



Thursday, 15th November 2018

Dear Parents,

The start of a busy half-term...

With the half-term holiday now a distant memory we are well under way with what is always a jam packed period to the end of term. Over the next few weeks we have the following key dates on the school calendar:

- Wednesday 21st November – PSCHE Day 2
- Wednesday 21st November – Yr 11 Parents 'Revision Tips & Techniques'
- Thursday 22nd November – Year 8 Tutor Consultation Evening (appointment times have been sent by email and Firefly)
- Thursday 29th November – Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening
- Thursday 6th December – 'Little Tin Gods' School Production
- Friday 7th December – 'Little Tin Gods' School Production
- Monday 10th December to Thursday 20th December - Year 11 Practice Examinations
- Friday 14th December - Yr 7 Christmas Carol Concert & National Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 21st December – Final day 12.30pm school closure (school buses booked for this time)

As many of you will be aware tomorrow is BBC's Children in Need event and we are inviting students to wear their Pudsey ears and make donations to the worthwhile causes 'Children In Need' support. This will **not** be a 'non-uniform' day as we will be saving that type of event for Friday 14th December when we continue our support for the 'National Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of 'Save the Children'. We will be writing to you with more information in due course.

We have recently extended an invitation to all the parents of Year 11 students to attend an informal 'Revision Tips and Techniques' evening on Wednesday 21st November. This event will take place in the Conference Room from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and will centre around discussion and a presentation to help parents support their children with their revision for the GCSE examinations. If you are attending, please RSVP to yr11revision@tarletonacademy.org or contact the school. We wish the Year 11 students well for their practice examinations in December – remember the key to revision is to start... 'Action creates momentum!'

As you can see above the Tarleton Academy students will be showcasing their talents during the school production performances of 'Little Tin Gods' – a production written by our equally talented performing arts team Mr Ball and Mr McGuire! The tickets will go on sale on Monday 19th November and will be priced £5 for adults and £3 for children. Tickets can be purchased through the online cashless system and during the second half of lunchtime from the finance office. The last two productions have received rave reviews and from the sneak previews I have seen I think this production has raised the bar even further – please don't miss out, get your tickets early.

I would like to thank parents and students for their support and interest in the previously promoted residential trips. We are pleased that the Year 7 Paris trip is a sell-out and the Year 8 Plas Menai visit is also now oversubscribed. The Year 9 London trip and the Year 9 & 10 Berlin trip still have spaces available, but deposits and consent forms will need to be completed within the next few days. If you would like further information on either of these two trips please contact the school on academytrips@tarletonacademy.org or 01772 812644.

Finally, as is usually the case, we remain incredibly proud of how our students present themselves. Skirt length is still a perennial issue with a small number of our students, and we welcome your support in ensuring skirts rest at the top of the knee as a minimum. As the colder weather takes a grip students will also be more likely to wear coats over their blazers. Please avoid expensive coats for school as we cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage. As it is also now significantly darker, we would also encourage you to ensure the coats are the type with grey reflective strips.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks at tutor evenings, subject evenings or at one of the events detailed above.

Yours sincerely

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