## Weekly News – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:** It was great to see so many of our Year 11 students at the Sixth Form Open Evening earlier in the week, planning their next steps. All the information from the evening is <u>here</u> and students have been sent an email with the link to <u>Applicaa</u>. Well done to our "Robot Scrimmage" team that went off earlier this week to compete in the Robot Challenge, and lastly thank you to all who took part in the Christmas Carol visit last night to Alexandra Palace. We have a busy week coming up with rehearsals for our Christmas Showcase and Excellence Evening on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Students across the school have been working hard and, to date, have received over 79,000 achievement points. Please continue to recognise these positively with your child(ren) using the SIMS app. Have a great weekend.

## **GENERAL NOTICES:**

Weekly diary - Please click here for the diary for the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Showcase – save the date** – We now have a finalised line up of performers and rehearsals in full swing for a fantastic Christmas show on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Tickets are £3 and can be purchased on <u>School Gateway</u>.

**Christmas by the Common** – please do come to Christmas by the Common on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 4-7pm. Our brilliant choir, led by Mrs Whitby, will be performing at around 4.30pm, so do please come along and support if you can.

Free live webinars re children's mental health — Please click here for information on a series of live webinars on children's mental health, covering topics such as exam stress, eating disorders, low mood and understanding adolescent behaviour.

One Can Trust — Our amazing student leadership team are running a collection for the One Can Trust. Students are invited to bring in cans / dried food / olive oil - any long life food. Last day for donations is Wednesday 17th December. These can be left in form rooms and the form with the most donations in each year will receive a prize! Thank you so much for your support!







**Mobile phones** – There is an increasing number of phones being handed in to Reception in the morning because of forgotten, lost or damaged phone lockers. Please do just ask if you son or daughter needs a replacement. A voluntary contribution of £6 will be put on your School Gateway account and the new pouch can be picked up from the office. It is also worth noting that from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, any phone confiscated will not be returned until 13<sup>th</sup> February as per our Mobile Phone Policy.

## **YEAR 11**

**Assembly** presentation - On Monday morning ,Year 11 students had an assembly presented by Mrs Golding, Assistant Headteacher - Sixth Form and Careers, about how to choose courses and apply for a place at Holmer Green Sixth Form. The presentation can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here-

*Masterclasses* are already under way to give students a flavour of the courses on offer at Sixth form. Please remind your child to sign up using this link <u>here</u> if they have not done so already.

**Parents' Evening** – will be online on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30-7pm. SchoolCloud will open for bookings from 6.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January and parents can book up to 5 slots. We will release additional slots om the 13<sup>th</sup> January if there is availability.

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

Christmas Raffle We have secured some amazing prizes for the Christmas raffle. Tickets are available to buy now on <a href="www.schoolgateway.com">www.schoolgateway.com</a> The draw is on 12<sup>th</sup> December and please click <a href="here">here</a> to view the prizes and to see all the ways you can support the PA. Good Luck! We are still in need of smaller hamper raffle prizes such as bubble bath, wine and chocolates, etc. If these items can be sent to reception that would be much appreciated.

The money raised for this raffle will be spent on classroom resources - our teachers have created a wish list and the PA are keen to purchase as many items as possible.

Santa's Fun Run \*This Sunday\* A new fundraising event this year is the Santa Fun Run in Marlow on Sunday 7th December, where members of the PA and some staff are taking part. If you would like to just donate, please click <a href="here">here</a>. All donations go directly to our school.

**Christmas by the Common** - as noted above, our choir will be performing but please do also support our PA at this event as they will be running a stall with fun festive games!

