

8 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### Christmas 2025

As we approach the Christmas holidays and the end of our Autumn Term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the brilliant achievements and positive start to the new school year.

This term has been an inspiring and exciting one, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights from across our year groups:

- Year 7 have settled into secondary school life brilliantly and are currently preparing for their Christmas Enterprise Fair.
- Year 8 have been on a residential trip to Millers Dale and had a trip out to Kelham Island.
- Year 9 have been engaging in lots of reading and will soon be preparing for options.
- Year 10 have already been preparing for their upcoming work experience and some have been on the annual Geography field trip.
- Year 11 have completed their first set of mocks, attending P6 and completing practical exams. They have worked extremely hard during the first term of their final year.

Each of these successes reflects the values that are the core principles of Stocksbridge High School, 'Be Positive, Be Kind, Be Confident, Be Reflective.' I am incredibly proud of every student and the way they continue to grow, support one another, and contribute to our school community.

In line with tradition, we will have an early finish on Friday 19 December 2025 to break up for the Christmas holidays. School will end at 1.30pm and the school buses have been arranged at this time to accommodate this.

#### Other Christmas arrangements

- Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 10 December 2025 from the canteen.
- Christmas jumper day is on Friday 12 December 2025 (suggested £1 donation) to raise money for charity, this is a non-uniform day.
- Year 7 are completing their Christmas Enterprise Fair on Wednesday 17 December 2025.

We are also holding a form door Christmas decoration competition, Christmas shoebox appeal as well as a 'Find the 12 naughty elves' game and 10 days of Christmas attendance event. There will also be some Christmas lunchtime activities in the final week.

Further letters regarding the SEND department, uniform and illness will shortly follow with more information.

We return to school on Monday 5 January 2026 on week 2 of the timetable.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I wish you and your family a joyful, restful, and peaceful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher