

# Headteacher's Advent Newsletter

With Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night behind us, thoughts turn to Christmas.

This may fill some of you with excitement, but it may also fill some of you with worry or even dread. There is no doubt that this Christmas will be one with many more challenges than we have known before.

Once again I would like to reiterate the message that if you are facing financial issues, we may be able to support - please do reach out to us. The Balshaw's PTA and Balshaw's Education Foundation have both made money available to us as a hardship fund so that we can support families struggling or in crisis.



# Parental Consultation about Parents' Evenings:

We have a range of face-to-face events for parents over the school year:

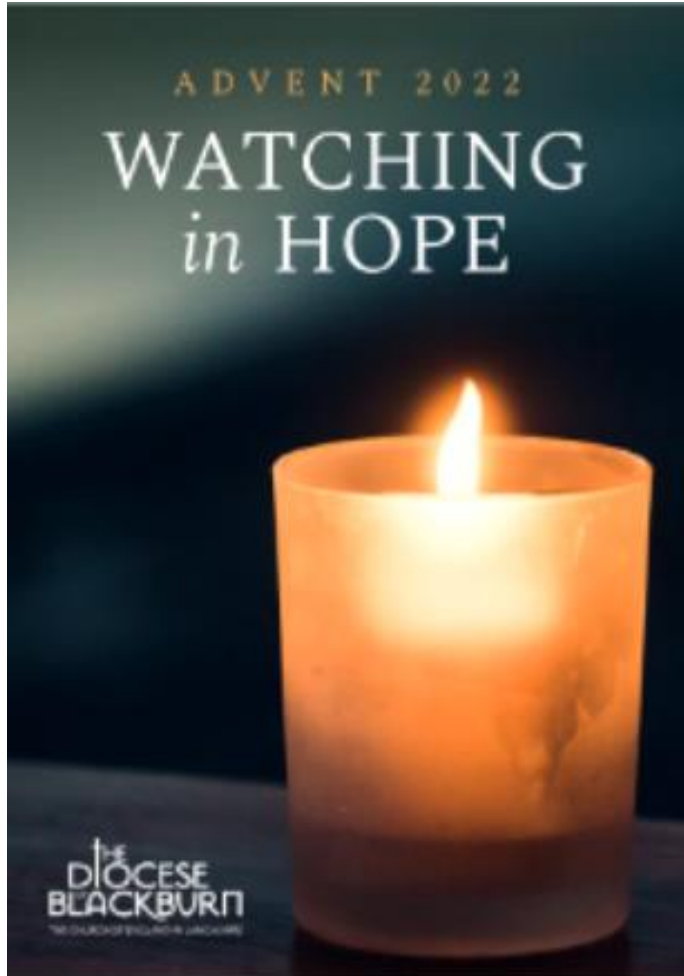
- Year 7: Meet the Tutor
- Year 9: Options evening event
- Year 10: Supporting Your Child's Learning
- Year 11: Parents' Evening

This year only our Year 11 Parents' Evening is face-to-face. Online parents' evenings have been one of the most well-received innovations for a number of years with more positive parental feedback than for almost anything else. However, now that we are 'post-Covid' it may be that opinion has changed and I have heard from quite a few parents that they would like to return to in-person parents evenings. We would like to hear parental views on this.

[Please take part in our Parents' evening Consultation by clicking here...](#)



# Watching In Hope



This is a link to download Blackburn Diocese's Advent reflections for 2022 called [Watching In Hope](#). These are daily reflections that are written by Clergy and Lay People from across the Diocese with a strong representation from Leyland!

Rather than a booklet, you can also receive these as daily emails [by clicking here...](#)

# Careers Fair

On Thursday 24th November we are hosting a careers fair at school. This was initially open for Year 9 - 11, but parents from Years 7 and 8 have asked if they can attend. Please watch out for a message with a link to Eventbrite if you would like book a place to come along with your child. There will be employers from a range of different careers at the event who can talk to you about routes into careers from the NHS to legal, military to estate agency!

