



Monday 11th December, 2017

Dear Parents,

Approaching the end of a busy term...

It does not seem five minutes ago that students and staff were starting the new academic year and here we are less than two weeks away from the Christmas holidays! It has been an extremely busy and successful term at Tarleton Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of what is taking place over the next two weeks.

The Year 11 students started their first set of practice examinations last week and they will run until Wednesday 20th December. We have been impressed with their positive approach and their impeccable behaviour so far and appreciate the importance parents have placed on their preparation. School closes after our end of year assembly on Thursday 21st December at 12.30pm. I am sure that Year 11 students in particular will be looking forward to a well-earned break.

Year 10 students have recently had their reports sent home, whilst Year 9 reports will be sent home on Friday 15th December and Year 8 reports will be sent home on Wednesday 20th December. We hit the ground running after the break with 'Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening' on Thursday 11th January. The Year 10 students should be booking their time slots with teaching staff this week ready for then, so parents can get an update on their progress and engagement in learning.

Last week we held two productions of 'Whistle Down The Wind' to rave reviews. The hard work, dedication and talent displayed by the students was simply awesome. This coupled with the expertise of the staff made for a theatrical and musical production that any professional company would have been proud of. The fact that all this was achieved in ten weeks makes it all the more amazing. For those of you who came to see the show we thank you for your support. It was fantastic for the students to be able to perform to a full house on both nights!

This week we will hold our house Christmas lunches for those students who selected to take up this option. We will be hosting sittings for each of the four houses over two days. On Tuesday 12th December Christmas lunch will be served by the staff to Ennis and Farah and on Thursday 14th December to Daley and Wiggins.

We would like to extend a warm invitation for you to attend our annual Carol Service at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church on Friday 15th December. This year the service will take place during the school day with all Year 7 students walking with staff to attend the service as part of their school day. The service will start at 1.45pm and finish at 2.45pm with students returning to school in time for the school buses at

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3.15pm. The Tarleton Academy Choir and musicians will also be attending Booths on Wednesday 20th December so if you are local please pop in and support us.

School finishes early on Thursday 21st December with buses ordered for 12.30pm, following our end of 2017 celebration assembly. On this day we will also be hosting our Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for 'Save the Children'. For a minimum donation of £1.00, collected on the day, students can wear a Christmas jumper in place of their blazer – judging by last year there will be a few questionable fashion choices on display!

Finally, if you have not already viewed our new website www.tarletonacademy.org please take a look, we would welcome your feedback. We also have a new school app which can be downloaded for smart phones and tablets. It is a FREE app available by searching schudio school app. Once downloaded set your school to Tarleton Academy and you will be able to keep up to date with everything that is taking place at the academy. If you allow push notifications you will be able to receive messages that we send out with key information and reminders. The feedback so far has been really positive.

Have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Tarleton Academy.

Yours sincerely,



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