

Monday 2 December 2019



Year 11 students have been working hard on their Mock Examinations. They have a few further examinations this week and then will enjoy a well-deserved trip to the cinema on Friday afternoon, as reward for their efforts. To see a copy of the examination timetable for the next week please **click here**.

Thank you to all parents and carers who are helping students to support our Reverse Advent Calendar for FIND. Following a presentation from the Director of this charity, which leads a food bank in Ipswich, students have been contributing to parcels that will be taken to the charity in time for Christmas. FIND provide free food parcels and personal care items to help people get through a crisis, as well as furniture, bedding and other household items where the person or family has none. The demand for food parcels has risen year on year and FIND now distributes an average of 100 parcels every week and even more at Christmas - more than 6,000 every year.

Things we want:

- Canned foods e.g tinned fruit, soups, tinned vegetables, evaporated milk, tinned meat, tinned fish, jam, marmite
- Toiletries and accessories e.g deodorant, shower gel; hats, gloves, scarves, socks (all these items have to be brand new)!

Things we don't want:

- Old clothing items and used toiletries e.g things you have already used.
- Pasta and beans or anything fresh or things that contains NUTS or any chocolate or any fresh dairy e.g fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables; Nutella, peanut butter etc.

Preparations continue for the Autumn School Production, this year with the theme of Christmas, as we put on Scrooge, the musical. With a challenging score students on stage and in the pit have been rehearsing at every opportunity. Tickets are now on sale, with showings on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 December.

In further advance warning please note that our Christmas Carol Service at St Mary Magdalene Church in Debenham takes place on Wednesday 18 December at 7.00. I know how busy the pre-Christmas diary can get and know how many parents enjoy this start to the festivities. With music from our instrumental students and three different choirs we know that this year will warm the hearts and help us prepare in advent. All are welcome, no tickets needed, just join us on the evening. You might be lucky to enjoy an early preview of their talents at the Christmas Fayre in Debenham on Friday evening.

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