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The Valley Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our students back to The Valley after what we hope was a lovely, relaxing and safe Christmas break.

We are anticipating another busy term this spring with our usual vibrant and engaging lessons, educational trips, visits and experiences.

Goodbyes, welcomes and changes

Sadly we had to say goodbye to four of our staff last term. Their movement away from the school were all for very positive reasons such as promotion or changes in family circumstances leading to relocation.

We wish Mr Walker, Ms Scott, Ms Small and Ms Houghton all the very best in their future careers.

We have also been extremely pleased with the high quality appointments we have been able to make over the past few months. The excellent reputation of the school is making it a very desirable place to work and we are benefitting from the exceptional standard of candidates we are receiving when we are advertising for positions. We would like to offer a warm welcome to:

Ms Borrie - Year 11 Tutor and English Teacher

Ms Wells - Year 11 Tutor and Science Lead

Mrs Pearce – Year 8 Tutor and Literacy Lead

There have also been a few internal changes over the holidays:

Mr Russell has taken over from Mr Walker as Head of PE.

Ms Shears has decided to step down as Head of Year 7 and Mr Jones has taken over this role.

Ms Mole will be supporting Ms Crosby with her form in Year 10 and Ms Heller will take over as Year 11 Sky's form tutor.

New Timetable

As a result of the staff changes we have had to implement a new timetable. We recognise that this is not ideal at this time of year as many of our students (and staff) don't like change. However, with the appointment of a specialist Science Teacher, this has allowed us to ensure the vast majority of our staff are now teaching their specialist subject more frequently, increasing the quality of the students' learning experience across the school still further. To assist the students in coping with this change, they received their timetables before Christmas and they were also published on the school website, where they can still be found today. We also had a soft start to this morning's lessons with students spending period one with their Form Tutors, processing the changes.

WinterFest '23, Thursday 19 January, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

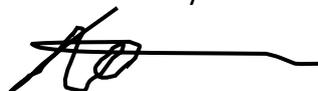
I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our up and coming WinterFest '23. This is a lovely evening of students performing and a fete for you to enjoy. Please put the date in your diary.

All of our KS3 students will have the opportunity to perform; including many of the students who have instrumental lessons with Matthew and Jim.

After School Clubs

These will restart week commencing Monday 16th January 2023.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
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