



# Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Christmas Newsletter

As we come to a very long term and look forward to a well earned break over the Christmas holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for all the hard work you put into helping your children get the best out of their education. The partnership between school and home is such an important one and it has been a pleasure to work with so many Year 9 parents this year. Do please reach out to your child's tutor or myself if ever there is anything we can do to support their learning and wellbeing.

It has been another packed half term, with one of the highlights being the Carol Service at Guildford Cathedral last week. As ever, Year 9 were well represented amongst the singers, performers, readers and musicians. I'm very proud of all those who took part and gave back so much to their school community, especially those performing in such a grand venue for the first time. The wider Year group conducted themselves with their usual calm and we may have found some undiscovered vocal talents amongst the Year 9 boys.

Enrichment Day last week focussed on giving students the opportunity to think about a range of global issues and areas of interest. Year 9 completed a range of activities that looked at, amongst other things, sustainable travel, planning a journey and customer service. Students also competed in some different sports from around the world that they may have not encountered before. Again, I could not have been more pleased with the way that the Year group got involved with these activities and the amazing amount of understanding they showed about all sorts of issues around the globe.

As we look ahead beyond Christmas, Year 9 students may be starting to think about their GCSE options choices. There will be a full program of information for students and parents alike to help ensure that decisions are informed and can be made with confidence. Please keep an eye out for information that will be sent out in the New Year. To kick start this process, I would encourage all students to speak to their families, older siblings/friends and trusted adults about their choices and what might be the best fit for them. This conversation might start with the academic report that you will have recently received and might consider what each student's long term aspirations are in terms of college and beyond.

I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday and I look forward to what 2024 has in store for us.



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