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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

The colder weather has well and truly arrived, and even colder mornings are on their way next week! Please ensure your child has a suitable coat for school. Many of our students walk to school, and chilly mornings can make it difficult for them to start the day on a positive note. Recently, I've noticed a few students arriving without coats and looking very cold. If support is needed, please don't hesitate to contact our safeguarding office.

I'm aware that I often write about Year 11 in this newsletter, but it's such an important year for those students. This week has been the first week of big mock exams and I'd like to take a moment to commend our students on their fantastic attitude during the first week of mock exams. Their attendance has been excellent, and they've approached their exams with determination and focus. I have no doubt that this effort will pay off in the long run. If you're a Year 11 parent and haven't yet joined the WhatsApp channel for the year group, I strongly encourage you to do so. It's a brilliant resource with updates, reminders, and helpful information to keep you in the loop. Also a reminder of our Year 11 Parents' Evening on 5th December.

Meanwhile, the festive season is fast approaching, and we've been busy planning some exciting Christmas activities. Over the next week or two, you'll hear about 'The 12 Days of Christmas'—a series of rewards to celebrate good attendance. We're also planned our school Christmas lunch, taking place on 17th December, where students can enjoy a traditional festive meal together.

On a less festive note, I want to address the ongoing issue of mobile phones in school. They are a significant distraction for students, and this week, I've been made aware of TikTok and YouTube videos recorded by young people—some of which were filmed on our school premises. Recording videos in school is strictly against our rules, and I will take firm action against it. Phones must be switched off and kept out of sight during the school day. If a phone is seen, it will be confiscated. If a student is found to be recording on site, sanctions will be issued. I ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home. Please remind your child that if their phone is confiscated, a parent or carer will need to collect it from school.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





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## School Photographs

Please see the information below from Bentley Photography regarding the deadline for orders to qualify for free delivery to school. Any orders placed after 19/11/2024 will incur a home delivery charge.

# LAST CHANCE!

Don't miss your final  
opportunity to  
purchase your  
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## SEND Youth Council

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see the information below that the Local Authority have asked us to share with families. Salford Youth Council and partner agencies are trying to set up a SEND Youth Council to ensure young people with SEND have their voices heard and needs met.



**Youth Hub**  
Salford City Council

# Youth SEND Council

Do you live in Salford and are under 25?  
Do you have and Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?  
Would you like to get involved in developing services?

**We are looking for young people to join our  
SEND Youth Council**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Register your details and we will be in touch

Email us at [SENDyouthcouncil@salford.gov.uk](mailto:SENDyouthcouncil@salford.gov.uk)  
or scan the QR code below



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## **Salford Learning – Community Group**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Salford Learning is a new community group for discovering learning opportunities in Salford, whether you are looking for courses, workshops, training programmes, or just some personal development.

Their goal is to bring together learners of all ages and backgrounds, and help you find the resources you need to grow and thrive.

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest learning opportunities, please follow their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/salfordlearning>

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Smith  
**Transition & Community Lead**

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## Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates, further information will be sent to families closer to specific events:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Year 11	Mock Exams
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV catch ups
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 11	Parents Evening
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	Nurses in school – flu vaccination
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	Student Christmas Lunch Day
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 Christmas Holiday</b>		
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	Planning Day – School Closed to Students
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Year 10	Parents Evening
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students

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