

Newsletter 20.12.2024 Parent Newsletter

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End of Term Reflections

As we approach the end of term, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and fulfilling few months at WKGS. Our school community continues to amaze me with its dedication, enthusiasm, and collective achievements.

This term has been packed with exciting events and accomplishments that highlight the spirit and ambition of our students, staff, and families. Whether excelling in sporting competitions, showcasing creativity in the arts, or demonstrating resilience and determination in their studies, our students have embraced every opportunity to shine. Beyond the classroom, they have engaged with conservation projects, academic challenges, and performances that have enriched the life of our school community.

A particular highlight this week has been the festive spirit brought by both the Year 7 Carol Service and the Whole School Carol Service. These events were a wonderful celebration of our community and a reminder of the joy and warmth of the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who participated, from our talented musicians and singers to the staff who made these events so special.

We are also delighted to share that we are currently in the top 7% of schools nationally for attendance and in the top 4% of schools for reducing persistent absenteeism (students with attendance below 90%). This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff in prioritising the value of education. We know the positive impact strong attendance has on student progress and development, and we look forward to building on this success in the new term.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our staff, who continually go above and beyond to support, inspire, and guide our students. I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your unwavering support. Your encouragement and partnership with the school underpin everything we do and ensure our students can truly thrive.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to the next term, there is much to be excited about, including upcoming events, new opportunities for our students, and continuing to build on this term's successes.

For now, I encourage everyone to take time over the break to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. This has been a term to be proud of, and I know we'll return in January ready to take on new challenges together.

Thank you again for all your support, and I wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season.

Mr S Clarke Headteacher

General messages:

- <u>Exciting Opportunity at West Kirby Grammar School Receptionist & Administrator Role</u>
- NEW Edsential Big Band Academy

Exciting Opportunity at West Kirby Grammar School – Receptionist & Administrator Role

We are looking for a friendly and capable Receptionist & Administrator to join our School Office team. This term-time-only role (36 hours/week) involves front office duties, deputising for the Attendance Officer, and providing essential administrative support.

- **Salary**: £20,634 (actual)
- **Hours:** 8:00 am 4:00 pm (Monday to Friday, term-time only)
- Closing Date: Friday 10th January 2025 at 9:00 am
- Interviews: Week commencing 13th January 2025

Experience in a similar role is desirable but not essential. First Aid training will be provided.

For more details and to apply, visit www.wkgs.org or call 0151 632 3449.

NEW Edsential Big Band Academy

WKGS students are invited to join the Big Band Academy based at the school. They are looking for woodwind, brass and percussion players aged 11+. The academy takes place on Thursdays between 6pm and 7:15pm (Term Time only). The cost of these sessions is normally £55 per term, however it is completely FREE for WKGS students to attend. Please take a look at the flyer for further information.





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upcoming events



Christmas holiday

23rd December - 3rd January





Y10/11 U16s ESFA National Football Cup

8th January

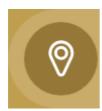




Parents' meeting re. New York trip

9th January





Y10 Progress Evening

14th January













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