The Royal High School Bulletin
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Website
You can find our website here: www.royalhigh.edin.sch.uk We hope you find the site useful and informative.

Please read what’s been going on in our news section on the website.

Dates to Note
Please note you can subscribe to our school iCal calendar via the website www.royalhigh.edin.sch.uk. Please click on the button on the right hand side of the front page.

• Monday 17th to Thursday 20th December – Scots Nation term award visit to Christmas Market
• Wednesday 19th December – all pupils return to normal school timetable
• Thursday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day (bring a £1) & Christmas Concert 7pm
• Friday 21st December – School closes for holidays at 12pm
• Wednesday 9th January – school reopens for pupils

Staffing News

We currently have the following vacancies:

• Teacher of Business Education – continue to readvertise
• Pupil Support Assistant, permanent – moving to interview
• Clerical Assistant, permanent – appointed and awaiting paperwork

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr Serhani who left us for a new post on Friday, we wish him luck in his new job. Mrs Lorna Watson will join us on Monday 28th January as our new permanent Maths teacher.

Ms Molly Skehal retired this month and we wish her a very long and happy retirement. Ms Skehal has been replaced by Ms Waterland our new permanent English teacher.

Mr Andrew Rooney is currently on secondment to a promoted post in Holyrood High School and has been replaced by our new permanent English teacher Ms Amy Hogg.

Christmas Concert
Tickets are available from the School Office for our Christmas Concert on Thursday 20th December at 7pm. Come along and support our performers and get in the mood for the season!
Our wonderful Parent Fundraising group will also be putting on a number of stalls including hot soup, pakora, baking and refreshments, bottle stall, raffle, henna tattoos and much more! Bring some extra pennies and support our fundraising – every penny goes back in to supporting extra
equipment for subjects across the school. The fundraising stalls will be open from 6pm so come early and give your support!

**Fundraising**

As a school we collected around 630 gifts which are now being processed by Cash for Kids and will be given to children in and around Edinburgh. This is a phenomenal amount to raise and the quality of the gifts was remarkable. A massive thank you to you all!

As a school we were also able to send over 200 cards, letters and even some paintings to the elderly to read and open on Christmas Day. This has been a great achievement.

Our foodbank dress down day raised a phenomenal amount of food to support those in need. Final total to follow!

A huge thank you for all your support in our fundraising efforts. As a community you are amazing at supporting these very worthy causes and are really making a huge difference.

**Parents Mental Health Information Session**

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parents Mental Health evening. I have attached a useful flowchart which shows the services which can be accessed if you have any concerns about someone’s mental health.

**iPads & ICT Information**

Additional restrictions are being put in place on all of our iPads. S1-3 have already been done and S4 will be completed this week. This is to ensure we comply with council regulations regarding the apps and content being accessed. Apps that fall into the categories of social networking, games and entertainment have been blocked. All others – creativity, productivity, education, reading and reference, health and fitness have all remained.

Please note no member of staff will be asking pupils to download apps. Any requests for new apps need to go through our IT team to be evaluated to ensure they are appropriate and also that they will run on our iPads as we have a variety of ages across the school. They would then be pushed out to the pupils who require it through our iPad management system.

The YouTube and Pintrest apps are not permitted as these allow pupils access to channels and content not permitted or appropriate in school. They can however still be accessed via the web and this ensures the content is filtered. Our staff can also put content they wish pupils to access in links in OneNote or iTunes U. All the iPads regardless of age can access this through the web.

Websites have not been restricted beyond the council filtering already in place. We do have to take cognisance of new Information Security restrictions which does mean some websites which request pupils to enter their personal details cannot be used. This is mainly due to where and how the data is stored by that website.

**Christmas End of Term**

Students should attend school as normal on Friday 21st December. We will have number of events in place during the morning including a teachers vs pupils basketball game and whole school assembly. This will be a celebration of many of our achievements during the session so far and will include highlights from our excellent performers, musicians and dancers. Students will be dismissed for the holidays at 12pm. If this causes any difficulties for parents or carers then
please contact the School Office and we will arrange for your child to be supervised until 12.30pm

**Lunches will be provided during the morning break only and pupils can purchase a packed lunch at this time if they wish.**

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family Seasons Greetings and a prosperous New Year. Please note school resumes for students on Wednesday 9th January.

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