



## Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Autumn Term

School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS




Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

## Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Start of Spring Term


School will start again for students at 9am on Friday 5th January




 Families eligible to receive support under the **Government's Household Support Grant** will receive supermarket vouchers for the holidays in the next few days (on or around the 15<sup>th</sup>). The amount is set by the Local Authority. **These will be emailed to the primary email address held on record by the school.**



## TRY AN AUDIOBOOK

 Audiobooks are a great way to enjoy a story and make it a family experience. You can all get immersed in the story and then chat about the characters and plot.

 Listening to a book might encourage your child to look up other books by the same author and read them.



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our festive events in the lead up to the Christmas break are always a wonderful way for us to sign off for the holidays after a long Autumn Term. Last week's Christmas concert is certainly the highlight of this, with many of our pupils taking to the stage and showcasing their incredible talent. As always, it was a pleasure to see so many of you here for what was another tremendous school production.

Customarily, this has been a busy term, with Year 11 mock exams, various trips and visits as well as successful sporting events such as the Special Schools' Football Tournament in Greenwich.

The Autumn Term is also a time where we start to implement our school development goals for the academic year, which have included the launch of the new fortnightly newsletter and Annual Review process; there is also a new termly Student Council newsletter with details of the amazing work that our pupils have been doing in the local community, and we have launched a new whole school initiative to support and engage our pupils in reading more. Being able to read well is critical if our pupils are to successfully access the wider world and if you could support this good habit continuing at home over the holidays, it would be much appreciated (see our Reading at Home Tips on p1).

My virtual coffee mornings have continued this term and I thank those of you that continue to attend. I thoroughly enjoy updating you on school developments and your input only helps to keep improving the school. The items discussed at these meetings are accessible for you on the school website.

As usual, I must thank all the Glebe staff for their commitment and hard work once again this term. I am blessed as the Headteacher to work with such an incredible team of talented and hardworking colleagues and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a much deserved Happy Christmas.

I would also like to thank you for the unwavering support you continue to give the school. You do this through emails, surveys and many a time, just an informal chat at the gates; but on behalf of all the staff, I want you to know how much this is appreciated.

Finally, please remember that pupils return back to school on Friday 5th January.

Merry Christmas

Mr Travis



## NEWS HEADLINES



Our Christmas Show was, once again, a roaring success! We had a record number of students involved, and there was so much festive spirit and camaraderie we nearly exploded with pride!

An absolutely massive thank you to all the staff involved - without them the show would not be possible. More photos and video will be available early in the new term.





Our now annual entire school Christmas trips took place this week - everyone (including staff!) thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A fantastic finish and a chance to relax after working so hard this term, the trips ranged from a pantomime (y7) to ice skating (y11), even a visit to Sea Life (y9)! Photos to follow...

## YEAR 9

All of Year 9 attended a presentation given by an engineer from Naked Energy, a company that specialises in solar energy. It was incredibly informative and everyone had the opportunity to discuss sustainability.

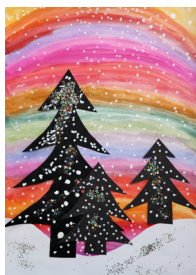
Those involved in the Dame Kelly Holmes program had their last session before Christmas. A culmination of all they have learned so far, they employed all their curiosity and collaboration skills.

A special mention must go to Max and Tolu, who gave an outstanding presentation on Mexican culture in their MFL lesson. Both students showed great eloquence and the class really enjoyed their work.

Some Year 9s have been very busy preparing for the Christmas Market Sale. Special mention to Harry D who showed great enterprise skills overseeing the creation of the products.



Charlotte



Riley



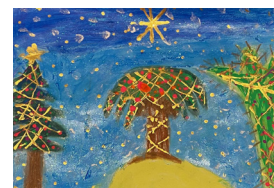
Lilly



The winners of this years' Christmas Card competition are Charlotte (y7), Riley (y7) and Lilly (y9)! The cards are printed and sent to our neighbours and local community. Well done!



The charity Autistica also runs an annual Christmas card competition - one of our students entered and we are delighted that Coco's entry was picked to represent the charity on their cards this year!



## YEAR 8

Some of our Year 8 students attended the Wood Lodge Life Skills centre for an overnight stay. Here they got to practice life skills such as making beds, doing laundry, shopping for food and preparing meals. It was a huge success and more students will be attending throughout the year.

As a whole they enjoyed their festive trip, bowling at Bromley Pavillion. The students travelled by public transport and took the whole process in their stride. Lots of them managed to score strikes and were very pleased!



# YEAR 10

Year 10 went on a fantastic cinema trip to see the new Hunger Games film, which everyone agreed was really excellent. As usual, they behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

The autumn term is always challenging, with shorter days and longer nights - this can really take its toll. Year 10 have dealt with this with real vigor and have made a fantastic start to their GCSE/KS4 courses.

The Christmas show was a real highlight this term, and a special mention to Ali, who showed excellent leadership skills, helping to organise people for the big performance.

Our Christmas Market took place on Thursday, with multiple Year groups making and selling various festive treats - from home-made cards to cookies in a jar!



# YEAR 11

Year 11 have had a fantastic end to the year with their Christmas trip to the Queen's Garden ice rink in Greenwich. Students were fantastic representatives of the school and braved the ice in style.

Congratulations to Jack; he received pupil of the week for dedication to his exams and being proactive with his further education choices.

Those studying DT Option visited the Mini Factory in Oxford to see how a production line works. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves (but unfortunately weren't allowed to take one for a spin!).



The Jack Petchey Award is given in recognition of hard work, motivation and going above and beyond. Each student receives £300 from the Jack Petchey foundation, to be spent in any area of the curriculum that they want to support. Congratulations!

SEPTEMBER



SKYE, y11

Exemplary behaviour, manners & kindness to others

OCTOBER



Lacey, y8

Great resilience in everything she does & always positive/smiling

NOVEMBER



Alisha, KS5

A positive role model to her peers & huge progress in academic attainment

## PROVISION

After an amazing mock exam series, KS5 students have been focussing on the SLC component of their Entry Level qualifications.

We have recently introduced the Maths app 'Freckle' which supports students practicing their skills independently. These can be accessed at home and it's great to see when students access these in their own time.

Those studying Childcare have started volunteering at Linden Leas Pre-School, and those in Land Based Studies have been assisting Mr Leach and Mr Lawlor around the school site as part of their Estate Management unit.

Students have been planning stalls for their Christmas Market - they will be offering hair tinsel, have created 'Present Pong' and 'Pin the Nose on Rudolph' games and will be selling a myriad of items from garlands to cookies, candles to baubles!



## YEAR 7

Year 7 have been making table decorations and festive wreaths to decorate the dining hall for our Christmas Lunch, and then they will then bring their masterpieces home!

They had a fabulous time watching Cinderella at the pantomime. Altogether now, 'Oh yes they did!'.



Mr Duncan and his brass band very kindly serenaded us at lunchtime on Thursday (after everyone had stuffed themselves with Christmas lunch)!



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FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
AT OUR RECENT  
EVENTS.  
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*Wishing You a*  
**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



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CHRISTMAS**  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR