



Bishop Hedley Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

After a busy term school will close on Friday 22nd December and re-open on **Monday, 8th January for all pupils.**

We celebrated an Advent service in St Illtyd's with all our primary partner schools. It was a very special event, and wonderful to see all the pupils singing together. The choir and orchestra were outstanding. This week pupils raised funds for charity with a variety of events, including 'sponge the teacher', cake sales, etc. We shall end the term with a School Mass followed by a talent show. As usual, pupils have worked hard as a family.

Staff have asked me to suggest that if you are looking for stocking fillers, coloured pencils, pens, pencils and geometry sets would be useful.

On a different note, please can I remind parents about uniform, specifically trousers. Skinny trousers are not appropriate and a few are trying to wear them once again. If they are wearing skinny trousers in January, the Discipline for Learning policy will be applied.



Lord Aberdare visited BHHS to discuss current affairs and the work of Parliament with the student Parliament. An old friend of BHHS, Lord Aberdare was very impressed with the quality of the debate and confidence of pupils. Equally evident was their concern and care for those less fortunate in society and how government can work for the common good.



Pupils at BHHS were very generous in raising sufficient items and funds for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Part of our Advent Challenge, 108 boxes were collected to be sent abroad. A great example of the concern expressed to Lord Aberdare for those less fortunate being put into action!

50th anniversary concert – On 19th October we began the first of several celebrations of the 50th anniversary of BHHS. A musical evening, with past pupils coming to join present pupils, was held....an evening of song and musical magic! It was wonderful to see the mix of students, the exchange of memories and generally having a fabulous time. More events are planned for 2018.





Bishop Hedley Girls won 3rd place at the novice Gymnastics competition, against competition from across Wales!

Our attendance figure was hit this term with many pupils being unwell with various 'bugs'. Attendance is very important as missing a day's school equates to missing 5 hours of learning, this obviously adds up if pupils are off for more than a day. We would urge you to ensure your child tries to achieve 100% attendance.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8 th January	School re-opens for all pupils.
Thursday 18 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening/Next Steps
Thursday, 1 st February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 8 th February	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday, 16 th February	Ski trip
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February	– Half Term
Thursday, 8 th March	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday, 29 th March	Maundy Thursday and closure for Easter holidays

I wish you a happy and holy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Harris

Headteacher