



Parent Bulletin Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredibly busy week at Slough and Eton with our staff and students taking part in so much more than lessons. Some of the big events include the completion of mock exams for Year 13 students in all written subjects and practical Art and Photography exams for Year 11 and 13 students; training for peer mentors in challenging bullying and supporting victims of bullying and a theatre workshop for all students in Years 10 and 11 about *Jekyll and Hyde*, one of the texts students study for GCSE English Literature. We also had a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday and a visit from the fire service to show our Motor Vehicle students how they cut people out of cars when trapped in them following an accident.

House Assemblies

These have been taking place each morning this week and finish on Monday. House Leaders have been celebrating the successes of students in their houses, issuing prizes for attendance and positive points and seeing their place in the house leader board. There has been plenty of student participation too and it has been a great way to bring together students from all years at the same time.

Fundraising

We have had two charity events happening which I am delighted to tell you about. On Tuesday we held a 'Guess the Number of Balloons in the Car' event to raise money for Friends of the Earth with the closest guess winning a £50 Amazon Voucher. There were 144 balloons in the car with the closest guess being Mona in 12 Seacole who guessed 130. Angelou House has also been compiling backpacks for the homeless charity SHOC (based on Ragstone Road) to pass to the local homeless community. They are full of essentials. There are nearly 10 now and staff have been wearing them across the week and students winning chocolate prizes for correctly identifying where and when they are worn around school. It has been a great effort led well by Mrs Fogarty and the Angelou House Leaders.

The Lion King Jr

This week also saw 3 fantastic performances for our annual Christmas production which this year was *The Lion King Jr*. There were over 100 people in the audience on each of Wednesday and Thursday evenings and we welcomed well over 100 primary school children into school on Tuesday afternoon to watch the dress rehearsal. It was a really great effort from everyone involved and fantastic to see so many parents, students and staff coming along to watch.

End and Start of Term

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term some key details you need to know are as follows:

- We break up on Tuesday at 12.30pm and all students should attend school as usual next week;
- Our Reception is closed from Wednesday 20th December until Tuesday 2nd January;
- All students come back to school on Wednesday 3rd January at the usual time.



January Details

There are two whole year group parents' evenings in January for you to note. They are:

- Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 11th January from 4-7pm
- Year 13 Parents' Evening - Thursday 25th January from 4-7pm

Finally, you may have seen some very irresponsible social media coverage of an incident on Wednesday in school. We managed this speedily and, despite some of the nonsense online we did not have a lockdown and no-one was injured. Students and staff were great and, after a 10 minute delay to a lesson changeover the school day continued as usual.

Thank you all for your support this term and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Best wishes

Peter Collins
Headteacher

News and Information

Did you know?

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

1 in 4 teenagers will experience mental health difficulties

If you're feeling low or anxious, the **Slough Mental Health Support Team** could help

 The Slough mental health support team (MHST) works in your school to support you before things get too difficult.

 We meet with people who are feeling low or anxious to help them understand and learn how to manage these feelings.

 We'll come into school to help you, your teachers and your parents/carers to understand more about mental health.

Ask for help

If you'd like some support with your mental health, you can speak to any member of staff at school who will put you in touch with us. You can also email:

 CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk

 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/mhst

