

17th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the commitment and effort demonstrated by our staff and students. The large number of events that our students have taken part in has been staggering, to name but a few; the annual KS4 Awards Evening, the first ever Year 7 Pantomime trip, our most successful charity day to date (with Mr Lee and Mr Townsend completing an Ultra Marathon in school, to help raise over £1000 for Children in Need), a production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a wide range of trips, visits and sporting events (include our first ever Girls' football team matches). In addition, our Year 7 Social event, which really helped build team spirit in Year 7. We have also had our first Inter-form competitions this term, which students have really enjoyed being involved in and student ambassadors have led assemblies on Anti-bullying and Religions.

We are very proud that Royds Hall has received several National awards this term, including an award recognising our excellent Attendance, Silver re-accreditations of the Carnegie Mental Health Award and Arts Mark awards.

We still have a range of exciting events planned for this week, including a Culture Day on Friday 20th December which will include a staff pantomime produced and directed by our own Mr Lee, all students will have the opportunity to watch the performance. Form groups are collecting donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to create hampers for the Jubilee Centre to issue over the Christmas period. In addition, there is a visit for some Year 9 and 10 students to Huddersfield University on Wednesday 18th December.

On the academic front, it has been a busy term with the Year 11 mock exams, Year 10 and Year 11 Parents Evenings and the Year 11 Kickstart evening which have all been very positive. We also had our whole school Careers Fair, a trip to Oxford University for Year 9 Scholars students and the launch of the Brilliant Club for Year 8 students. Year 10 students have also started their Work Experience applications for their placement at the end of July 2025. Students are working exceptionally hard both in school and at home. We really appreciate your support, and please continue to encourage your son/daughter to work as hard as they can, this commitment to their studies will make a huge difference with the progress they make.

We say goodbye to a small number of colleagues at the end of this term. We wish everybody all the very best as they move on. There are also some new staff joining us in January and students will be made aware of this, this week.

Finally, may I wish everyone the very best holiday and once again thank you for your continued support. **We will finish school at the slightly earlier time of 1:40pm on Friday 20th December. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school, at the usual time of 8:25am on Monday 6th January 2025.**

Yours faithfully

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