

Principal's Newsletter

Season 2 Episode 12

Friday 1st December

Today marks the end of one season and the start of another. While we wave a fond farewell to the autumn examinations, the Christmas season properly arrives with the start of Advent.

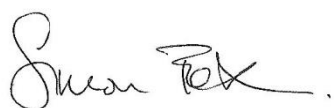
It has been a busy and tiring fortnight for our Year 11s, but a valuable one. Teachers will have a much better idea of areas for development, and students will know exactly what they need to focus on in the coming months. It also gives us as a school an idea of where the cohort might end up in the summer of 2018, and early indications are very positive.

As Advent begins, many of you will be starting preparations for the festive period, and I hope that part of the plan is some rest and relaxation for all our students, who have worked so hard this term. We have a few weeks to go yet until we get the chance for that though, but with plenty of fun and entertainment planned, including Christmas meals, Christmas jumpers and Christmas carols. I hope to see lots of you at our Carol Service on Monday 18th December in Martham.

This past week has also seen the first rehearsal of the school production this year – We Will Rock You. The cast have been announced after hard-fought auditions, and the initial read through went really well. The production will run in the spring next year, and dates will be coming out soon so you can book it in your diary. It promises to be an excellent evening of entertainment!

On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to take a group of Year 10 girls to the John Innes Centre in Norwich for the annual Women of the Future conference. This event is run by the plant and microbe institute to inspire more young women to go into the STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) sectors and to increase their engagement with female role models and the wide range of exciting industries. All the students had a wonderful time and came away inspired by a whole range of new ideas for their future careers. A more detailed report can be found in the next edition of Families First which will come out to you in the early spring.

Finally, it was delightful to welcome back so many ex-Year11s last night for our annual GCSE Presentation Evening. It was great to catch up with them and hear about their current studies and how much they are enjoying the next stage of their education and training. We were very lucky to have one of our alumni, Charlie Smith, join us to give our Presentation Speech. Charlie reminded us that it is important to work hard, enjoy what you are doing and remember that there are always people supporting you whether things go well or not. Not only is this a good message for our students, I think at this time of year it is a good message for us all.



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