions will resume from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30-4.15 in X5. For the foreseeable future we will focus on Weimar and Nazi Germany.

We hope to see your son/daughter there – all Year 11s welcome!

Kind regards

Mr Craze and the History Team

**Dates for your diary:**

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9 Parent Consultations – Early closure 1.35pm for all students
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Ready2lead evening session year 12
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival – St Paul’s Square
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 12 Criminology NEA
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Foodbank donations to school
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas showcase – 6.00-7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 13 Criminology NEA
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Disco – Time TBC
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – Pupils finish at 1pm