



December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

It only seems like yesterday when we were enjoying late summer evenings and seeing our children enjoying lots of summer activities. Then, I take a look at the calendar and the end of term has crept up on us at some pace. We have had a busy term, lots of change and most importantly for the students, lots of achievement.

Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students have recently sat their first week of mock exams and I am very excited at the results. We will share these with you at our review meetings over the coming week and throughout next term.

Alternative Activities

Our Year 10 students have been involved with Dallaglio Rugby Works and have brought back our third trophy this year. They were highly commended for their teamwork and leadership which saw them pick up third place overall.

Our Juniper students have been involved with Rising Futures, a coaching programme that has seen them grow in confidence throughout this term.

Our Artists have been heavily involved with Hampshire Cultural Trust and have exhibited at Westbury Manor in Fareham. The artwork was well received by all dignitaries that attended a special VIP event and we are extremely proud of all who took part.

Our Outdoor and Adventurous activities continue to access Eames Farm and the students have been working very hard on a number of conservation projects.

Other offsite activities to note include; Ice Skating, Mountain Biking, Orienteering and Archery.

School Uniform (Adjustment)

I wanted to highlight a change that will take affect from the Spring Term (7th January 2019).

With effect from January 2019 uniform for all students (regardless of gender) will be black trousers, white shirt and Woodlands school jumper. In recent months the lengths of some girls' skirts have become an issue at school and individuals have not heeded warnings to wear them at an appropriate length. This has led to my decision



on safeguarding grounds. We at Woodlands wish to protect individual dignity and not put our female population at risk of unwanted physical attention and over-sexualised behaviours. We feel that by asking all students to wear black trousers (not leggings) will encourage appropriate behaviours.

Arrangements for final week of this term

Mon 17th December	Normal school day
Tues 18th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 19th December	Enrichment Trips to recognise top 12 achievers (Getting it Right)
Thur 20th December	Student Reviews (School finishes at 12.30 pm), parent appointments from 1.00 pm, please contact your child's tutor to arrange an appointment slot.
Fri 21st December	Final day of term (School finishes at 12.30 pm)

Important Dates for your Diary 2019

Mon 7 th January	First day of Spring Term
Mon 21 st January	INSET Day (School Closed)
Thurs 14 th February	6 weekly reviews
Half Term	Mon 18 th February – Fri 22 nd February (Inc)
Thurs 28 th March	6 weekly reviews
Easter Holidays	Mon 8 th April – Mon 22 nd April (Inc)
Thurs 16 th May	6 week reviews
Half Term	Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May (Inc)
Summer Holidays	Mon 22 nd July – Tues 3 rd September (Inc)

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Finally I would like to wish all parents and carers all the very best wishes for a safe and peaceful Christmas, and a positive 2019.

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