



Weekly Letter

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. It was brilliant to see so many of you during our first Academic Review Day this year. This was a great opportunity to celebrate student success from the first 2 terms. There were many productive conversations going on between staff and families, sharing support and guidance for continued success. Thank you to all of those who attended.

Below are a few highlights from our week :

On Monday 4th December we travelled to Cirencester for the annual GLT Carol Service. Our students from year 7 & 8 sang beautifully and really made the YA team proud.

On Thursday our Year 9 students had their first taste of being interviewed by taking part in the 'Little Interviews'. Twenty Six volunteers from the local Rotary groups and Atkins, carried out 138, 20 minute interviews throughout the day in the auditorium. Students had previously filled out an information sheet which the interviewers worked with to ask them a series of questions. Students made their way to the waiting room, and were briefed on how to approach and introduce themselves. Once seated the volunteers asked a series of questions to draw out the best from each applicant and provided written feedback to each student.

Whilst the students were nervous in the waiting room they were all elated at their achievements and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Some feedback from the volunteers included 'Students were grounded, respectful and focused' 'What an impressive set of young students' and 'What a great programme interviewing students through year 9, 10 and year 12'



Year 11 H&C students have completed their cooking practical exam producing dishes ranging from cheesecakes to millionaires shortbread, apples pies and chicken nuggets all from scratch. Showing skills ranging from deboning chicken, filleting fish to caramelization and emulsifying. Their presentation skills included piping and tempering chocolate to making caramel and sugared fruits.



The Sixth Form took part in a "Culture, Life Skills and Christmas Shopping" trip to London this week. Students had the opportunity to explore the rich culture and vibrancy of our capital's Museum District, before heading off into Central London. They independently caught underground trains, navigated the city streets and took in some sights. Particular highlights included the Christmas illuminations of Piccadilly Circus, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Carnaby Street & Harrods. The students acquitted themselves brilliantly, stepped outside of their comfort zone and challenged themselves to do something new & different. A huge success!

It was also great to see some old faces back from last year's Y11s & 13s when they came to collect their exam certificates from the summer exams. It was lovely to hear about their onward journey since leaving the Academy.

Key Updates:

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Yate on Wednesday 13th December at 18:30. There will be a limit of two tickets per student. Please collect tickets from Reception.

MCAS - Lunch top up polite reminder: Please can we ask that any outstanding lunch money is paid via the MCAS app before the end of term next Friday 15th December.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Food Bank Donations Deadline
Wednesday 13th December	Carol Concert St Mary's Church Yate 18:15 arrival
Thursday 14th December	Yr 11 Parents' Evening Festive Lunch
Friday 15th December	Rewards Event Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	Inset Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Start of Term 3

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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We will be serving our Festive Menu on the following dates:



Thursday 30th November 2023
Thursday 7th December 2023
Thursday 14th December 2023



festive Meal Deal

Turkey Dinner and the Trimmings
+
Christmas Pudding or Mince Pie
or Chocolate Brownie or Bottled
Water

Roasted Cherry Tomato, Red
Onion and Feta Tart and the
Trimmings
+
Christmas Pudding or Mince Pie
or Chocolate Brownie or Bottled
Water

£2.75

All Christmas dinners will also receive a Christmas Cracker

Merry Christmas



Food Bank 2023

WE ARE DOING A FOOD BANK THIS YEAR AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ANYONE COULD BRING IN A DONATION IF YOU ARE ABLE TO.

The food bank products you can bring in may be:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned food; soup, beans, veg, tomatoes, meat.
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy mix
- Christmas pudding
- Custard packets
- Biscuits
- Mashed potato
- Toiletries
- Washing products
- Fruit juices

And any other food products/essentials.

**Deadline for Donations will be Tuesday 12th
December**

**All Donations to be handed into Reception or to
Mrs Davies in G21.**

