



We are well on the way towards Christmas and this is an ideal time to look back on a very successful year. There have been many memorable moments but probably the most satisfying was for Winterhill to be chosen as the first ever school to stage a ball at Wentworth Woodhouse for our Y11 leavers. This honour was as a result of our growing reputation for community engagement and I'm delighted that we've been invited back next year.

This community spirit is at the heart of our school's ethos; 'The Winterhill Way' and I look forward to inviting you to our production of 'A Christmas Carol The panto' which runs from 10th - 12th December. **S Rhodes - Headteacher**

CHRISTMAS AT WINTERHILL

Christmas is a time for communities to come together and we are very proud to have invited some of our older citizens into school for a Christmas lunch and party on Tuesday, 3rd December. Our wonderful students helped us to prepare and serve food, organise games and ensure everyone had a fabulous time.

Friday, 13th December is also 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Students wishing to participate with a £1 donation to the Christmas Jumper charity and wear their favourite Christmas jumper. Alternatively, a plain jumper (no logos) can be worn. Students are reminded that they still need to be in full uniform, with a shirt and tie underneath their jumper.

Furthermore, school closes for the holiday at 1:15 on Friday, 20th December. This day will be a non-uniform day and to participate, students will need to make a £1 donation. This event is being run by our prefect team and the money raised will be split between our school charities, student rewards and our Y11 ball.

Finally, on behalf of our governors and staff, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support of the school and we look forward to a successful 2020.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

It is vitally important that Winterhill has the correct contact information for your son/daughter. Please get in touch with school to provide your most up to date mobile number and e-mail address.

If you would like to contact me, please email **Julie Parkin**
jparkin@winterhill.org.uk
Headteachers' PA to make an appointment.
Thank you for your continued support
S Rhodes - Headteacher

ENRICHMENT AND CAREERS

Across school we continue to offer our students a range of enrichment. Science Club & D&T 'Craft Club' are every Thursday for Y7 and Y8. In Y9, Peer Mentor training and the Science Big Bang event will take place early next year. We also have an extensive sporting programme with football, netball, cheerleading and trampolining. In addition, our library is a fantastic hub for reading, coursework catch-up or revision, and this is in addition to our Y11 P7 revision programme.

Our careers programme has strong links with Sheffield Universities with enrichment on the application process and life at university. In Y9, a selection of students are also going to Oxford University to visit the teaching of mathematics.

Finally in Y10, our successful work experience programme will take place in May; students will be developing new skills suitable for college and apprenticeship applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS at WINTERHILL

- Wednesday, 11th December** - A Christmas Carol -
- Thursday, 12th December** A pantomime - 7pm start
- Friday, 13th December** Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday, 20th December** **Non-uniform day**
Students finish at 1.15pm*
school closes for Christmas
School re-opens to STAFF
and **STUDENTS**
- 2020**
Monday, 6th January
Wednesday, 22nd January A disaggregate INSET
students finish at 1.15pm
Y11 mock exams
- Monday, 27th January -**
Friday 14th February
Thursday, 30th January Y8 parents evening
Friday, 14th February **School closes for half term**
Monday, 24th February **Inset day -**
school closed to **STUDENTS**
School re-opens to STAFF
and **STUDENTS**
- Tuesday, 25th February**

*Arrangements can be made to supervise your child until 2.50pm by contacting your child's Behaviour for Learning Leader.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year