



The County Courier

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Final Reminders

The Carol Service

Our annual service, a traditional evening of lessons and carols, will be held in **St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds** next **Tuesday, 16th December at 7.30 pm.** There are no tickets for this, but there will be a retiring collection for Charity 2008.

Christmas Lunch

This will be served **next Wednesday, 17th December.** Students who have ordered Christmas lunch are reminded that they need £1.90 for the main meal or £2.40 for a meal with a pudding. There will also be a limited service in the coffee shop that day.

Non Uniform Day

Next **Wednesday, 17th December** will be a **non uniform day** (£1) with fancy dress for sixth formers and the main school encouraged to enter the fancy dress parade at breaktime. Main school students are reminded that it is a normal school day and they should **cover their shoulders and avoid bare midriffs** except during the fancy dress session.

Sixth Form Revue

The sixth form will give a performance of this year's **revue** for parents, friends and former students next **Thursday, 18th December at 8.00 pm.** Tickets

are **£5** (no concessions) and the PTA are supplying refreshments and a raffle. All the money collected will go towards Charity 2008. Please come along and support the students.

Charity 2008

Students are reminded to pay in all their monies by **9.20 am on Friday morning.** This year's charity events have gone very well with a huge range of activities, large and small, and we want to make sure that everyone's contribution is in the final total. This will be announced to the school and representatives of the major charities on Friday afternoon.

Year Group Information

Year 10

All students except those taking triple science have an **actual GCSE science module in January** and so should be revising this holiday.

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 students' attitudes to their GCSEs and post-16 plans.

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- Well done to all those students who took their **Art** practice examinations this week. We were impressed by your commitment and results.
- The **drama practice examination** will be on Tuesday afternoon.
- The year eleven **Modern Foreign Languages Speaking tests** begin as soon as we return to school after Christmas. Time slots and dates have already been allocated to individual students:

Tuesday 6th January

Mr Taecke – French

Wednesday 7th January

Mr Taecke – French

Mr Staples – French

Thursday 8th January

Mrs Duverne – French

Mr Goodchild - French

Mrs Sauvage - German

Friday 9th January

Mrs Duverne – French

Mrs Sauvage – German

Monday 12th January

Mr Snaith – German

Mr Staples – German

Tuesday 13th January

Mr Staples – German

Mr Snaith - German

- All **additional science** students have an actual GCSE module in January and so should allow for this in their revision timetable

for the **practice examinations**. These start on **12th January**.

Fixtures

16.12.08

U15 girls' football v Cliff Park High School (a)

U14 girls' basketball v Great Cornard (h)

The new term

Term starts on **Tuesday 6th January** when students return in full uniform with **natural hair colour** and **no body piercing**, apart from ears, where **small studs** are acceptable. Overall the standard of uniform remains pleasingly high and I thank parents for their co-operation. To clarify the position on shoes, for health and safety reasons, students must have **black sensible shoes with a back**. **Trainers are not allowed**.

Dates of future publications

- The next edition of the *County Courier* will be published on **Friday 9th January**;
- The next edition of “*The Accolade*” will be published on **Friday 19th December** and will include the final Charity total;
- We give our thanks to **Miss Collins** for these excellent productions again this term.