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It has been another busy term at The King's CE School with lots to celebrate. Our SIAMS inspection in May 2022, where we were recognised as an 'Excellent' church school, was followed by our Ofsted inspection at the end of November. Thank you to all parents and carers who provided feedback to the inspection team during the visit. We are still waiting for the final report to be published but please do look out for it on our website in the New Year.

The autumn term always provides lots of opportunities outside the classroom for pupils to demonstrate our school values. All pupils celebrated 'Christ the King Day'. Year 7 have taken part in their welcome service and Christingle service. Year 11,12, and 13 also had the opportunity to take part in Eucharist in the first half term, and Year 8 took part in the second half term. Many of these were paused during COVID so it is great to see them back up and running.

There have also been a wide range of clubs, visiting speakers and trips this term. There are always too many to mention, so I would encourage you to follow us on social media so you can keep up with everything that is going on in school. There is always so much! As well as the extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities offered, we continue our focus on academic outcomes. This term Year 7 and 8 10-13 have completed mock exams. Their approach has been exemplary and they have certainly demonstrated that they are determined to get the highest grades possible and make progress in their learning.

# **Staff Changes**

At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to Mr Patel in Maths, as well as Miss Dooley and Miss Randera in Science. We would like to thank these colleagues for their dedication and commitment to The King's CE School and wish them all the best for the future. We would also like to give our best wishes to Miss Pugh who will be leaving us temporarily to go on maternity leave. After almost sixteen years at the school I will also be saying my final farewell at the end of the autumn term. It has been a privilege to serve The King's CE School. It is such a special community and one I will miss a great deal.

I would also like to welcome new staff who have recently joined us or will be doing so in the New Year. Miss Baxter has recently joined us as our Restorative Practice Co-ordinator. Mrs Thomas will be joining us after Christmas as Head of Work Faculty and Mr Parry as Vice Principal. We will also be welcoming Mr Brough to the PE department. Mr Mander and Mr Langford will be joining us as professional tutors in Maths and History. Mr Rogers will become our Exams Officer, and can be contacted on 01902 552724 or email: <u>exams@kingswolverhampton.co.uk</u>.

# **Christmas Holiday**

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for Christmas 2022 holiday activities with meals provided are being posted to all eligible households. For information about activities and to book a place, please visit www.yowolves.co.uk.

Parents and Carers of children registered for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) can also obtain their children's codes from the dedicated HAF helpline 01902 916994 (Mondays to Thursdays between 9am and 5pm, Fridays between 9am and 4.30pm).

For other questions or out of hours enquiries about HAF, please email haf@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 4th January.

Yours sincerely

Phil Sutton,

Vice Principal



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Last week the Year 11 Drama students performed their devised pieces of theatre as part of a mock Component 3 of the BTEC Tech Awards in Performing Arts. The performances were fantastic and enjoyable for all, It has been amazing to see our students build their confidence; develop communication and leadership skills and produce high quality performances with the intent of educating, inspiring and highlighting important issues.

In January, the official Component 3 brief, for this academic year, will be released and we wish all the Year 11 Drama students the very best in their final component of this course.

# Matilda Auditions

Mr Shoukat and Mrs McAllister are proud to announce that The King's Theatre will be producing a staged production of Matilda Jnr in the summer term. Auditions for the roles will be taking place on Thursday 12th January at 3.40pm in G8 (Drama Studio). Students who wish to audition should:

- Sign up to audition with Mr Shoukat/Mrs McAllister;
- Prepare and learn one song from any Musical;
- Provide a backing track for the song (many of which are available on You Tube.

We are very excited about bringing Matilda Jnr to the stage at The King's Church of England School and we look forward to seeing your auditions.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Mr Shoukat and Mrs McAllister.





The King's 12 days of Christmas Final Prize Drawer winner of a Tablet is:

Williams Yr 11

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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# Basketball News.....

A huge well done to our Year 9 Basketballers last week who achieved first place on the night in the 3v3 Wolverhampton Basketball tournament hosted at The King's. After playing tough oppositions, our girls headed for success using teamwork and co-operation in order to reach the final. In a tough final against Colton Hills, our pupils had sheer determination which paid off after a very thrilling game. Well done to all involved and we will look forward to the overall final against St Peters.

