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The Carol Service

A final reminder that this is next **Tuesday (11th) at 7.30 pm** in St Mary's Church. Admission is free with a retiring collection for Charity 2018

The Christmas Concert

A final reminder that this takes place in **our hall at 7.00pm next Thursday (13th)**.

Christmas Lunch

In addition to our **normal full menu** in both the coffee shop and the dining room, our catering staff will serve a **Christmas lunch on Thursday 13th December** and all students are invited.

Non Uniform Day

Next **Friday (14th December)** will be a non uniform day (£1) with fancy dress for sixth formers. Main school students are reminded that it is a normal school day and they should **cover their shoulders** and **avoid bare midriffs**.

Japanese

The Japanese/Science departments are looking for **host families** for visitors from our Japanese science link school for 3 nights from **18th March** (evening arrival). For those in year 9 and 10 who offer to host there is a full science programme on the Tuesday; for year 11, 12 & 13 hosts this is optional. Your guests will be out on a visit on the Wednesday and will leave early on the Thursday morning. This hosting earns £60 credit per student hosted towards a trip to Japan (either the general trip or the special science trip) or to participation in the Science Workshop in Cambridge.

Please let Mrs Browning know a.s.a.p. if you would like to volunteer.

Year Group News

Year 9

Parents are reminded that there is a parents' evening on **Thursday 10th January 2019**. Bookings, now open, are via Parentmail until 2nd January. If you have any problems, please contact reception or email countyupper@burytrust.org.

Year 10

Parents are invited to the next round of parents' evenings which will take place as follows:

- **Wednesday 16th January from 4.30 until 6.00pm**
- **Thursday 24th January from 4.30 until 7.00pm**

Bookings will open on Parentmail on Tuesday 11th December. Parents who would like to Mrs Browning for Japanese should email countyupper@burytrust.org to arrange an appointment.

Year 11

- Thank you to all those year eleven parents who attended their children's **interviews with the senior leadership team**. The attendance of parents was almost 100% and we were impressed with the overwhelming majority of students' attitudes to their post-16 plans. We urge them to ensure they can realise these plans by working hard in the coming months. In particular, they should use the holiday to prepare for the examinations which start on **7th January**.
- Well done to all those students who took their **Art and/or Graphic Design** practice examinations this week; your teachers were very impressed with you. Students can now build on this experience for the **actual GCSE**.

Year 13

The year 13 **practice examinations** start on **Tuesday 15th January**. Students will have full **examination leave** from the 15th – 18th, returning on Monday 21st, except those studying Technical Awards where staff will notify students when they are required to be in.

Severe Weather

The school's expectation is that we will stay open and parents and students should assume that school is open unless the school's website, our answerphone message and local radio say otherwise. In the unlikely event of a total closure, the procedure is that this will go onto our website and answerphone by 7.30am at the latest

and the information relayed to BBC Radio Suffolk (FM 104.6) or Heart (FM 96.4) by this time.

Fixtures

Tue 11th- U14 Volleyball finals @ St Albans
 Wed 12th- U14/U16 Girls’ Basketball v Sudbury away, U14 Boys’ Basketball match
 Thu 13th- U14 Girls’ Football v St Benedicts away

The New Term

Term starts on **Thursday 3rd January** when students return in full uniform with **natural hair** colour and **no body piercing apart from ears, where small studs** are acceptable. Girls may wear the **school skirt** with navy, grey or black

tights or socks and shoes. However, skirts cannot be worn with boots and a combination of leggings or tights with socks may not be worn. Trousers must not be of jean-like fabric.

Dates of future publications

- The next edition of the ‘County Courier’ will be published on **Friday 4th January**.
- The next edition of ‘The Accolade’ will be published on **Wednesday 19th December** and will include the final Charity total.
- The next edition of the Trust Newsletter will be sent home on **Friday 4th January**.
- We give our thanks to **Miss Collins** for these excellent productions again this year.

Charity 2018

	Break	Lunch	After School
Weds 5/12		Dodgeball Competition Sports Hall - All Pupils	
Thurs 6/12	Opening Ceremony Main Hall – All Pupils	Mini Fete Main Hall – All Pupils	Charity Music Festival Main Hall 7pm – 9.30pm
Fri 7/12		Question or Digestion. Main Hall – Yr 9 & Y10 Only	
Sat 8/12			
Sun 9/12			
Mon 10/12	You’ve Been Framed Main Hall – All Pupils	Family Feud Main Hall – Yr 11 & Yr 12/13 Only	Staff & 6 th Form Pub Quiz BSE Cricket Club 7pm E4pp
Tues 11/12	Waxing Roulette Main Hall – All Pupils	Family Feud Main Hall – Yr 9 & Yr 10 Only	5 a-side Football Comp Astro 4.00pm – 6.00pm Carol Service at St Mary’s
Weds 12/12	Lip Sync Battle Main Hall – All Pupils	Beauty Pageant Main Hall – Yr 11 & Yr 12/13 Only	DNA – Drama Production 3.45pm – 5.00pm Studio Theatre
Thurs 13/12	Beat the Ballers Gym	Total Wipeout Sports Hall – All Pupils	Game Night - Bring a game! 3.45pm – 5.00pm Room 3 Christmas Concert 7pm
Fri 14/12 *Non-Uniform Day	Man vs Food Main Hall	County’s Got Talent Main Hall - Yr 9 & Yr 10 Only	
Sat 15/12			
Sun 16/12			
Mon 17/12 *Xmas Jumper Day 6 th Form & Staff	P 1+2 Revue Rehearsal – Main Hall	Would I lie to you? Main Hall – Yr 11 & Yr 12/13 Only	P 5+6 Revue Rehearsal – Main Hall
Tues 18/12	P 1+2 Revue Dress Rehearsal 6 th Form Car Wash	P3+4 Revue for all Year 9 P3&P4 6 th Form ‘Carol Singing’ in BSE 6 th Form Car Wash	P5+6 Revue for all Year 10 6 th Form Car Wash
Weds 19/12	P1+2 Revue for Year 11 6 th Form Car Wash		Whole School Assembly PS&P6