

13th December 2022

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 or have a look at our weekly newsletter 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 Years 7 and 8 and 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.

End of term and start of term arrangements

The term will draw to a close at 12 noon on Friday 16th December and we have arranged for the 784, 1 and 763 school bus service to be outside school ready to take pupils home. However, there will only be one 763 service on Friday instead of the usual two, so you may want to make alternative arrangements. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers who responded to the consultation to withdraw the 784 bus service from January. I'm pleased to say that our collective efforts as a school community means that the 784 bus service is here to stay.

Pupils will be returning to school on Wednesday 4th January at the usual time of 8:55am.

On Thursday 15th December we will be holding our Christmas services at St Michael's and All Angels Church. This is always a lovely way to reflect on the previous year in school and look forward with hope to January. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.

The service for Canterbury House and 7LCOX, 8LLAR, 11BLA, 6CALL & 6CCMG will start at 9:50am and the service for York House and 9LBAL, 9LVAN, 10LMIT, 10LKEY, 6LPRE, 6LHOP & 6YWIL will start at 11:55am

Staff Changes

At the end of the term will be saying good bye 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

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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.

Christmas Holiday

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme codes 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