



6th December 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to provide you with some very important information:

Advent Charity Appeal:

Thank you to Parents & Carers, Students and Members of Staff for your support of our Advent Charity Appeal. Last week's Lap for Life was a tremendous success with approximately 400 members of our school community taking part. To date, our Appeal has raised in the region of £5,000.00.

During Advent this year we are supporting a range of charities and these include:

- Sr Ann's Education Project in Kenya
- Anerley Across: a charity which takes disabled people to Lourdes on an annual pilgrimage (www.anerleyacross.org.uk)
- Help Jacob Hear: (www.youcaring.com/jacobryan-873441)
- King's College Hospital: Critical Care Unit
- Leukaemia UK
- St George's Hospital: Children's Ward
- Thamesmead Food Bank
- The Christmas Tree Project
- The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton
- Weybourne Care Home

We have set ourselves the very great challenge of raising £12,000 during Advent and I know that this is achievable. We will make the most of our facilities and neighbourhood to generate as much income as possible and, as always, we will count on the ingenuity and generosity of students, their families and members of staff to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we are hoping that every student will raise a minimum of £10.00 for our Appeal.

On Thursday, 14th December we will be holding a Talent Concert in the Hall during Period 5; students from across all year groups will be providing a wide range of entertainment. Entrance to the Concert will be £2.00. We will also be operating a *lesson buy out* on this day from 2.00pm, students will make a donation of £2.00 to leave school early.

Our Student Forum has requested that we hold a Christmas Jumper day on Friday, 15th December as part of our Christmas enrichment programme. Students are invited to wear non-school uniform clothes with a Christmas Theme and to make a voluntary contribution of £1.00 to the charity. Students will not be permitted to wear hats or a top with an offensive logo. On "Mufti Days" we will allow tops with hoods as long as the hoods are not worn over the head; jewellery is acceptable if students opt into non-uniform, otherwise our policy remains.

Carol Services: During the next two weeks students in all year groups will be attending Carol Services in the school hall:

Monday, 18/12: Yr 7 at 10.50am
Yr 11 at 2.30pm

Tuesday, 19/12: Yr 8 at 9.45am
Yr 10 at 10.50am
Community Carol Service at 6.00pm

Wednesday, 20/12: Yr 9 at 10.50am

Parents/ Carers are welcome to attend the Carol Services especially the Community Carol Service on Tuesday, 19th December at 6.00pm.

St Paul's Academy website

Our new website was launched at the start of the academic year. There is now a section ***About the School*** and includes our Policies and Procedure – see link below:

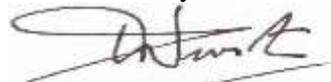
<http://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk/about-the-school/information/policy-statements>

End of term arrangements

St Paul's Academy will close on Friday, 22nd December; students will have a staggered departure starting from 11.20am. We ***will re-open on Monday, 8th January at 8.15am.***

This is the season of peace and good will; the time of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas as well as a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Winston
Principal