



To **Aspire**, **Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. This last term has been a truly amazing term with our students demonstrating their THRIVE values each and every day. It has been a very busy end of term with a number of festive events such as the Performing Arts show, Christmas Concert and the Carol Service, held for the first time in 3 years at All Saints Church, Old Glossop. It was wonderful to welcome families back into school to watch students showcase their many talents. I would like to thank you for your support with these events as you act as a taxi service making sure your children attend rehearsals and the performances. I would also like to thank the Expressive Arts faculty for all the extra time they put into planning these events which is above and beyond their day job

This week we have been celebrating the success of so many of our students in our rewards assemblies. It has been wonderful to see so many students THRIVING this term and demonstrating our values day in and day out. This has also been reflected in so many students qualifying for our end of term rewards trips in recognition of their excellent conduct over the last term. There were just under 800 students who met the criteria for these rewards which is truly amazing.

Our students have shown real tenacity with their attendance this term, ensuring that they attended despite any minor illness, during the winter season. Thank you for your support with ensuring that they have come in and sniffled through! As a result of this, we are in line with current national attendance averages.

Students have been very busy fundraising for local charities in the last few weeks - led by our Student Leadership Teams. Following a moving assembly on poverty, the students opted to once again support local charities; Glossopdale Foodbank and the Hummingbird Project, in providing much-needed gifts and food items for local families. The response has been tremendous, with huge collections going to these worthy causes. Thank you to all of you who facilitated your child bringing in the donations - it is so appreciated.

Sixth Form students have been busy this term applying for university courses and all applications have now been completed with many students having already received their offers. It has been lovely to see our older students supporting those in main school through the buddy mentoring scheme. Sixth Form students and staff have ended the year with their bowling rewards trip and a well earned celebratory Christmas Quiz and breakfast.

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Finally, please follow the link below to our termly celebration bulletin which includes details of students' rewards, achievements and the many, many activities that students have been involved with so far this year. We hope you enjoy it.

<https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=595&type=pdf>

I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break and very much look forward to welcoming everyone back bright and early on Monday 9th January at 8.40am for morning line up.

Best wishes

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