

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual **Year 11 Resilience Day** takes place on Thursday 11th January. We also hold a parent session to share how you can best support your child in the weeks ahead. The session also includes our revision expert Karim – there is always great feedback from the night. Please look out for times and booking if you are a parent / carer of a Year 11 student.

So today – the Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the whole year with only 7 hours, 49 minutes and 42 seconds of daylight is ending marking the start of the well-earned Christmas break for our students and staff.

14 weeks of the year have been well used. I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to being back together again with the students on Monday 8th January – when the daylight will be 17 minutes longer with spring well on the way.

Thank you for your support this term.

Santa's Christmas Wish List: well stocked pencil cases are key - rulers and black pens, as well as a marker pen for the white boards to be used every day.

New coats snapped up in the sales must be plain but can be any colour, a single small logo on the breast is ok.

Students should have a water bottle – a perfect stocking filler if they need a replacement.

Lots of rest and recharging so we can hit the term healthy and with high attendance is a must!



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Headteacher Awards – Autumn Term

Students demonstrating one of our 5 values were all chosen by their tutors.



Excellence, Creativity



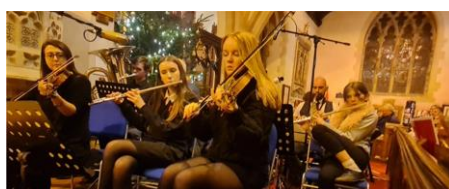
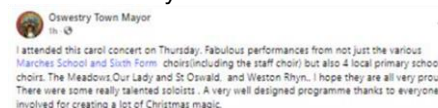
Equality, Empathy



Integrity

Carol Concert in St Oswald's

The event was captured perfectly by our Town Mayor -



Christmas Card Winners



Jessica Card for Whittaker won the student competition...



... while Mr Williams won the staff competition.

Christmas Lunch



FOCUS

Cinema Rewards Trip

The first of our Rewards trips went to the cinema with 120 students enjoying popcorn and treats whilst watching a film.

This was followed by the shopping trip this week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

8th January – All students return to School
11th January – Year 11 Resilience Day and Parent Evening Event
25th January – Year 10 Parents' Evening
27th January – Park Run

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