



# ELIZABETHAN HIGHLIGHTS

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2021

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE !**

HOW WE HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING  
AT THE ELIZABETHAN

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



## Welcome to our Christmas Team Elizabethan newsletter.

This has been a challenging year for us all, but I am so incredibly proud and grateful for the way that staff and students have risen to the challenge. They have been determined that this pandemic will not define them, and not stop our students from getting the education they so deserve. Never have the values and ethos of our school been more important than this year. It is a real privilege to work in a school where staff put students at the centre of everything they do and go above and beyond for them on a daily basis. Students have shown me that they are not only talented, ambitious and committed to their education, but they are also compassionate, kind and caring.

This really struck me last week when I was interviewing for the student senior leadership team. The students all talked about wanting to give something back to their school and their community and expressed a desire to help others. Our school is so much more than just a place to get good qualifications and long may it be so.

I am looking forward to 2022 as I know that whatever the year brings, the staff, students, governors, and the support of our parents will ensure it is successful. **I wish you all a happy Christmas with your families, friends and loved ones and a healthy and peaceful 2022.**

Mrs C. Horrocks

## UPDATE FROM OUR HEAD GIRL, SOPHIE PAULSON.

The Sixth Form have had a very busy start to this year! We have formed our new Sixth Form Council and have met for some initial meetings to discuss student issues, and I'm looking forward to continuing this in the new year. We will also be joining with the whole school council where we hope that the student voice can really make a difference.

It is fantastic to see how students across the school, including the Sixth Form have embraced the new enrichment period and are taking advantage of the many opportunities given. Some of us are supporting and working with the lower year groups in one of the many options available; whilst others are developing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) worth half an A-level and can be converted into points towards university applications.

Earlier this term we played an active role in raising money for the charity 'Mind'. Alongside the tremendous effort made by the lower school to donate items to this cause, the 6th form held a bake sale within the common room that raised £65. We are very proud of the year 12s involved in making it possible and we are keen to see what more charitable work we can do in the coming year.

Leading up to Christmas year 12 and 13s have been working hard to complete formal mock examinations (PPEs). Completing these now means that we can take some time to relax over the Christmas break before we return in January refreshed and ready to prepare for the next round!

Miss S. Paulson





## Key Information about the Return to School in January 2022

In line with government policy, we will have a staggered start when we return to school from January 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> 2022. This will enable us to carry out Covid Tests on all students before they begin to mix in school after the Christmas Break. From Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of January students should remain at home and log on to Teams for remote learning and Live lessons until they have come into school for their test during their given time slot. Students will return to school as normal the day following their Covid test.

### Keeping our Community Safe

Here at The Elizabethan we are committed to continuing to do everything possible to ensure that the safety and health of our staff and students is our first priority. This includes monitoring and implementing any guidance provided by the government and the scientific community.

We would ask that you all also do your part in helping to keep everyone safe in school by following any rules put in place such as wearing masks in common areas.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**School Closed for Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Years 7 and 11 Covid Testing**

Online learning for all students

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Years 8, 12 and 13 Covid Testing**

Years 7 and 11 in school as normal

Online Learning for Year 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Years 9 and 10 Covid Testing**

Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 in school as normal

Online lessons for year 9 and 10

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**All students in school as normal**

**Details of timeslots for testing and further instructions will be sent out to all parents individually**

# Elizabethan News:



## STUDENT LED CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

- Our amazing students continue to want to support and work hard for those in the world less fortunate than ourselves.
- Last month they held the first of what they hope will be a number of charity fundraising events throughout the year.
- This event was to raise money for to help provide toilets to communities in other countries that still do not have developed sanitation systems.



## TOILET TWINNING



The humanities department, led by Miss Boneham, Mr Cosslett and some of their amazing year 12 students, Molly Willows, Lottie Tomlinson, Freya Horner, Lukas Dent, Harry Shooter, Beth Ellis, Laura Taylor, Olivia Taylor and Jessica Taylor, have decided throughout the year to hold a number of charity fundraising days. The first one selected by our sixth formers was for World Toilet Day on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The students researched different charities and came across Toilet Twinning (<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>), a charity who help toilet poverty in the developing world, by supporting small scale community projects and building toilets. Over 1.7 billion people in the world do not have access to a safe and clean toilet and this can lead to a huge number of issues such as disease and impacts on young people's education. Our year 12 students lead on planning

a number of different events on the day, as well as advertising this through an amazingly informative assembly and a poster competition that resulted in Mr Cosslett's window being decorated with lots of toilets! Some of the outstanding events they ran included a none uniform day, where students wore blue to support a loo, a raffle with some amazing prizes, 'fishing for floaters' a humorous twist on hook the duck, and a 'where did Dylan do his doggie business' on our school site. The students ran all the events on the day and managed to sell over 1000 raffle tickets. In total they have managed to raise upwards of £500, which will go a long way in supporting those in need the most. A big **Thank You**, to you all for putting this event in place and to all students who supported us on the day by donating. Keep your eyes out for our next event!



