

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As the final two weeks of this term approach, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you of a few important events:

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd December 2023	Sixth Form 12 Wishes Charity fundraising
Monday 11th December 2023	Year 11 Art Trial Exams
Tuesday 12th December 2023	5.00 – 7.00pm Sixth Form Courses Evening (for all Year 11 students and their parents considering joining the Sixth Form at WBHS)
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Year 13 Reports Issued
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Year Team Council Meetings
Friday 15th December 2023	Year 12 Progress Checks issued
Week beginning Monday 18th December 2023	Year 11 Textiles Trial Exams
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd December 2023	Year 13 Trial Exams Revision Week
Tuesday 19th December 2023	7.00pm Carol Service (St Peters Church, Monkseaton)
Friday 22nd December 2023	1.45pm End of Term for Year 9, 10 & 11 students. 12.25pm for Sixth Form students.
Monday 8th January 2024	Term starts for all students
Monday 8th – Friday 12th January 2024	Year 13 Trial Examinations (Year 13 students will be off normal timetable to sit trial examinations during the week)
Wednesday 10th January 2024	8.55am Year 9 Options Assembly (students only)
Wednesday 10th January 2024	Year 9 Progress Check 2 issued
Friday 12th January 2024	Year 11 Enterprise Day (held at St James' Park, Newcastle – Year 11 students off timetable all day)
Monday 15th January 2024	Year 11 Revision Launch week
Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th January 2024	A Level Physics trip to CERN, Switzerland
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Year 9 Remote Options Information Evening (Video presentation available on our website)

If you would like any further information about these events, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Friday 22nd December is the last day of term. This will be a Non-Uniform Day with all proceeds going to charity. Students will have normal lessons in the morning and then will return after lunch for celebration tutorials for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11. Year 12 and Year 13 students leave at lunchtime.

Calendar 2024/2025

A few parents have contacted the school asking about the start date for the academic year 2024/2025. Therefore, it would seem an appropriate time to remind you that the next academic year starts on Wednesday 4th September 2024 for all students. Exact start times on that day will be issued later.

Uniform

I thought it would also be timely to remind parents about our uniform expectations, especially as Christmas can be a time of year where you purchase new uniform items. Students must be in full uniform each day including a Whitley Bay High School polo t-shirt and black jeans or trousers. I must stress that leggings, joggers and tracksuit bottoms, including combat trousers with tracksuit or jogger material are not part of our uniform. These bottoms are usually characterised by branded sports logos that are clearly visible. This is something we will be talking to students about and ask that they do not come to school wearing this style of trouser. If you ever need financial support with uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term, and to wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year break.

Yours faithfully



Steve Wilson
Headteacher