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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come towards the end of a busy term, I write to share information about events coming up in school before the end of term and to wish all our families an enjoyable Christmas break.

### **WESPA Arts & Crafts Fair – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

WESPA will be running an Arts & Crafts Fair in the hall this Saturday. Please do come along between 10am-2pm. It will be a great opportunity to shop for some great gifts for yourself, family and friends and then stay for a coffee and cake. All proceeds will go towards new staging in the main hall.

### **WESPA Winter Raffle**

Your son should have brought home this week a letter and raffle tickets for the WESPA Winter raffle, which will be drawn at the Winter Entertainment Evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. WESPA have managed to get some great prizes donated and we would be grateful if you could try to sell the tickets sent home. Please send the sold ticket stubs and proceeds into the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your son's name and tutor group before the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Lunch and Winter Entertainment Evening – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December there will be a special Christmas lunch served in the canteen for all students, with Tony Gordon and his team providing some splendid seasonal dishes, followed after school by our last school event of the year – the Winter Entertainment Evening. WESPA will be providing refreshments and we are looking forward to performances from many students across the school. The raffle draw will be held at the end of the evening. All parents are most welcome to come along.

### **WESPA – William Ellis School Parents Association**

I am very grateful for the support that WESPA continues to provide to the school. It strengthens our community and their support goes well beyond simple fundraising. For example, WESPA liaise with the Student Council to find out what improvements the boys would like to see. As well as providing refreshments at numerous school events, they organize fun runs, the Arts & Crafts fairs and other special events and the Winter raffle. They are now also running good quality second hand uniform sales at parent/teacher meetings.

### **Arrangements for the last day of term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

This will be a fundraising non-uniform day and we would like boys to wear a Christmas jumper, if possible, in support of **Christmas Jumper Day**. In return for not wearing uniform we would like a contribution of £1. All monies collected will go to **Shelter** and **Save the Children** charities.

Students will be dismissed via the back gate in year groups between 12.30pm and 1pm:

<b>12.30pm</b>	Years 9 and 10
<b>12.45pm</b>	Years 7 and 8
<b>1.00pm</b>	Year 11

A cold lunch service will be available from 12.30– 1.20pm in the canteen and all boys will be off site by 1.30pm.

### **Lost Property**

We have a huge collection of lost property – especially outdoor coats lost by boys this term and not claimed. Can you please ask you son to check the lost property cupboard in the Learning Resources Centre to search any items they might have lost since the start of term.

### **Events Next Term**

Please do regularly check our website and weekly newsletters for details of events coming up in school.

### **New Term, New Year**

Finally, a reminder that students return to school after the break on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** (Week A) with a **normal start time of 8.30am**.

All at the school wish you and your family a very enjoyable Christmas break and very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam White'.

Mr Sam White  
Headteacher