## From the Headmaster

Thank you to everyone who attended our Variety Show performances last week; it was good to see productions returning to the School Hall. Well done to Mr Sowerby and Mrs Baskerville for staging the show, and to everyone who took part. Some photographs of the show taken by some of our talented GCSE Photography students should be on the website and the school Instagram account this week.

We intend to go ahead with our remaining end of term events as planned, unless further changes to statutory guidance dictate otherwise, but we do ask that you take a lateral flow test before attending a school event and we encourage the wearing of face coverings where possible. If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend!

#### **Carol Services**

Our traditional Carol Services take place at St Catharine's on London Road on Monday 13 December, and at Holy Trinity on Church Road on Thursday 16 December. Attendance is free but please pre-register as we are restricting numbers in order to socially distance as much as we can. (There is limited parking at Holy Trinity and no parking available at St Catharine's.) I very much hope members of the congregation will sing the congregational carols – I know this is not really possible when wearing face coverings. However, our community transmission rate is low and the venues are large and well-ventilated.

### Register for the Carol Services.

#### **Business Networking Event 10 December**

Parents and alumni interested in finding out more about the Rich's Corporate Partnership Programme are invited to our first Business Networking Event this Friday, 10 December from 9am to 11am. If you run your own business or work for a company which may be interested in supporting the School, there is still time to book your place.

#### Register for the Business Event.

#### Free Dress Day

Our traditional Christmas jumper day takes place this Friday, when it is free dress day for all students and staff in return for a charitable donation. Funds raised will go to our link school, PMM Girls' School in Uganda.

#### **PFTA Quiz and Pudding Night**

The Parents, Friends and Teachers' Association is running another of its popular Quiz and Pudding Nights on the evening of Friday 10 December to raise funds for the School. Tickets should be bought in advance and there is a restricted capacity in the Hall due to COVID-19, see <a href="https://www.strspa.co.uk">www.strspa.co.uk</a> to order your tickets, £7.50 per person.

#### Staggered start to next term

In order to facilitate the on-site testing of all pupils in the school at the start of term, pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 should return as planned on 5 January. All other pupils should return to school on 6 January. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be provided with remote education on 5 January. Work will be set on Satchel One for each lesson.

I aim to communicate with parents towards the end of term, so I will resist the temptation to wish people well for the Christmas break at this stage!

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