

Wilmslow High School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

End of the autumn term 2019

We have reached the end of another year in the life of Wilmslow High School, one which has been full of so many impressive and varied student achievements and personal milestones, across our Whole Curriculum.

Earlier this week, as I prepared to write the end of term assembly, I took a moment to reflect upon 2019: the highs, the lows, the challenges we have faced, the challenges we have overcome, the lessons we have learned and the further improvements we will aim to make in 2020, both as individuals and collectively.

To aid my reflection, I read the three High Notes Highlights issues (you will receive this term's at the start of January), which give a snapshot of just how much has been achieved in the past 12 months. As always, I am filled with immense pride, as the words and photos paint a picture of such an inclusive, caring and high achieving school, one very much placed at the heart of the community.

Whether it be playing sport, raising money for charity, promoting 'going greener', excelling in the classroom, enriching visits or just getting the 'basics' consistently right, on every page there was evidence of so many students participating and performing as young people of character.

Of course, none of these wonderful opportunities would be available to our students if it was not for the dedication and willingness to go the 'extra mile' of our teaching and non-teaching staff. As they finish this week for a very well-earned period of rest and relaxation, I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all that they do, in providing a high quality whole education and making it as accessible as possible to all students. Of course, our thanks also go to you, the parents and carers, for your continuing support, which is so important in all aspects of school life.

For all the fun, festivity and time with the family that the Christmas holiday can bring, for many people in our school community, it can be a very difficult time. You may be aware that the Christmas Concert and Coffee and Carols community event were cancelled earlier this week. The cause of the cancellation was that before Monday night's Christmas Concert the father of one of the students involved in the concert collapsed and became seriously ill in High Options. Sadly, he passed away later that evening in hospital.

Our thoughts are with the family at this very difficult time, and with all of you who have experienced bereavement or sadness over this past year.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 6th January.

Your sincerely,

J. H. Pullé
Headteacher