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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Events at HGS in December**

I am writing with details of some of the special events that are taking place towards the end of the autumn term. Please check the school calendar – available on the school web site – for all other events.

#### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

This is taking place on **Wednesday 6 December** and we hope to welcome all current Year 11 students and their parents / carers as well as prospective students from other schools across the region. Year 11 students will receive details about this event in a separate letter. In order to prepare for this event, students will be dismissed at 2.35pm.

#### **Christmas Showcase of Music and Drama**

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Showcase on **Thursday 7 December – 7pm to 9.30pm approximately**. These are available to purchase in advance from the school business office or at the door on the night. Tickets are priced at **£6**, which includes refreshments.

#### **Carol Service**

The annual Carol Service is being held in St James' Parish Church on **Thursday 14 December**. The service starts at 7.30pm when, in addition to the usual readings and carols, the congregation will be able to hear items from the junior and senior choirs and instrumental groups. Seating in the church is limited (300 seats). Admission is by ticket: these are free, and are available from Student Services at Reception.

#### **Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Fayre**

On **Monday 18 December** we will be having a non-uniform day to coincide with our Christmas Fair, where form representatives manage stalls in the sports hall in the afternoon to raise money for charity. Although a Christmas theme is suggested there is no specific requirement to wear any particular kind of clothing. The privilege of not wearing uniform costs just **£1** and all proceeds will go to the chosen school charity for this year, Candlelighters.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

This year the Christmas Lunch will be on **Tuesday 19 December**. The cost will be **£2.70** – may I remind students and their parents to make sure their accounts have sufficient funds to cover this. A vegetarian alternative will, of course, be available. Students in receipt of free school meals may choose the Christmas Lunch at no extra cost.

### **The Senior Prize Giving**

This will be held on **Thursday 21 December** this year and will be taking place at Dewsbury Town Hall with doors opening at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Prize winners will be notified of the specific details separately.

### **Swimming Gala and End of Term Arrangements**

The annual swimming gala takes place at the Spenborough Pool on the morning of the last day of term, **Friday 22 December**. Regrettably only pupils in Years 7 will be able to spectate due to limited seating. Parents should note that competitors and Year 7 pupils who are attending the gala are expected to make their own way to the Spenborough Pool and arrive in time for registration at 8.45am. Back at school there will be the normal timetable for years 8-13. This year there will be a change to previous end of term arrangements in that we will be closing for ALL year groups at 12.30pm. This means that Year 7 pupils and all competitors will be dismissed from the Spenborough Pool and that students in school will leave the site at 12.30pm. With the proximity of our end of term to Christmas, please note that the site will close completely at 2pm.

Please ensure appropriate arrangements are made for your child to get home on that day since there will be no option for them to remain in school after 12.30pm.

The Spring Term begins at 8.45am on **Monday 8 January 2018**.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful Christmas period and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



N D Bulley  
Headteacher