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Dear Parents

It has been another busy half term and I am sure everyone is really looking forward to having some rest and recuperation over the festive period. Hopefully, we will all feel better and recover from coughs and colds by the time we come back in January!

Yet again, Year 8 students have been involved in sports events across the half-term with successes in basketball, football and netball to name a few. I am looking forward to seeing our students participate in the upcoming talent events organised as part of the Sixth Form Rag Week. One of our students also won a competition to design the Bridport Christmas Card. Great achievements for all.

We have had an assembly this term on Armistice Remembrance and as always, the students were all very respectful with the silence.

We also had an assembly from Kooth, an organisation which provides free, safe and anonymous support for mental health and wellbeing for young people. If you would like to know more about Kooth and the service they offer, please use the following link. <https://www.kooth.com/>

The year group continue to demonstrate positive behaviour for learning and I continue to have positive feedback from subject teachers. So far, students have accrued over 10,000 House Points, which is an amazing achievement. We continue to expect all of our students to show respect for each other, their environment and belongings.

We want our students to be safe when travelling to and from school. Please can you talk to your young person about being safe and considerate on the way to and from school, particularly with the dark evenings and potential for snow and ice on the roads making it more dangerous. Students who choose to walk on the Pymore Road – rather than the pavement, and on bikes are particularly vulnerable.

Please can I take the opportunity to remind you again of the school policy for uniform. <https://www.colfox.org/school-uniform-presentation>. Skirts, for some students are very short and may need replacing. If you need any financial support in replacing school uniform please let me know. If you are experiencing any difficulties financially, or you have any concerns about how this is impacting on your young person please contact either their Tutor or me.

The only thing I would like to add, is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.



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Yours sincerely



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