

Our Ref. MMc / DMB

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday evening the Sixth Form Enterprise Company held a family fun night- '*Boogie Bingo*'. This was the largest event to date with 85 people attending. Having spoken to pupils this morning, those who were able to attend all really enjoyed the evening – especially the food and the prizes that were won during the evening. Thank you to all the staff who helped the evening run- Kate, Stef, Miss Owen, Mr Kenny, Mrs Scott, Tracey, Kym and Jenni. As an Enterprise company the pupils aim to provide a service and raise money to fund the Summer Prom. Thank you to all those families who were able to attend.

Hopefully I will get the opportunity to see some of you again next week. Our Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. John's Church, Hartford, CW8 1NP on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will make their way to church from 9:15am and the service will start at 10:00am. My thanks to Mr Duncalf, our R.E. faculty lead, for organising the service with the support of St. John's Church.

Next week will see the Autumn Term draw to a close- where has the time gone? At the whole school Gold Star assembly this morning a significant number of pupils were commended for their continued hard work on all aspects of their learning. The ability to attend school consistently makes a significant contribution to this success. The Department of Education define '**persistent absence**' as attendance that falls below **90%**. With that in mind where a pupil's attendance falls below **90%** school will write to families to highlight the concern and offer support in order to raise attendance above this level. The impact of not attending school regularly does reduce opportunities for pupils.

School will close for the Christmas break on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and re-open for pupils on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**. Staff return to work on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 to complete a whole school training day- Refresher training '*Supporting pupils who may find it difficult to manage their emotions and feelings*'.

Have a safe weekend.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Head teacher



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