



Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a very busy end to the Autumn term. The term has ended on a high with lots of students taking part in a range of extra-curricular events.

Community Carol Service

The Chaplaincy team and the Music Department led our first ever Community Carol Service at St. Mary's Church which included 9 Lessons and Carols. The choir and readers led the congregation with readings, prayers and singing. There were some exceptional performances by individual soloists. Thank you to friends and family who supported the event. We were very proud of all the students who took part. We hope to hold this event annually from now onwards and grow the event over time.

Winter Wonderland – Dance Show

Our Winter Wonderland was a fantastic occasion showcasing the talents and skills of our dance leaders, our dance groups from our primary schools and from Our Lady Queen of Peace. Costumes were bright and cheerful, the music put us all in the Christmas spirit. The whole event was well presented by our very own Father Christmas. The students were a real credit to all the schools involved.

Pantomime

On Tuesday evening, we were treated to our very own pantomime directed by Ms Cawley, 'Snow White...The Sequel'. We had a strong crew of actors and actresses who were confident and word perfect. Costumes, make up, lighting and sound were organised by different groups of students who all did a fantastic job. Well done to all those that took part.

Celebration Assemblies

Many congratulations to all the students who were awarded certificates and prizes in the end of term celebration assemblies that took place this week. Students achieved awards for attendance, attainment and progress. Students who have been nominated for 'Student of the lesson' on numerous occasions were awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Pin award.



In Christ We Grow

'As a learning community, we live out our Mission Statement striving for excellence through caring, sharing and achieving'.

Pensioners' Christmas Party

Our Y10 Health & Social Care students organised and ran our annual Pensioner's Party. Our guests were treated to food and entertainment and enjoyed the interaction with our students in charge of hosting the event. A representative from our nominated Advent charity, the Paper Cup Project was presented with donations from the school. It was very touching seeing students giving of their time so generously to others.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Y11 students finished their mock examinations last week and are receiving their exam results today. Congratulations to a number of students who have worked hard and done extremely well. For those students who did not achieve as well as expected, it is time to reflect, take on board the feedback given by teachers and make the changes needed. Keep positive, hard work will bring success in the summer.

Mental Health

A reminder of sources of support for students that might struggle with their mental health during the Christmas period. Below are details of a couple of apps.



The first is the **Hub of Hope**.

This is an app in which pupils simply enter their postcode and it will indicate to them, or yourself, what is available in your area.



The other support can be found on **Kooth.com**.

This requires the young person to complete a few questions and they will then access the right sort of support they need.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the whole staff at Our Lady Queen of Peace, I would like to wish all our students, parents, carers, friends and families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Thank you to all our families for their ongoing support.

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord,

Fill our hearts with Your Joy and peace during this Christmas season. Thank for the greatest gift of all: The birth of Jesus. During this holy season of Christmas, bless all our families. Ignite in them a spirit of kindness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Start of the Spring Term

We look forward to welcoming our students back for the start of the Spring term. School will re-open on **Monday 6th January 2025 at 8am**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Henshaw
Headteacher