## Student Voice: Idle Valley



*'I like being at IV because there are a lot less people than there are in school. Due to my ASD I don't like surprises and prefer to be informed about developments throughout the day. This can't happen in school because there are too many people and I am constantly anxious, but at Idle Valley I am relaxed' - Student A*

*'Since coming to IV my anxiety has settled and I enjoy coming to school. I still do the same lessons as mainstream students but in a more comfortable space with support when I need it'- Student B*



## Spotlight: Elizabethan Idle Valley Alternative Provision

As the calendar year draws to a close, students at Idle Valley would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

They would also like to offer a glimpse into what makes the Idle Valley Alternative Provision so special to them and share some of their experiences they have had over the past year and how they feel working at the centre.



*'It's a nice relaxed environment and because there aren't as many students you can get more 1:1 support. If you are feeling anxious you can go for a walk with Mrs Horrocks and Dylan and time out if you need it' – Student C*

*'At IV you can be yourself because the teachers are very understanding. This helps to build confidence and helps with mental health issues. Also, people don't have to pretend to be something they are not because no-one judges you. IV gives you a reason to get up in a morning because you get the chance to do your best in a relaxed atmosphere' – Student D*

*'We all look out for each other and if someone is having a bad day we look after them because we are like a family' –Student E*

# ENRICHMENT



## Sustainable Fashion

In the last Issue we introduced the new Enrichment Period that all students participate in on Wednesday afternoons.

This Issue we catch up with Miss Devine and her Sustainable Fashion group to see what they have been up to.



## FASHION FORWARD!

Over the past half term, students in the Sustainable Fashion enrichment across year 7-11 have worked collaboratively to plan an exhibition to display the clothes that they have upcycled, which other enrichment groups were then invited to.

All students worked incredibly hard, either individually or within a pair to create a new outfit from old unloved clothes. Each member of the group contributed to the creation of the event and their amazing outfit.

I am proud of how exceptionally hard they have worked, taking inspiration from a range of fashion icons and influences to create their new look. I look forward to the next rotation!

Miss V Devine





Christmas started early this year as the School Choir took to the stage at the Retford Christmas Tree Lighting festival to perform a selection of Christmas carols and songs in Retford Town Square, whilst the Young Voices group previewed some of the songs they have been working on for their concert at the Sheffield Arena in 2022.

Each of our House Teams have been decorating a tree with personal messages of hopes, inspiration and thanks to their heroes that have helped them through the last year. All trees are on display in the School Dome

Some of you may have also seen our school tree proudly displayed at the Christmas Tree festival at St. Swithuns Church.

We may not be able to gather for an end of year Christmas assembly, but that cannot stop our students! They are busy recording a range of items, from musical performances to showing off work they are proud of this term, for an online virtual assembly that will be shared across the school in tutor classrooms on the final day of term .

*We Wish You A  
Merry Christmas  
And  
A Happy New Year*

*From all at  
The Elizabethan Academy*



## Christmas at The Elizabethan

Not even Covid-19 can dampen the spirits of Christmas here at The Elizabethan Academy!

Here are some of the events and activities that have been taking place in the lead-up to Christmas 2021



# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

- Miss Clark and the Safeguarding Team would like to ensure that all parents and students have the most up-to-date information regarding safe online practises.
- In this issue the focus is on the sharing of digital images with a link to some important new research in this area.
- With so many students likely to receive new digital devices at Christmas there are also links to information about the wide range of social media platforms available and tips about establishing safety on new devices.

# Stay safe online this Christmas



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION LINKS:

As we move into the Christmas break I think you would benefit from reading an important piece of recent research conducted around digital image-sharing practices with young people aged 12-18 years, across the UK. It offers parents, carers and educators an opportunity to understand, identify and respond to the harmful online behaviours that technology facilitates. The document is [Understanding and Combatting Youth Experiences of Image-based Sexual Harassment and Abuse](#) and can be accessed by Ctrl+Click on the title. You may also find this [Social Media Library](#) document a useful point of reference in understanding the nature of the social media apps your children have on their phones/pads.

Finally National Online Safety have produced a user-friendly set of tips for you to guide your child through so they can enjoy their digital devices safely which you can access here [Christmas Tips](#)

The [safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) mail box will be checked regularly throughout the holiday for you to contact us if you are worried about the safety and wellbeing of your child.

**Best wishes to you and your family  
Miss Clark and the Safeguarding Team**







## JANUARY



Monday 3 January

Public holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 4 January

**School Re-opens - Please see page 3 for details of staggered start and online learning due to covid testing.**

Wednesday 5 January

Young Voices Festival at Sheffield Arena –**Postponed:**  
**new date to be announced for latter in 2022**

Wednesday 12 Jan

Year 9 Parents Evening: 2.30pm-6pm

Wednesday 19 Jan

Year 10 Parents Evening: 2.30pm-6pm

Thursday 20 Jan

Immunisation Team in for Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 27 Jan

Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> History Trip

## FEBRUARY



Wednesday 2 February

Year 7 Parents Evening 2.30pm-6pm

Thursday 3 February

Year 12 Parents Evening 2.30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 8 February

Year 11 English Trip to Poetry Live

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10 February

Year 8 Options Evening 2.30pm-6.45pm

Year 10 Careers Fayre – Doncaster

Friday 11 February

Year 10 Evening Theatre Visit – ‘An Inspector Calls’

Year 11-13 Media Trip to Media City, Manchester

## KEY DATES

## SPRING TERM 1

## JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021