



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

Year 11 have now completed their two weeks of internal exams. Their conduct and focus have been exemplary throughout! The teachers are already working hard to mark the papers so that the feedback can become an important element of preparation for the summer exams.

### Year 13 Exams

Next week our Year 13 students will sit their internal exams. If you would like any support with these exams then please contact us:

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### New Dining Room Now Open

With such miserable weather throughout the week, we were especially grateful to have the new dining room up and running! It is a great new space to have in the school and the students have made good use of it at break and lunch (and during lessons for the Sixth Form).

### Wokingham Winter Carnival – PTA Chocolate Tombola

The fantastic PTA will be at the Winter Carnival with their usual chocolate tombola stall to raise money for the school. There are two ways that you can help them this year:

- Donate chocolate prizes (see attached flyer)
- Volunteer to help on the day. Volunteers can sign up with [this link](#).

### WhatsApp Groups

While Meta requires users of WhatsApp to be 16, we know that many of our students will be regularly be using the app. We are aware that there are group chats that involve students from this school as well as users from the outside community; some of these chats contain language and content are that are unsuitable and potentially harmful. Please take the opportunity to review the use of WhatsApp with your children. For advice and guidance use [this link](#).

### Christmas Concert

The Christmas adverts have started on TV and so it's the right time to get you advanced notice that this year's Christmas Carol Concert will be held at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St. Paul's Church in Wokingham. All are welcome!

### Lost Property

We are experiencing a build up of lost property over the year (we have collected up 20 coats already since September). When items are named, we return them directly to students but we cannot do so with unnamed items. If your child is missing property, please direct them to visit Student Reception. We will be donating unclaimed items in the near future as we are running out of storage space!



This evening is the annual Year 7 Disco. While I'm not really one for dancing myself, it's always nice to see the students enjoying themselves, so I'm looking forward to it later on tonight!

I hope that you all have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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