



## 29nd November - 3rd December

### Week 2

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### Headteachers Welcome

The weather has definitely become much colder this week. Due to the need for additional ventilation, windows have to remain open - this does mean that some areas of the school are cooler than others. Please can I therefore remind students to bring their school jumpers to school every day. We are also allowing students to wear plain, navy blue fleeces (without a hood) in classrooms as an additional layer over their usual school uniform.

This week has been an important week for our Year 11 students, who have undertaken their first week of mock exams. It has been lovely to see how seriously they have taken the experience. I hope they enjoy a well deserved rest this weekend so they are refreshed and ready for next week.

### Upcoming dates

Monday 29th November	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 2nd December	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8th December	Year 11 Sixth Form taster day
Thursday 9th December	PSHE day
Thursday 9th December	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - Play
Friday 10th December	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - Play

### School Headscarves & Ties

We now have a supply of Lordswood headscarves which can be purchased from Student Reception for £6.50. We also have a small supply of school ties available at the price of £7.00.

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Please make sure you purchase these, if needed, before school breaks up for the Christmas holidays.

## **Attendance Reminder**

Please note that except in exceptional circumstances 24 hours notice should be provided to school for all appointments.

For all other absences parents should ring the school office or report the absence via 'Edulink'. Contact should be made with school on each day of the absence unless it is agreed with the Attendance Officer that daily calls are not required.

## **GCSE & A Level 2022**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, the Departments of Education and Ofqual confirmed the contingency plans to support students in the unlikely event that exams in England cannot go ahead next year due to the pandemic. Jo Saxton, Ofqual's Chief Regulator has written an open letter to students due to take GCSEs, A levels or equivalent examinations in 2022. In the meantime we will continue to support all students in the run up to their mock examinations and throughout the rest of the academic year and update you with any further announcements.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

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## **Food Bank Collection**

There will be a collection for a local food bank on Tuesday 7th December. Please donate non-perishable food in tins and packets. Many thanks.

## **'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' Christmas Play**

Tickets are available on ParentMail, they are selling quickly!

### **Thursday 9th December 6-9.30pm**

Adult £3

Concessions/students/children £2

### **Friday 10th December 6-9.30pm**

Adult £3

Concessions/students/children £2

### **Pre-order refreshments:**

Hot chocolate (per person) £1

Non-alcoholic Christmas punch (per person) £1

Turkish Delight (per person) £1  
Christmas biscuit (per person) 50p

## After School PE Clubs

Monday - Dance and Gymnastics  
Tuesday - Netball  
Thursday - Basketball

Please see Mrs Aston or Mrs Vine for more details.

## Safeguarding

It was anti-bullying week last week and it was lovely to see our year 7's participating in odd sock day to celebrate the fact that it is ok to be different. This week I would like to continue this theme with a focus on being kind. We often hear of children being upset by comments made by their friends. We would like to ask students to think before they speak because we know that often they don't mean to cause offence... but unfortunately it often does.

**ONLY BANTS?**

**ON THE OUTSIDE...**

**...MEANWHILE INSIDE...**

**JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE LAUGHING DOESN'T MEAN IT CAN'T HURT. SPARE A THOUGHT THIS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK (AND NEXT WEEK TOO!).**

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