

Friday, 19 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding autumn term at Wilmslow High School, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly rewarding and successful few months for our students and staff.

Throughout the term, our students have worked exceptionally hard and have shown a high level of engagement in their learning. Lessons across the school have been purposeful and positive, and it has been a pleasure to see students taking pride in their work and striving to do their best. I would like to particularly commend our Year 7 students, who have settled into the *Wilmslow Way* remarkably well, demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning and quickly becoming valued members of our school community. I would also like to praise our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their dedication and resilience during their recent mock examinations. Their commitment and mature approach have been very impressive and will serve them well as they move forward in their examination courses.

This term has also been filled with a wide range of learning experiences beyond the classroom, helping to bring our curriculum to life. Students have taken part in numerous educational visits, including trips abroad such as the Battlefields trip, alongside visits to theatres, universities and sculpture parks, to name but a few. These opportunities play a vital role in reinforcing learning, broadening horizons and inspiring our young people.

The final week of term has been full of Christmas spirit and community celebration. Highlights have included our wonderful Christmas Concert, the much-enjoyed Coffee & Carols event, the Harefield Christmas Fair, and our Christmas Jumper/Accessory Day, all of which created a festive atmosphere across the school. We have also held rewards assemblies, celebrating the achievements, effort and positive contributions of our students, of whom we are extremely proud.

Attendance remains a key priority at Wilmslow High School, as regular attendance is essential for students to achieve their full potential. We greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in ensuring that students attend school every day and arrive ready to learn. Next half term, we will be introducing additional rewards to recognise excellent attendance; there will be over 100 prizes available. To be in with a chance of winning, students will need to achieve **100% attendance from Monday 5 January until the half-term break**. We hope this will further encourage our students to maintain strong attendance habits.

As we look ahead to the new year, we must also take time to recognise and thank several valued members of staff who will be leaving Wilmslow High School this Christmas.

Mrs Wendy Stoner, a much-respected Modern Foreign Languages teacher, will be retiring after an incredible 23 years of dedicated service to the school. Her commitment to students and passion for languages have had a lasting impact on countless young people.

Mr Herbert Stone, a valued member of our site team for over 20 years, is also retiring. His hard work and behind-the-scenes contribution have been essential to the smooth running of the school, and we thank him sincerely for his service.

Mr Jones, a PE teacher, will be leaving us as he embarks on an exciting new chapter in Australia. He has been a huge part of both PE lessons and our extra-curricular sports provision, inspiring many students to develop a love of sport and teamwork.

Finally, Mr Moore from the Computer Science department will be moving on to a new role outside of the classroom. We thank him for his contribution to the department and wish him every success in the future. We are immensely grateful to all our staff for their dedication and to our parents and carers for your continued support. Wilmslow High School remains a strong, caring and ambitious community, and I am proud of all that we have achieved together this term.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, and I look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year.

Mrs C Kane - Headteacher