

**Weekly bulletin for students of Hayesfield Girls' School,  
their parents, guardians and families**



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Week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**No 14 11/12**

**Week B**

From the Headteacher:

**Christmas Concert**

It was an absolute delight to be entertained in such a magical way at the Christmas Concert held on Thursday evening. I would like to thank Mr Harris, the Music Faculty and all the students who participated in this spectacular event. More than 200 students took part in the Concert.

**Carol Service**

As you know, the annual Carol Service is being held at Bath Abbey on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 2.00pm. This service is always a most enjoyable occasion with the whole school joining as one.

Can I remind you that entry to the Abbey for parents/guardians is by ticket only and that these have now all been allocated and distributed. Please also note that students will be dismissed from the Abbey after the service unless a form has been completed and returned to the office requesting that your daughter/son be returned to school.

**Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch is being served on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and I do hope all students have bought their ticket.

Erica Draisey

**Assemblies:**

|            |                              |                             |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday:    | Year 11 – Ms Draisey         |                             |
| Tuesday:   | Years 7 and 8 – Ms Draisey   | Year 10 – Mrs Brown         |
| Wednesday: |                              | Year 11 – Mr Holbrook       |
| Thursday:  | Years 12 and 13 – Ms Draisey | Year 8 – Mrs Ingram         |
|            |                              | Year 9 – Mr Harrison        |
| Friday:    | Years 9 and 10 – Ms Draisey  | Years 12 and 13 – Mrs Banks |
|            |                              | Year 7 – Mrs Young          |

**Forthcoming Calendar Events:**

|                                     |   |   |
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| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | Year 8 Disco                              |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Carol Service Bath Abbey, 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | - | Christmas Lunch                           |
|                                     | - | Sixth Form Reunion, 6.30pm – 8.00pm       |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | Last day of term, early Finish 2.05pm     |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January     | - | First day of term                         |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January      | - | Year 7 Panto trip, periods 4 and 5        |

**Christmas Concert**

Congratulations to all who performed in the Christmas Concert on Thursday evening. It was a splendid occasion and was enjoyed by all who came to support. Mr Harris

### **Carol Service**

Reminder: HOST, HUSH and Wind Band are rehearsing at the Abbey on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am – 11.00am. Students are to meet staff at the Abbey at 8.50am. Those of you in the Sixth Form and musicians who have agreed to stay for the Rotary carol singing after the rehearsal, please remember to bring lunch with you (or money to buy some food) as we will not be returning to school after the rehearsal. Mr Harris

### **Year 7 Christmas Disco - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

We will be hosting a Year 7 Christmas Disco on the Lower School Campus, starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 9.00pm. Tickets cost £5.00 each. All proceeds will go to our Year 7 Camp. Tickets will be distributed during tutor time. Students must complete a ticket and bring this along with them to the disco. We do hope all Year 7 will come along and celebrate together.

### **Year 11, 12 and 13 Exams**

Students should have received their January entry timetables as these have been distributed to tutors. Please check them carefully and if there are any queries see the Exams Officer as soon as possible. Please remember to check the Exam Noticeboard in January in the Upper School for any late information. Please remember to bring the correct equipment to the exam.

All IB students will have received a copy of their mock timetable for January. Any queries, please see the Exams Officer.

### **Eligibility for Free School Meals**

Many students qualify for Free School Meals and do not take up this opportunity. As well as receiving free meals, they are also allocated extra funding by the Government (called the Pupil Premium) paid directly to the school. This funding supports individual students in accessing extra tuition, music lessons, participation in school activities and targeted support.

You are entitled to claim free school meals for your child/children if you are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **without any** Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs) that is not more than £16,190
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Forms are available from the Bath & North East Somerset website using the link below or from School Reception: [www.bathnes.gov.uk/educationandlearning/Schoolsandcolleges/schoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/educationandlearning/Schoolsandcolleges/schoolmeals)

### **Saxophone lessons**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the saxophone teacher will be unable to start on Monday, which will mean that lessons will start after Christmas. I would like to apologise for the delay and we will endeavour to make up all the missed lessons over the next two sessions. Mr Harris

### **Interested in Climbing? Aged 8 - 16? Want to have a go? Read on.....**

The Climbing Academy in Bristol holds Boulder taster sessions on the first Friday of every month from 5.00pm – 6.00pm for £5.00. Additional sessions will run over the Christmas holidays on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. Also if you book now you can get 2-4-1 sessions (quote '2for1taster' when booking). Offer valid until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Phone: 0117 907 2956 for further information or to book.

### **Funky Craft Club**

Funky Craft Club will continue to run next term on Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm, starting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Students will have the opportunity to explore lots of new areas of arts and crafts such as clay, sculpture and textiles and produce some fantastic items to take home. Projects change each term and include seasonal and cultural activities. For more information please collect a permission letter from Reception.

**Year 9 Trampoline club**

If you showed interest in this could you please return the reply slip as soon as possible as I have a waiting list and need to fill all spaces. Thank you. Mrs Hodkinson

**Years 9 – 13 Rowing**

The first five week block is now complete. We are actively seeking new recruits for January and if you are interested, please give your name to Mrs Hodkinson.

**Clubs**

After Christmas, Hockey Club starts for Years 7–9 and Netball Club for Years 10–13. Please see posters for days and fixtures.

**Hayesfield Theatre Club Spring Season 2012**

We are delighted to be able to offer Grand Circle tickets at £8.50 at Bath’s Theatre Royal (normal prices from £20). The Club exists to enable students to enjoy live theatre, making their own way there and back in a small group of friends or with family as parents/carers see fit. As such, the visits will not be supervised by school staff. Families must also decide if specific performances are suitable for their children. Students may request up to two tickets for each show, returning the slip below to West Wing Reception or the Lower School Office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

- ‘The King’s Speech’ – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- ‘STOMP’ – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- ‘The Taming of the Shrew’ (RSC) – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- ‘Abigail’s Party’ – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Please keep this part of the Bulletin for reference. We will receive tickets in the New Year and will issue them then.

Note: For the first time in over 35 shows we have been unable to pass on the educational discount which the Club normally enjoys for a show. The touring company which is bringing 'Calendar Girls' to the Theatre Royal has refused to offer the discount. With regret therefore, it is no longer part of our programme.

Mrs Bryden

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**Return to West Wing Reception or Lower School Office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Name of student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

| Show                            | Number of tickets @ £8.50 | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| ‘The King’s Speech’             |                           |         |
| ‘STOMP’                         |                           |         |
| ‘The Taming of the Shrew’ (RSC) |                           |         |
| ‘Abigail’s Party’               |                           |         |

**Payment via Parent Pay**

**TOTAL:** .....