Our Year 9 pupils took part in a Basketball game against St Edmunds, due to circumstances our 5 players put in all their hard work and effort in order to score as many baskets as they could. finishing the second quarter on 12-8 to St Edmunds. Following on from this, we decided it would be more beneficial to mix the teams, which allowed our pupils to work with others and develop their confidence and teamwork. A great game! For the last quarter our Year 11 coaches took on St Edmunds in a nail biting game finishing on 16-14 to The King's.



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# **School Protocols & Policies**

May we take this opportunity to remind Parents and Carers of the following school protocols/policies.

School shoes should be plain, black polishable shoes, fabric pumps/ footwear with logos are not allowed.

Hoodies are not allowed to be worn in or outside school ( before school/break or lunchtime).

Hair should be a natural colour only.

No jewellery should be worn.

Nail extensions and nail varnish are not allowed.

Mobile phones /earphones/headphones should not be used or seen when in school.

### Attendance

All absences and late calls should be reported to Mrs Barratt, Attendance Officer **01902 556828**, or **option 1** of the menu. A voicemail facility is available to leave messages.

All medical appointments should be supported by an appointment card or letter, please note we do not authorise a full day's absence for these appointments. Holidays are not authorised during term time.

### Uniform

Crested Schoolwear Wolverhampton, and Lads and Lasses at Penn and Bilbrook are our uniform suppliers, and we will expect all students to be in full school uniform, wearing a school blazer and school tie. The King's school jumper is also available to buy.

# **Illness in School**

Students should inform the member of staff in lesson, or HOY at break or lunchtime so that a medical on call can be recorded, they will then be assessed, if they are not well enough to stay in school, the Parent/Carer will be contacted by a member of staff to collect them. Students should not use their mobile phone to contact home.

# Advent

As our Advent Appeal draws to a close, we are grateful to all that have taken part in cycling 104 miles for The Haven, an especially big thank you to Mrs Buckle for helping us reach our target! There is still time to donate , please click here if you would like to support our appeal.





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# From the Chaplain....

I am someone who likes to plan in advance. I like to know what I am doing and be prepared; it helps me to feel a bit calmer, a bit more in control. I know people who thrive on spontaneity, but not me; I find last minute changes and the inevitable rushing around to rearrange things all quite stressful. I know what they say: 'If you keep doing the same thing the same way you will keep getting the same results' and I know that change is needed for progress and creating new opportunities. I am not against new opportunities but on the whole I am content to stay in my comfort zone with my familiar routines.

This week however, I have been thinking about disrupted plans. I have been thinking about the young girl Mary and her dream for the life ahead of her: perhaps a fairy tale wedding and then children, when she was ready. About Joseph, his steady job and respectable reputation. About the shepherds faced with the choice to risk leaving their sheep unattended and vulnerable to wolves or thieves, perhaps even to lose their jobs as a result, in order to witness something spectacular that was happening in the village below. And about the wise travellers from abroad who left the comfort of their homes and families to follow an urgent sign that something important was happening; someone important was being born. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and they would have had to make a quick decision to take it or leave it.

We know all about disrupted plans, don't we. We experienced a lot of that during the Covid pandemic, when we had to cancel social occasions and even public exams. Which of us ever imagined we would live to see the day that happened? This week the icy weather has seen us change other plans, and our School Christmas Service will take place in school rather than at Church. We too have had to respond at short notice, although our disrupted plans this week have not been as life changing as those of Mary and Joseph two thousand years ago.

God is always doing something new. At times it won't be something familiar: but we do long for change in the world when it comes to the environment, tackling injustice or creating hope for those who face the greatest challenges and least opportunities. At times it won't be comfortable: but that is how we grow and develop. At times it might be inconvenient: but that is how God gets us to leave the comfortable rut we might sometimes get stuck in. God is doing something new. Something amazing. Are you ready to look up and take notice?

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

From The King's family to your family, we would like to thank you all for your continued support this term, we hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable festive season.

Best Wishes for 2023!



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The Theme for Worship w.c 3.1.23

Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:22-38



At The King's CE School we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. We enable all to achieve their God-given potential; to grow, learn and aspire; to transform their lives and the lives of others and to journey in faith without limits within a unified, respectful and harmonious community.



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