



**Pleckgate**  
HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to update you with some key events that are taking place in school for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

Firstly, we held a wonderful Awards Evening on Tuesday to celebrate achievements of our class of 2024 as well as the Act, Believe, Aspire and Succeed Awards for current pupils in years 8, 9 and 10. It was a wonderful evening and you can read more about it on our website [here](#)

As you will know, school is closed to all pupils on **Friday 29th of November** as this is a staff training day. All pupils are expected to return to school on Monday 2nd December at 8.20am. Please check that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, see more information [here](#). A reminder that when your child has PE they must wear their full PE kit, including blue or black trainers, with their school blazer. **Pupils should not wear visible t-shirts when they are wearing their PE kit.**

On **Friday 6th December at 9.30am** parents and carers are invited to attend our termly coffee morning. This is an opportunity for parents to meet members of the pastoral, attendance and administration team as well as learning more about our communication systems and extra curricular programme for all pupils. If you wish to attend please use this [link](#).

On **Tuesday 10th December, it is Year 7 Parents Evening**. It is really important that all parents/carers attend this event so that you have the opportunity to meet your child's subject teachers and learn more about their progress following their first term at Pleckgate High School. More information will be shared with you regarding how to book appointments next week.

**Our Year 11 pupils** are working hard as they prepare for their mock examinations which will start on Monday 6th January. All pupils have been provided with revision materials and guidance on Google Classroom. Pupils should be completing two hours of independent study per evening and additional time at the weekend in order that they are confident and as well prepared as possible.

**Year 10 pupils** are currently completing their first assessments as part of their GCSE Courses and reports will be shared with parents before the end of the Autumn Term. Thank you to parents who attended our first 'Step up to Year 10' event and for your support in helping your child complete regular homework, independent revision and participate in a leadership role in school

As part of our continued support for local charities, we will be raising money to support **Benefit Mankind** by celebrating **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12th December**. We would ask that pupils wear a Christmas accessory such as a jumper, tie, socks or hairband with a Christmas theme and all pupils donate £2 to support this charity. We are also asking for donations for the shoe box appeal and would request that pupils bring items such as face cloths, soap, warm socks and gloves, notebooks, pens/pencils and small toys or gift items.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

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