

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

What a busy term we have just had! I hope that everyone enjoys the break over the Christmas holidays. It has been amazing to see so much going on in the final week of term, including the Sixth Form RAG WEEK which this year is raising money for Help for Heroes charity; we have had a fantastic range of fundraising activities on offer to students this week.

The Christmas cracker was a great opportunity for our students to show off some of their talents and it was certainly very festive, so well done to all those who took part and helped to organise this. We also enjoyed Senior Prize Giving which celebrates those students who have done so well both academically and also in their contribution to wider school life.

The autumn edition of Fox news is available on our website which has lots in it about the events this week and for the term, so please take a look.

As we look forward to 2020 we already have lots planned including the school production of "Our House" which is on the 16th and 17th January 2020. The students have put in a huge amount of work already to make this a wonderful production, and we saw some of this when they gave us a taster in the Christmas Cracker. So thank you for all the effort and extra time you have found to rehearse this - that goes for the staff as well!

It is always sad at the end of term when we have to say goodbye to members of staff and this year we have several departing colleagues. First is Fabienne Tartarin who has been with us since September in the MFL department. The next three have been working in Colfox for many years. Firstly Sue Berry (Textiles) is leaving us to move abroad and start a new adventure - we are all jealous of this! Irene Fairley (PE) leaves us after, wait for it, 37 years! She is retiring but I am sure it is not the last we will see of her. Finally we would like to say a fond farewell to Mike Hoffmann, our Deputy Headteacher, who has worked in many roles at Colfox since 2004. I would like to thank him for leading the academy during the period of change last year with such fantastic success. I am sure that all of our community will wish him luck in his new role as Vice Principal of Budmouth Academy in Weymouth, which he got in October. Moving forward, I am delighted to announce that Carol Duffy (Key Stage 3) and Tom Neill (Key Stage 4) will be stepping up to the role of Deputy Headteacher from January 2020. Good luck to all of them!

At this time of year the most important gifts anyone can give and receive are love, kindness and friendship. I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year see you in 2020!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher