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MLR/hr/term parent letter
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As this long and exciting term draws to a close, I want to commend your children on the superb way they have thrown themselves into school life. I would like to take a moment to look at just a few of the amazing things your children have done this term. We started the year with our best exam results ever and from then on, our students have seemed determined to make this a year of which to be proud:

September:

- Whole-school photograph
- Whole-school 90th birthday Mass of celebration with the Archbishop
- Day retreats for all of Y7
- Edmund Rice induction for all of Y7
- Trip to Belfast for Y12 History students
- Sponsored Walk – whole school
- Maths Challenge KS5 students

October:

- Family Fast Day for the whole school
- Hello Yellow Day for the whole school
- Talk the Talk workshop - all of Y7
- Family Mass - all of Y7
- Dougie Mac Coffee Morning for the whole school

November:

- Whole-school Remembrance Day Service
- Performance of A Christmas Carol – all of Y10
- Stealing Dreams workshop – all of Y8
- Drumming workshop - all of Y9

December:

- Advent Reconciliation Services – all of Y7
- Intergenerational Lunch – volunteers from across the school
- Paris trip – Y10 and Y11
- Carol Service – all of Y7 plus 130 others
- Christmas Lunch – all of KS3 and KS4

This is just a small selection of what has gone on and is in addition to their incredible hard work in class and with home learning, exams, sports, clubs and assessments.

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Students have also been collecting for charities this term. In addition to the Advent charities and the collections for the sponsored walk and the coffee morning, we have set every student in the challenge of raising £90 for our 90th birthday to support charities chosen by the houses.

At the start of September, we set ourselves a post-Covid challenge to reinstate and grow our range of extra-curricular activities and there are now more than 70 extra-curricular clubs ranging from Latin to LAMDA, from chess to cheerleading, for students to try. I'm delighted that more than 80% of students are involved in one or more of these clubs. If your child isn't telling you about a new club they have attended, please encourage them to look on the website at the vast range of activities and give one of them a try.

Important dates next week:

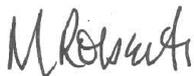
- Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December are normal school days. KS5 will finish at the end of the day on Tuesday.
- Wednesday 14th December is our Carol Service with more than 280 students, including the whole of Y7, taking part. Tickets are available on parentpay. This event is always sold out so please buy quickly.
- Thursday 15th December is our Christmas Lunch day. Students can order a Christmas Lunch in the dining room using their card but this must be done by Wednesday 14th. NB: We only cook for the orders made in advance, so if students don't order a lunch they will not be able to get one on the day, and will need a packed lunch. We wear school uniform but students can add tinsel and Christmas hats to their uniform.
- Friday 16th December sees our Christmas jumper day and our celebration assemblies, House events, Christmas quizzes etc. NB: School will close for the holidays at 1:00pm.

Can I say a huge thank you to all parents for your unstinting support of St Joseph's this term. Parental support here is exceptional and I certainly don't take it for granted. It means a great deal to me personally and to all staff to get emails and cards of support and thanks or to see you at events and meetings.

Next term will be no less busy (and we are still expecting Ofsted to visit the school at any time!) If you want to help us you can complete the questionnaire by following the Ofsted Parent view link below: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>. On the flipside, if there is something you are concerned about please don't hesitate to contact me at school by phone or by email. We are determined to continue to strive to get better and better and combine the efforts of expert staff, amazing students and incredibly supportive parents to make your children's educational experience exceptional.

So, we go into 2023 to do even more. In the meantime, I wish each family in the St Joseph's College a very happy and holy Christmas every blessing for 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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