



Dear Parents/Carers

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House Competitions

A number of activities have taken place this week, reinvigorated by our House system. We have had:

Year 8 Christmas quiz - Over 40 students took part and enjoyed the event. Wychwood were the overall winners this time!

Winter photography competition We had a lot of brilliant entries for the judges to consider. The winning entry will be used for our Christmas message this year and we plan to display several photos in school in the weeks ahead. There are clearly some talented photographers in our school!

Cheerleading showcase - Over 30 students took part, and it was lovely seeing so many pupils there demonstrating the new skills they have learnt this term.

We are also looking forward to **football** week next week and have lots of pupils signed up to take part. Thank you to the staff who are making these events happen.

School Performances

Drama – despite the disappointment of having to cancel the planned pantomime, students have continued to work on performances and recorded them this week. We hope to give parents access to a recording soon. Last night, the Drama department hosted a 'Night at the Oscars' event for the performers, who had a meal and awards in the restaurant. Everyone dressed up and had a lovely time together.

Concert – our two reduced Christmas Concerts are taking place on Tuesday 14th Dec at 6pm and 7.45pm. We are keeping numbers low and the audience will be socially distanced. Following the changes to the Covid measures this week, we will be asking the audience to wear face coverings and we would like everyone attending to have taken a Lateral Flow Test. This will not be checked, but thank you for supporting this if you are attending the concert. Groups have been working hard in rehearsal and are looking forward to having a chance to perform.

Celebrating successes

There have been two virtual celebration Assemblies this week. Year 7 students have received E-Praise Certificates, Aspiration Awards and Commendations for their attitudes to learning, which reflects an excellent start to their first term at Wood Green.

Our Year 10 students have received their KS3 Baccalaureate Awards, Half Colours and Year 9 Awards for 2021. The following list shows an impressive number of our students have received recognition for their hard work in what has been a difficult time.

80 KS3 Baccalaureate Awards
33 Half Colours Drama
25 Half Colours Music
63 Half Colours Sport
88 Year 9 Awards

A huge well done to all our students on their achievements.

Our Bacculaureate Awards have been run slightly differently during lockdown. We are in the process of updating our website with new information and we will share this with students and parents in the New Year.

Reminder LFT Volunteers needed for Wednesday 5th January 2022

We have had valuable help from parent volunteers to help run testing previously. We would really welcome any support from the community again on 5th January. This involves supervising students who are carrying out their LFTs themselves. Guidance and PPE are provided. If you are able to help even for part of this day we would love to hear from you via this [volunteer form](#)

Yours sincerely



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