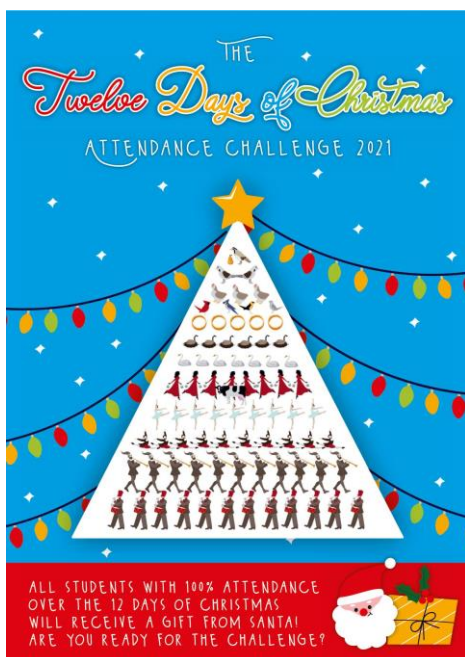


Worried about supporting your family this Christmas? If so, please read the support on offer from Stockport Council - at the bottom of this week's update.

This end of term update includes: 12 Days of Christmas attendance; School Council Update; Senior Students update; Message from Head Boy and Head Girl; Manchester United Foundation events; Winter Wonderland Dance Showcase; GCSE Photography Photoshoot; Year 7 Christmas Card Competition; Musical Christmas Treat from Year 11 band; Year 10 Christmas Cake Winners; Year 10 Maths intervention reward; Golden Ticket Winners; Free Holiday Activities Programme; Arrangements for Testing; Staffing Changes; Christmas Support for Families

We have made it, and there's a massive update this week! I know that everyone is relieved to get to the end of term, and very much looking forward to our Christmas break. It's been a week of rewards and celebrations in school as we have looked back on the term behind us. Unfortunately, the OMICRON virus meant that we had to cancel our praise assemblies because we could not gather in large groups ... we still gave out plenty of chocolates and other recognition to students though as you will see below. I really enjoyed seeing so many of our young people from years 7 to 11 involved in Monday's **Dance Showcase**. It's the first time in two years that we have been able to hold such an event in school, and it was lovely to see them enjoying their performance so much. It was a reminder of what education is really about, and how the pandemic has reduced these opportunities for young people in school. Thank you to Miss Hibbert and Mrs Tonge for organising this.

I also enjoyed meeting with our senior students from year 11 earlier in the week, where we thanked them for their outstanding work in supporting school over this term.



Congratulations from our attendance team to the **550** students in school who achieved the Twelve Days of Christmas reward. As we keep on saying, attendance is more important than ever these days. Keep up the good work!

Mr Parker from our Geography department has set up a **School Council** for our students. Fifteen students from Years 7-10

have joined together to establish a School Council for Werneth School. In the two sessions that have been held, students have maturely debated the areas of school life that they would like to see improved. It has been democratically decided that the School Council would like to work first on discussions with canteen staff about menus, water provision and quality of toilet facilities. The School Council will meet again in the New Year.

Senior Students: We want to thank all our Senior Students for their hard work this term. Their drive, ambition and commitment to supporting the school community has been inspiring. Thank you to our Head Boy Daheem and Head Girl Natalie who have shared all the fabulous work they have been doing and ideas they have with Mr Conroy and for presenting to other leaders in school. We look forward to the New Year and the many initiatives that they will be driving forwards. Senior Students were involved in setting up a [system for revision](#) in the library this term, to help Year 11 students prepare for their exams.



On Tuesday morning Senior Students were treated to a celebration breakfast with SLT and the Year 11 team. Thank you to our catering team for organising this for us. It really was a lovely event to celebrate all the fabulous ideas and hard work that everyone has done over this term. Miss Hlbbert is looking forward to working with the team on the next phase of their action plan next half term. To all of the team - Have a wonderful and restful Christmas.

Christmas messages from our Head Boy and Head Girl

Head Boy Daheem Ali Khan: Hello Parents, Carers and Students. My name is Daheem and I feel immensely proud and privileged to call myself the Headboy of this amazing school. When I acquired this role I felt optimistic and motivated to make changes for the better of our school and the experience that each and every single student has, even after I leave. Since becoming Headboy I have given many speeches and presentations and have been given many opportunities to represent this school that I hold so dear in my heart for teaching me lessons that I need both academically and in life. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Make sure to rest and appreciate the time that you have for your family. Daheem

Head Girl Natalie Pierce: This term it has been great to have the opportunity to work with an amazing team of prefects and the best Senior Leadership Team anyone could ask for. It has been great to begin setting up plans to take action on everyone's [amazing ideas such as the library drop in box](#) (Thanks to James, Elyce and the student support team). Having the chance to speak out in assembly about issues such as Anti-bullying. Thank you to all the staff that made this possible. Another thankyou to Headboy, Daheem and Deputies Alex and Zorah who have been so supportive and hardworking this term. I hope all the staff, parents, guardians and students have a wonderful winter holiday and a well deserved break.

MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION UPDATE - Niccola Massey

Year 7 Christmas Party - This year the MU Foundation hosted the Year 7 Christmas Party at Winter Wonderland at Event City. A group of 8 students were selected to attend the event and enjoyed a great day out. The attractions included funfair rides, shows and lots of games. The students had a brilliant day getting into the festive spirit!

Year 8 and 9 Christmas Party - On Tuesday and Wednesday this week a selection of students from Year 8&9 attended the MU Foundation Christmas parties. These were held at Old Trafford and students were able to enjoy a fun filled day of activities including reindeer racing, giant scalextric, and a huge snow globe to have snow fun in. Alongside this a lunch of party food favourites. The students had a great two days getting into the festive spirit.



Year 9/10 Girls Football Hub Tournament - On Friday 10th December a group of 10 girls from

years 9 & 10 attended the MU Hub Tournament held at Whalley Range High School. The girls didn't lose one game and won the tournament following the semi and the final. This was a fantastic achievement and the girls represented Werneth brilliantly both on and off the pitch. Well done girls - we are so very proud of you!



Winter Wonderland Dance Showcase 2021:

We were so excited to be able to open our doors again to a live audience. Our performers took to the stage to share the fabulous dance work they have created as part of extra curricular, exam work and student independent choreographies.



We were incredibly impressed and proud, with every single student who took to the stage. For some of our younger performers it was the first time they have ever performed in front of an audience of that size. From *All that Jazz* to *All I want for Christmas*, the dancers sparkled with tinsel, glitter and smiles. Well done to all of our dancing superstars!



Miss Hlbert and Mrs Tonge

We held this year's **GCSE Photography Photoshoot** on Wednesday of this week Students work is based on Portraits with a theme. This year we had a wonderful variety including Zombies, The Joker, Plastic Surgery gone wrong! and Angels. Students plan their theme then bring this to life with make-up, outfits and props. A very exciting and creative day which the students thoroughly enjoy.



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Well done year 10!
The Visual Arts Team



Congratulations to the winners of the **Year 7 Christmas Card competition**. We had lots of entries and these [left] are the winning designs. Well done to Paige, Jennifer, Jodie, Evie and Laura. The cards were sent to our local primary schools.

It's been a busy term for **Year 10 in Maths Intervention**. We were very pleased to be able to hold a special rewards lunch with some of the students who'd received a special nomination for their hard work and achievement. The students celebrated alongside the Year 10 pastoral team on Tuesday with a banquet of takeaway pizzas and cake! We are so proud of their commitment to their studies and we are sure it will have a really positive impact on their future GCSE result.

Hannah Downs; Eve Drinkle; Rebecca Fullwood; Finley Easdale; Abbie Grainger; Leah Heywood; Kyle Hill; Caleb Hough; Warren Jones; Emily Lambert; Emma Maddocks; Molly Askwith; Eve Robinson; Eve Burgess; Morgan Dale; Asma Idris-Salih; Brad Shackleton; Abdur Aktur; Kiarah Angel; Tegan Beard; Grace Whatling

**A Musical Christmas Treat from our Year 11 band "Silver Lining" ...
Thanks to Adam, Liam, Ethan and Thom
Sleigh Ride (Silver Lining) and Driving Home for Xmas (Silver Lining)**

Year 10 Christmas cake winners

Year 10 Catering group have made some amazing Christmas cakes this year the winners

Judged by Miss Hunt are –
3rd place Josh Carey
2nd place Corey Shaw
and 1st placeMadi Herdson



Well done to our end of term **Golden Ticket winners**, awarded by their teachers, all of whom will receive a prize ...

MIAFAITH CHATBURN	JACK GALLAGHER
ETHAN KIRK	MIA KELLY
HOPE WYNTERS	SOPHIE BUTTLE
HANNAH MOFFETT	POPPY LYNCH
EMILY HOWARD	ZINZILE DUBE
EUAN CHURCH	HEIDI AL-NAHHAS
AIMEE SMITH	HANNAH DOWNS
JESSICA RYDON	LYLA STOBART
THOMAS SPENCER	CLAUDIA CROSS
ALEX YANG 8H	SOPHIE HARDMAN
DYLAN PIKE	NOOR KIERNAN
GEO PARKER	LORENZO PETRASUC
HARRY FRANKLAND	FINN SMEATON
KIAN DALY	ALEXA CROSS
MEGAN VOSS	CHARLIE GODWIN
JAKE PARKER	JAMES COOPER
ELISIA EVANS	MARLEY TALBOT
ERIC JOHNSON	OLIVIA-GORDON WEARING
GABRIELLA ADAMS	ELOISE HOROBIN
ISLA SUMNER	MOLLY ROBINSON
MARTIN YANG	MADISON ADIE
SAM PORTEOUS	THEO SNABEL
HARRY GREER	LOUISA CRIPPS
DYLAN PIKE	FERN BELL
THOMAS SPENCER	ELEANOR WHITELEGG
JOSH CAMERON	MADISON ADIE
JEN ARTINGTON	MATT DUNCAN
COLE CLORLEY	OWEN ADAMS 7L

