



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

## **WGS Newsletter (17) – End of term December 2021**

### **Christmas Concert:**

It was lovely to be able to enjoy a selection of music from our talented students this week, and to have a live audience for the first time in two years. Well done to all the students who took part and 'thank you' to all the staff who made the evening such a success.

### **Exciting announcement:**

During the concert, we announced the exciting news that one of our students in Year 11, Torrin Cuthill, has made it to the televised stage of the ITV programme 'The Voice Kids'. She will appear in the first programme, which is being aired on 27<sup>th</sup> December. We wish Torrin all the best and look forward to watching the show.

### **Festive Thursday:**

We enjoyed a very Festive day this week. Lots of staff and students wore Christmas Jumpers, tinsel and Christmas hats. So far, we have raised over £500 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. There is still time to donate via ParentPay if you wish to do so.

A big thank you also to the WGS Restaurant Staff for making lots of delicious Christmas Dinners for staff and students to enjoy on Thursday. We know that there were some issues with timings which we will change for next year.

### **Tutor Groups Acts of Giving:**

Some tutor groups have been finding different ways to live our value of 'nurture' this week. Tutor Groups 7SE and 7AJK have been doing Reverse Advent Calendars during December. Students in both tutor groups have brought an item to donate rather than having something for themselves over advent. In 10ELB students agreed to give to a charity rather than do their usual Secret Santa and have raised over £50 for a homeless charity in Oxford.

### **PTA Christmas Chocolate Competition:**

Thank you to all our current 500 club members and the parents who joined our 500 club this term. 10CC won all the chocolate, they were very happy! The PTA are running a Quiz in January and they have big plans for a family Firewalk event in March.

### **Sporting Success: Year 7 Hockey:**

The WGS Year 7 girls hockey team played their first ever fixtures against other schools this week and were brilliant! Not only did they not concede a goal in all of their games, but they also won every fixture making them the champions of the mini-tournament. Well done Girls!

### **Computers for schools:**

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Askew was delighted to accept a laptop from Brendan Kay of Parkers Properties this week. The laptop will be given to a Wood Green School student to help them with their learning. To find out more about this scheme [click here](#).



## **Message from Oxford Health NHS Foundation re Covid vaccinations for children aged 12-15 years:**

From 20<sup>th</sup> December there will be a dedicated 'children's lane' for 12-15 year olds to receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of the Covid-19 vaccine at the Kassam Stadium. Bookings will be through the national booking system but at present we are not sure when this will become active.

## **Farewell and thank you to staff:**

The following staff are leaving Wood Green at the end of this term. We wish them well and thank them for all they have done:

- Miss Loasby – teaching and supporting in MFL this term
- Mr Leafe – over three years as IT Technician
- Miss Evans – over three years teaching Science and leading Biology, and a form tutor
- Mr Hart – 24 years teaching PE, Head of Year, unrivalled trip organiser and Head of the Achievement Centre. So many students, and former students (many of whom are now parents at school) will have benefitted from Mr Hart's care and inspiration over so many years.

## **Achievement Centre, Curriculum Support and H1:**

We can confirm that the Achievement Centre, Curriculum Support and H1 will be closed on January 5<sup>th</sup>. No family responded to the school newsletter of 7/12/21 for their child to attend school that day. As a result, these areas will be closed.

## **Start of term:**

A reminder that 5<sup>th</sup> Jan is LFT day, and previous newsletters have given the times and venues for visits to school to take a LFT onsite. Normal lessons resume 6<sup>th</sup> January. We will be watching the news carefully over the holiday and will send messages out if anything changes.

Otherwise, I wish all our students and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



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