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Newsletter December 2017

Mrs Code's Message

It's a busy time in schools. The excitement of Christmas is beginning to grow. We have just taken delivery of our Christmas tree and, once again, students will be making a donation to charity to write the name of a special person to them on a bauble. Last year the tree looked magnificent!

We have an amazing Advent calendar in the Library and Mrs Hale has sold raffle tickets to win the chance to open one of the doors! The true meaning of Christmas is not forgotten here.

We are celebrating the birth of Jesus and the hope and eternal light we give thanks to this. Students will have lots of opportunities to reflect on how we celebrate this most special occasion including our Carol Service and Eucharist

A special thank you from all the Governors, staff and me for all of your support during 2017 and we wish you a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.

Jo Code
Headteacher

Events

We celebrated St Hilda's Day on November 17th. Staff and students were asked to write what St Hilda's meant to them. We read some of them out when we came together as a school. So many of them spoke about their 'St Hilda's family' which was amazing. This also coincided with Children in Need Day and the CIN catwalk came out again. More staff and students showed off their fancy dress outfits and prizes were awarded. We raised almost £1500 for a fantastic cause. Thanks for all of your support!

Once again, you are digging deep and donating. We have our usual hamper collection where we really make Christmas for some of our most needy local residents.

We are also collecting toys for children who will spend Christmas out of their homes for lots of reasons. It is lovely to know that St Hilda's parents, staff and students are providing communities with a much happier Christmas.

Thank you for whatever donations you are able to offer!

St Hilda's College. The Sixth Form @ St Hilda's

Thank you to the many of you with students in Year 11 who attended our College Open Evening. It was a great success. We had some amazing feedback and you liked the format of subject presentations and gathering the information. We also welcomed over 100 students from other Liverpool schools!

Taster Day

Following on from the Open Evening, students in Year 11 had the opportunity to sample a typical day as a Year 12 student. They chose the subjects they wanted to study, took part in a UCAS (university admissions sessions) with Mr Bellmon and enjoyed having their own café and seating area. It was lovely to hear the positive comments and we look forward to working with you over the coming months and meeting you for your guidance

Peer Mentors

Thanks to Mrs Norton, we now have another cohort of trained peer mentors. These 2 groups of students are trained to offer support to other students of all age groups. Already our Years 12 and 13 are supporting students on a day-to-day basis.

Eucharist

Congratulations to the Bar National Mock Trial team from Year 12 who prosecuted and defended 2 cases at Liverpool Crown Court on Saturday. We won 2 of our 3 heats! Not bad considering this is our first competition!

UCAS

UCAS applications are coming in thick and fast. We have sent 40 to date and had a large number of offers back, including unconditional offers and interviews at the top universities. We will keep you updated!

Please have a look at our new College website! We hope you find it useful and it gives a flavour of who we are! www.sthildacollege.co.uk

Progress & Achievements

As we move towards Christmas and the excitement it brings, it also brings assessments for many students and mock examinations for Year 11! We wish all of our Year 11 students every success and know that all of their hard work now will pay off in the real exams. We have now purchased SAM Learning and GCSE Pod to help support their revision. These are both online systems with the key information and exam-style questions and immediate feedback. Mrs Moore has devised a new scheme of learning for PSHE lessons for Year 11 which focus in on such valuable topics as study skills, preparing for examinations and producing a revision timetable.

Attendance

We are focussing on our attendance and punctuality as a school. During the bus strikes we have opened the school at 7.30 a.m. to help support parents dropping students at school and being able to get into school. Attendance overall is a target for us. Please support us by ensuring that your child comes to school and on time. There is a direct link between attendance and results and we want the very best for them!

Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Attendance	97.07%	97.49%	96.27%	94.64%	93.31%	94.07%	93.69%	95.59%

Total number of weeks missed in Years 10 and 11	Percentage of students achieving 5+ GCSEs A*-C or equivalent
0	78.7
0-1	74.4
1-2	69.2
2-3	63.9
3-4	58.2
4-5	52
5-6	45.8
6-7	40.4
7-8	34.8
8-9	30.9
9-10	27.6

Arrangements for our Christmas celebrations

We have already started our preparation for Christmas and we are all really looking forward to our Carol Service. There is a change of timing this year. We will be celebrating our Carol Service at 12.30 p.m. We will transport the students to the Cathedral, but they will be dismissed after the service at 2.30 p.m. from the Cathedral. Family and friends are most welcome to attend, Tuesday 19th December at 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas lunch will be served to those who have bought a ticket. Those who have free school meals will receive their ticket. This will also be our Christmas jumper day. Students can choose to wear a jumper or any other Christmassy item for a donation to charity.

Thursday 21st December—we celebrate a Eucharist together with a very Christmassy theme. Please note that we will finish **at midday** on the last day of term.

The end of the first term in schools is always incredibly busy, but a lovely time too!

Sport

PLEASE CHECK THE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SUCCESSES ON OUR PE WEBSITE!

St Hilda's students stand out from the crowds across all of the different sports they participate in. It is wonderful to read about their successes. We are incredibly proud of 2 of our students in external competitions

Congratulations to Abdul Saif who is the European Shotokan Karate Champion. Abdul adds this trophy to his World Silver Medal. An unbelievable achievement – well done Abdul.

Congratulations to Samantha Roberts, Year 7, who competed at the Archery GB Junior Indoor National Archery Championships in Coventry and achieved 2nd place in the Under 12 Junior Ladies Recurve category.

Prize Evening 2017

It was lovely to celebrate the achievements of so many of our students at our annual Prize Evening. It was lovely to see our Year 11 and Year 13 students and to award them their certificates. A special thanks to Gee Walker for her speech. Not only is Gee an honorary member of St Hilda's after students and staff voting to name a house after her, but she really drove home the message of Christian forgiveness and love. An inspiring person and we are grateful for her support.

Welcome

We welcomed 2 new members of the St Hilda's family very recently. Mrs Kaddour and Ms Gault both gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Welcome to the family Hannah and Olivia!

Key Dates

Carol Service 19th December at 12.30
Finish for Christmas break at midday
21st December
Return to school Monday 8th January
2018 8.35 a.m.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St Hilda's, I wish you all every blessing for this important time of year and a happy and healthy 2018.

Thank you for all of your continued support!

Jo Code

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Gallery



Abdul Saif



Girls Badminton Team



Year 12 students at The Bar National
Mock Trial



Samantha Roberts



Staff also joined in for CIN Day



Yasmin Marrow for CIN day!