MACEY ROSE ADAMS	CONNOR FEENEY
ELEANOR CARR	RHIANNA SMITH
TED FOSTER	MOLLY RYDON
SAMUEL PEARSON	ALLY HALLIDAY
CHARLIE HOUGH	GEORGIA ROBERSTON
OLIVIA LUMSDON	THOMAS HOLLIS
JACK RYDER	LUKE HORAN
HARLEY STONE	IMOGEN LIVESEY
MADDIE PRIDGEON	GEORGIA ROBERSTON
TOBY WATSON	
JAD CLAYTON	TYLER MORRAL
CALEB SANDERS	POPPY LYNCH
MIA MALKIN	TYLER HODKINSON
GABRIELLA ADAMS	JONAH WILLIAMS
JODIE THOMAS	NIEVE AINSWORTH
RACHEL CHAN	HOLLY SLATER
MILLIE LIGHTFOOT	CLAUDIA CROSS
GRACE HARRATT	JAMIE SHELDON
DANIEL MCCARTHY	KADE DOWNEY
LILLY ROBB	GRACE LEARDOOD
ELLIOT RIDGWAY	GRACE DAVIES
SCARLETT FAIRFIELD	NATALIE PIERCE
HARRY FRANKLAND	CHARLOTTE WARREN
OLIVIA FEANEY	MARY OJOMO
RUBY MCGAGH	MEGAN FRANCE
GRACE SEWELL	LUCAS BUTTERWORTH

**£50 Voucher Prize Draw Winners are
NATALIE PEARCE;
SAMUEL PEARSON;
RACHEL CHAN;
KADE DOWNEY**

Active Kids Education are running **free holiday activities** using our sports facilities at Werneth over the Christmas break. These activities will include sports, games, dance and arts

and crafts, and young people will receive a healthy meal too. Places are open to any young person up to 16 years of age. **4 days, from Monday 20th December to Thursday 23rd December.** If you are interested, please fill in [this form](#) and the company will confirm your place if there are any places remaining ...there are some currently. Appropriate clothing is required for outdoors as well as the Sports Hall.

Many thanks to all the students and families who have responded to our **annual community collection for Stockport Foodbank**. All the food items will be delivered to Stockport Foodbank at St Mark's Church, which will then support and help local residents over the Christmas period. This year, due to our collaboration with Manchester United, students that supported this charity had the chance of winning either a £10 gift voucher or a Manchester United Gift Bag.

The winners were:

£10 Gift Vouchers - Macey Poole - 8C, Holly Barnett 7W, Kody-Leigh Stones 9O, Thomas Walker 10N, Isabelle Henshaw 9E, Noor Kiernan 10N, Ewan Jackson 10C, Ryan Farrington 7T, Millie Lightfoot 9O, Isaac McKenzie 8R

Manchester United Gift Bag - Sina Pourkojasteh 11H, Euan Church 8s, Maisy Coulson 8h, Brooke Jones 8C, Matty Hughes 9A, Nathan Ridsdale 8s, Callum Rowntree 10C, Lauren Earl Walker 10H, Lorenzo petrasuc 11sc, Lamin Touray 11H.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING WHEN WE RETURN -

All students should check the allocated time for their year group below and report to the Sports Hall via Higson Avenue entrance at this time, and not before please. Once students have tested negatively, they will go straight into their lessons:

Please report to school in January at the following time ...		
	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
Year 7	Arrive at 8.45am, tested then into lessons	Normal lessons
Year 8	Not in school today	Arrive at 8.45am, tested then into lessons
Year 9	Not in school today	Arrive at 10am, tested then into lessons
Year 10	Arrive at 11.30am, tested then into lessons	Normal lessons
Year 11	Arrive at 10am, tested then into lessons	Normal lessons

Here is a link to the [consent form](#), if you need to complete it.

Some staffing changes A few staffing changes to update you with. **Miss Berry** (Science) and **Miss Smith** (Modern Languages) leave us to move elsewhere at Christmas. We

wish them well. **Congratulations to Mrs L Taylor**, Year Achievement Leader for Year 8, who has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher with effect from our return in January. There will be a new Year 8 leadership team in place for January.... **Mr Foulkes** (Geography) will be starting as our new Year Achievement Leader for Year 8, and he will be joined by **Miss Graham** as Year Inclusion Manager.

FINAL REMINDER - CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES...

If you're struggling with supporting your family's needs in any way this Christmas, there are plenty of ways Stockport Council are supporting families this Christmas. Please have a look at [this](#) and [this](#) - both documents signpost you to support. Please don't even hesitate to access it - it's meant to be a support for you over the Christmas period and there are always people who don't access that support.

On behalf of everyone here at Werneth School, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our school this term. It has been a rollercoaster ride, and I hope we can now look forward to more settled days in the Spring.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in January!

Have a wonderful, peaceful family Christmas from all of the staff at Werneth School!

