

High Notes

Friday 19th December 2014

Issue No. 15

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Events

Events for the first week of term (Monday 5th January – Friday 9th January)

Date	Activity	Time and venue
Monday 5 th January	Start of new term	
	Year 12 and 13 Mock Examinations start	
Wednesday 7 th January	Ex Year 13 Certificate Afternoon	3.00 - 5.00pm Learning Area, Pavilion
Thursday 8 th January	Year 10 and Year 12 design and technology Paris Fashion Visit Parents' Information Evening	5.00 – 6.00pm, Room 3
	Year 11 Mock Examinations Results Collection Evening	6.00 – 8.00pm, Main Hall

Week beginning 12th January

Date	Activity	Time and venue
Tuesday 13 th January	PTA meeting	6.45 – 7.45pm, High Options
Thursday 15 th January	Year 11 Parents' Evening	5.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 16 th January	Year 10 and Year 12 London food technology visit	All day

Next half term – dates to note

Date	Activity	Time and venue
Tuesday 20 th January	KS4 Course Choice Evening 1	6.00pm, Main Hall
Wednesday 21 st January	KS4 Course Choice Evening 2	6.00pm, various venues
Thursday 29 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening	5.00pm, various venues
Tuesday 3 rd February	PHSCE Day 2	All day
Thursday 5 th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening	5.00pm, various venues
Thursday 12 th February	School closes for students	3.10pm

Assemblies/Talks/Themed Events

This week's assembly: a whole school assembly took place in the sports hall on Friday 19th December, led by Dr Pullé. The assembly consisted of a number of readings, musical pieces, reflections on the year, House highlights and the announcement of the students of the term. The students of the term are: Bollin – Megan Robotham B10LD and Joe Saks B10SA; Harefield – James Craft H9CG and Emily Hughes H11EM; Norcliffe – Matthew Riley N13AI and Ranin Hussain N10LR; Thorngrove – Emmanuel Hundeyin T11PR and Isabelle Whalen T11CH; Well done to all eight students.

Start of term assemblies: Dr Pullé and Heads of House will be looking at new year resolutions and the importance of setting realistic, achievable yet challenging targets for the 2015.

If you would like to access information on all the assemblies that have been held to date this academic year, please click on this link: www.wilmslowhigh.com/student-services-7-11/assembly-powerpoint/

Mission Christmas Appeal: thank you for the very kind donations of toys for this Key 103 children's appeal. We were able to pass on 15 large bin size bags of new toys to be distributed this Christmas.

Christmas Concert and Coffee and Carols: The final week of the autumn term provided another opportunity for the school and students to engage with the local community. The students presented the Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, followed by the Coffee and Carols event the following day. The acts included Big Band sound, ukulele, flute and saxophone groups to mention just a few, together a number of vocalists. The catering for Coffee and Carols was provided by the GCSE catering and food technology students in Year 10 who provided homemade mince pies and individually decorated chocolate logs. In addition to providing the delicious food, students also acted as hosts, welcoming and serving all those who attended. As one of the audience remarked, "This event is always a pleasure to attend. The students who perform provide a moving start to the Christmas festivities".

Notes/Reminders

Headteacher recruitment process: Dear Parent/Carer, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the Headteacher recruitment process. We will be re-advertising the vacancy and then interviewing early in the spring term with the intention of appointing a suitable person to take up the post for the start of the new academic year in September 2015, or earlier if their present commitments permit. I will write to you again once the interviews have taken place. David Bennett, Chair of Governors.

Year 11 Mock Examination Results Collection Evening: a reminder that this event will take place in the main hall, 6.00 – 7.00pm, on Thursday 8th January.

Earrings reminder: girls should only have one stud in each ear. Top of the ear earrings and spacers are not to be worn.

High News Issue 11: the latest issue of our 'glossy' school newsletter was distributed to students on Thursday. If you did not receive a copy, spare copies can be collected from reception.

Monkhouse uniform supplier feedback: a small number of parents have expressed concerns about the difficulty they have experienced in purchasing school uniform and PE kit from our supplier, Monkhouse. So that we can address any concerns, it would be very helpful if you could click on the following link and briefly feedback on any uniform purchasing issues since the summer:

haveyoursay@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 12 and Year 13 Mock Examinations Week commencing 5th January: Year 12 and Year 13 students have now been issued with a copy of their individual mock examination timetable. A copy of the general timetable and instructions for students are now available on the Wilmslow High School website under Examinations/Examination Timetables. Please see the following link: www.wilmslowhigh.com/examinations/examination-timetables/

School and High Community Leisure opening times: please note that the school site will not be open between Sunday 21st December, 8.30pm and Friday 2nd January, 9.00am.

PTA meeting, Tuesday 13th January: the next PTA fundraising meeting will take place at 6.45pm. If you are able to attend, please access High Options via the outside doors opposite the main car park. Contact Sonya Wild on cjwild1@sky.com

Careers

Careers resources in the LRC:

Should students be looking for inspiration for a future career pathway, advice on which careers link to different school subjects (and vice-versa) or simply information on a course or university, they can find a range of books, prospectuses and leaflets in the careers section of the LRC (library resource centre).

More details on which online careers resources are available can be found on

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/careers-education-and-guidance/useful-careers-websites/>

If you are seeking information about future choices, sixth form opportunities, work experience or other careers information, please access these pages using the following link:

www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/careers-education-and-guidance/

If you have any further careers related queries, please contact Mr P Jones, Careers Coordinator, pjjones@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

Community Events

CHYPS present 'Robin Hood': CHYPS (Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society) presents Robin Hood this January. With a cast and live band made up of some of the most talented 11 – 19 year olds in Cheshire, Robin Hood will be an exciting and magical show for all the family. Performances will be held at the Woodford Centre, Woodford each evening from Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th January plus a Saturday matinee. Tickets start from £8 with family and group bookings available. Ticket Line 07910 187 583 or visit our website www.chypspanto.co.uk

Community 'X-tra'

Wilmslow Express: read the school column and about the 'Dragons' success'..

Wilmslow.co.uk: for more community news, visit the www.wilmslow.co.uk website.

Useful Contacts

Reception:01625 526191

Attendance: 01625 441089

Sixth Form Attendance: 01625 441070

Second hand uniform shop: 07889 924692/ 07870 070468

Community Liaison: 01625 444159

School lettings: 01625 441053

Twitter: @wilmslowhigh

Please email highnotes@wilmslowhigh.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to advertise in the 'X-tra' or the 'Events' section. Please do not reply to this email. If you need any further information please visit the school website.