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Dear parents/carers,

As we begin the last three weeks of the autumn term, I write to provide a brief update about the events and activities taking place at Porthcawl Comprehensive School in December.

This week, it has been a busy week! There have been several sports fixtures, our Young Playwrights Evening, the Royal Navy have delivered a series of workshops, and we have held a parent/carer information evening in Ty Enfys. This weekend pupils and staff travel to Lille Christmas Market and this trip really does mark the start of Christmas!

In December, there is a lot planned:

- The **PCS version of Elf of a Shelf** will be visiting the school (more information to follow). Our Year 10 Wellbeing Ambassadors are leading this festive activity.
- **School Christmas Tree** - pupils in Year 10 product design have designed and made a Christmas Tree out of recycled materials. The lights will be officially 'switched-on' on Monday 2nd December.
- **Foodbank Appeal** - once again we will be supporting this worthwhile appeal. Donations will be accepted from Monday 2nd December until Thursday 11th December. If students wish to donate an item, donations should be brought to registration.
- **Welsh Theatre Trip** - Year 7. This trip is taking place on Monday 2nd December.
- **Year 7 Progress Evening** - Wednesday 4th December.
- **Year 11 Religious Studies Learning Day** - this will take place on Thursday 5th December. This is for students in band X.
- **Carol Service** - All Saints Church, Evening Service at 7pm, Thursday 12th December. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **Year 9 First Give Project** - the Year 9 First Give Project is underway. Year 9 form groups have invited their chosen charity to school to help plan their social action projects.
- **Carol Service** - All Saints Church (morning service, for pupils and staff only). This will take place during the school day. Due to capacity at the church, identified year groups will attend. This will be confirmed at a later date. We will walk pupils to All Saints Church.
- **Winter Wonderland** - this trip will take place on Tuesday 10th December.
- **Oxford University trip** - this trip is running on Thursday 12th December. Identified Sixth Form pupils will attend this SEREN event.
- **Attendance Celebration Assemblies** - w/b 16th December. Heads of Year and Senior Staff will be delivering a number of celebration assemblies.

- **Community Celebration Event** - this event has been coordinated by our Wellbeing Ambassadors and will take place on Tuesday 17th December. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors and Performing Arts department are providing a 'festive celebration' for elderly residents in our local community. Last year's event was a huge success, and we cannot wait to hold our second event. Invitations have already been sent – we cannot wait! This will take place on our school site during the school day.
- **Christmas Dinner for Pupils and Staff** - this will take place on Tuesday 17th December. On this day, we will start lunch early. Preparing lunch for nearly 1400 people is no easy task! I pass on my sincere thanks to our Catering Manager, Mr Overall and our Canteen Staff.
- **Wear a 'Festive' Item** - this will take place on Tuesday 17th December. Pupils (and staff) can wear a Jumper, gloves, hat, head band, socks - just wear something festive (and sensible).
- **Winter Games** – our PE department are preparing for our 'Annual Winter Games' taking place on the 17th and 18th December. A number of team sports and competitions for pupils to participate in. I look forward to seeing the house results!
- **Year 7 Drama Club** – on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December the Year 7 Drama Club are delivering a performance of the Secret Garden. Parents and carers of pupils involved will be invited to watch this performance.
- **Year 10 SEREN Event** – a SEREN welcome event will take place on Thursday 19th December.
- **Cinema Trip** - this trip will take place on Thursday 19th December. It will be for Year 8. More information to follow.
- **Last day of term** - Friday 20th December. School finishes at 3pm.

I will write to again before the end of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

M. Stephens

Headteacher/Pennaeth

