

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Break – December 2023

Students finish for the Christmas break at 1.15 pm, on **Thursday 21st December 2023**. We return to school on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

I hope that you and your family are well, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks, as ever, to parents, carers, students and staff for their ongoing support of our school. We are proud that our students are working hard and making progress in their learning. All of our students have sat assessments this term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication to learning as well as the way in which they have conducted themselves during their assessment and examination periods.

As always, we are keen to gather your views and I would appreciate it, if you have a moment, if you could complete this quick form to share your views <https://forms.office.com/e/OLtVajEyb1>

Do please take a moment to take a look at our most recent edition of Range Review, where you will find details about many of the opportunities that students have been involved in over recent months <https://wrhs1118.co.uk/periodicals/range-review>

Our students, families and staff have been incredibly generous in raising money for a range of charities this term including UNICEF's Children's Emergency Fund, the Penny Appeal and the Manchester South Central Foodbank.

This term our students have engaged positively with their Personal Development curriculum activities including our fantastic Personal Development Day on Tuesday 21st November where external visitors and inspirational speakers delivered valuable sessions to our young people.

Our students have taken up a range of opportunities at lunchtimes and after school. Students have been able to attend a wide variety of sporting opportunities as well as clubs such as chess club, debate club, and our Beauty Hub.

Our students have also been able to take part in a wide range of curricular visits including trips to Salford Quays to study the geography of the local area, to Home to see films in French and Spanish, a trip to Warner Brothers and conferences for Health and Social Care students.

To celebrate their positive engagement in learning, we have also facilitated reward trips for students including a trip to the pantomime in Blackpool as well as trips to Vue Cinema.

It has been lovely to see our parents and carers in school at the range of events that we have held including our parent/carer evenings and our recent Winter Concert, where it was great to see the increased number of students taking part in singing groups and performing in musical groups and bands.

Reading and reading for pleasure have continued to go from strength to strength this term. A focus on reading development in classrooms has meant that students have been progressing in the development of their reading skills. It is vital that your daughter continues with this fantastic reading progress over the holidays. Please don't hesitate to email Mr Parker (sparker@wrhs1118.co.uk) should you have any questions about your daughter's reading.

We continue to be very concerned about traffic safety and pollution outside school at the start and the end of the day and we would like all parents/carers to help us with this issue. Please encourage

your daughter to walk to school if you live nearby. If you do drop off your daughter by car, please park well away from school and be very mindful of our neighbours and pedestrians, as we continue to receive complaints about dangerous parking and driving. Please also note that traffic enforcement officers are now regularly in attendance outside school.

If you would like to speak to someone about «Forename»'s progress, personal development or have any concerns, please contact «Forename»'s Year Office on one of the numbers given below:

Year 7

Head of Year – Mrs Lynam
Year Co-ordinator – Mrs Mackenzie

Year 8

Head of Year –Ms Kheratkar
Year Co-ordinator – Mr Mustafa

Year 9

Head of Year – Mrs Saleem
Year Co-ordinator – Miss Carr

Year 10

Head of Year – Mr Da Silva/Mrs O'Brien
Year Co-ordinator – Mr Ellis-Scott

Year 11

Head of Year – Mr Kavanagh
Year Co-ordinator – Miss Drake-Thomas

Sixth Form

Heads of Year – Mrs Maloney-Rock (Y12) and Mrs Davies (Y13)
Year Co-ordinator – Miss Smith

Can I please encourage all parents and carers to ensure that we have an up-to-date e-mail address and that this, and your other contact details are updated if/when they are changed. We now send out all correspondence to parents/carers via e-mail. If, however, we do not have an e-mail address, correspondence will continue to be sent via text, student post or Royal Mail.

As 2023 comes to a close, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to colleagues who are leaving us. We say goodbye to Miss Salathiel from our Science faculty and Mrs Booth, from our Attendance team. We wish them all the very best and thank them for the support shown to our Whalley Range family and community.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support and I hope that you and your family enjoy the winter break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher