

5/12/18

Dear Parents,

As we approach Christmas I wanted to let you know that we will be serving mulled wine, mince pies and chocolates at Fraser Youens House on Friday 14th December from 1:15pm to 4.00pm. It will be a very informal occasion for us to wish you all a Merry Christmas and say goodbye to the boys for the holiday.



Working together - Junior Quiz



Fierce rivalry – Senior Quiz

This half term has seen us run two house quizzes, a Halloween themed night, our usual daily activities and there will be a host of events in the final week of term. At weekends the full boarders have had a competition in two teams, activities ranging from, sports, quizzes and team building exercises; with one activity to go, Team Ashley and Team Vinnie are tied with 5 wins each. With the nights getting darker the boys have tended to move inside for their free time and the table tennis ladder, pool, scalextrix and table football competitions have seen some fierce competition. With the final week of term we run a variety of competitions, including Chess, Backgammon, Connect 4, Malteser and After Eight Challenges as well as the normal pool, table football and table tennis knock out cups.



How to sculpt a masterpiece

The school term officially finishes on Friday 14th December at 1.00pm. I would hope that all boarders could be collected by 6.00pm so that staff can also begin their Christmas holiday. All of our students will be bringing home a boarding report and Year 9 should have just received a full school academic report. I trust that your son has had a successful and enjoyable term. I have seen many of our boarders take part in the wider aspects of

school life, including school concerts, CCF, a variety of trips (ranging from Warhammer, Portsmouth Naval dockyards to National Engineering competitions) and lots of school sport. In the FYH merit competition Year 9 were the first half term merit winners and Year 7 have won this half term.

We wish the Year 11 and Year 13s the very best in their upcoming mocks in the New Year. This is a key time in helping them to achieve the final grades in the summer. In addition Year 12 also have important pre UCAS mock exams in mid to late January. We'd all like to wish all Year 13s good luck in their university interviews and their UCAS applications. Indeed many of our boys have already had interviews particularly for medicine or Oxford and Cambridge. It is great to see students being offered places at the very top universities in the country and now the challenge is to achieve those predicted grades.



A helping hand



A Xmas star appears



Fun times

We would particularly like to congratulate all the new boarders for completing their first term and helping to add to the fantastic atmosphere within Fraser Youens House. The key message for those making new year resolutions should be to ensure that they are really organised and use planners etc to help support their studies. There is a huge correlation with those who achieve the best results and those who are organised.

I encourage you all to follow our twitter feed @rgshwboarding and our boarding blog which is being overhauled at present.



Xmas Cookie (I)



Xmas trip to London



Xmas cookie (II)

Last weekend many of our junior and full boarders enjoyed a trip to London, Ice skating and a visit to both the Natural History and Science museum with some Christmas shopping for our older students. We held our Christmas Cookie decorating competition and the final week of term will be very busy as you can see from the arrangements below.

Final week of term arrangements

Monday 10th – Carol Concert. Leave FYH at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 11th – Competitions night.

Wednesday 12th – Christmas Dinner at 7.00pm festive jumpers please! Competition finals night.

Thursday 13th – West end Theatre trip to see ‘School of Rock.’

Friday 14th – School finishes at 1.00pm Mince Pies and Mulled wine 1.15 – 4.00pm. FYH closes at 6.00pm.

In January, Fraser Youens will reopen from 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd January and the boys return to school on the morning of Thursday January 3rd.

Lastly there are a number of boarders who need to ensure that their rooms are left relatively empty as we will be redecorating some of the rooms in the first week of the Christmas holidays. Some of this work has been carried over from the summer. I will be speaking to all those boarders and emailing home as it may mean you taking a little extra luggage at the end of term.

We hope to see many of you at the end of term but I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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