



11th December 2018

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 Thursday 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 Friday 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 14th December. Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 17th January and students should start booking their time slots with teaching staff next week ready for then, so parents can get an update on their progress and engagement in learning.

Last week we held two productions of 'Little Tin Gods', Mr Ball's and Mr Maguire's original musical, to rave reviews. The hard work, dedication and talent displayed by the students was simply outstanding. This coupled with the expertise of the staff made for a theatrical and musical production that any professional company would have been proud of. 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 11th December Christmas lunch will be served by the staff to Ennis and Farah and on Thursday 13th 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 14th December. Again, similar to last 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 3.15pm.

On the same day we will be taking part in the National 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!

Outstanding education at the heart of the community

The Tarleton Academy Choir and musicians will also be attending Booths on Thursday 20th December so if you are local please pop in and support us. As mentioned earlier, school finishes early on Friday 21st December with buses ordered for 12.30pm, following our end of 2018 celebration assembly.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming all our students back on Tuesday 8th of January 2019. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas break and a Happy New Year from all of us at Tarleton Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Cunniffe

Head of School