



St Benedict's Catholic High School

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Head Teacher: Emma Jackson

6 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another successful term here at St Benedict's I would like to thank you for your continued support.

We started the year as usual with a large intake of Year 7 and Year 12. We are delighted with the way everyone has settled in.

We have had much to celebrate over the term. As always at St Benedict's our sports teams have excelled both locally and beyond. Football, netball and rugby squads, alongside our cross-country team have all been successful.

We now have an active school band and dance club. Our talented musicians and performing arts students have performed at a variety of occasions and performances, but the highlight for me was the amazing Talent Show earlier in the term.

We know how important it is for our students to access the curriculum in many ways. I have been so impressed by the number of trips, visits, and visitors our students have experienced this term. These have included opportunities in History, Geography, Maths, Art, and Business as well as many others, far too numerous to mention. We have also welcomed many visitors to school to discuss everything from mental health to maths. I am also delighted that many trips and visits abroad have resumed, and I love to see the pictures of our students all over Europe.

We continue to teach many things beyond the academic curriculum in our personal health and social education programme. This has included healthy living, on-line safety, and careers guidance to name but a few.

Our students impress me every day with the way they live out our virtues. Our extremely successful Catholic inspection earlier in the year was a moment of great pride. Pupils engage whole heartedly in the many opportunities to work diligently, help others, and demonstrate care for our environment.

As we move into 2025, I know that our dedicated and hardworking staff will ensure we continue to thrive as a school, and I look forward to seeing the many things that our students will achieve.

Once again, thank you for all your support. I have attached, for your information, a separate document detailing our end of term arrangements and key dates.

Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

God Bless

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End of Term Arrangements – December 2024

Tuesday 10 December	Advent Service (St. Mary's Church, Cleator)
Wednesday 11 December	Year 11 Reward Trip (Metro)
Thursday 12 December	Year 9 Reward Trip (Blackpool)
Monday 16 December	Sixth Form Reward Trip (Edinburgh)
Tuesday 17 December	Sixth Form Drop In
Wednesday 18 December	Year 10 Reward Trip (Metro)
Thursday 19 December	Year 8 Reward Trip (Keswick) Christmas Carol Concert 6:30pm in the School Theatre
Friday 20 December - Christmas Jumper Day (Charity Fundraiser) Christmas jumpers would be great but there is no obligation to wear one if you do not already have one. Donations of £1 will be very welcome from each student for non-uniform day - this money will be donated to our Year Group Chosen Charities.	
We will finish for the Christmas holidays at 1:15pm on Friday 20 December. Buses have been requested for this time.	
We will return to school on Tuesday 7 January	
Have a Happy and Healthy Christmas	



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