



Children's Hospital School

'Better Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all our parents who have supported our students to attend school. I am pleased to see that almost all year 11 students are attending fulltime or have increased their timetables this term. There is a clear link between lesson attendance and success in school, and later this term our year 11 students will be taking our mock examinations, so maintaining regular attendance has never been so important. Year 10 students also need to be in school as much as possible so please contact tutors to discuss timetables.

Please remember that on days when students are anxious or in need of support, we have a team of staff in school who can help them.

To help plan for the next few weeks here are some dates for your diary: -

Upcoming Events

Autumn Term

Friday 14 th November	Children in Need (Pyjama Day)
Wednesday 26 th November	INSET Day. The school is closed to students and transport has been cancelled for the day
Monday 1 st December	Parents Evening
Tuesday 2 nd December	Mock Examinations for Year 11 begin
Tuesday 16 th December	Mock Examinations for Year 11 end
Wednesday 17 th December	Cinema trip and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 th December	To be announced
Friday 20 th December	Carol Service in the morning. School closes at 12.50pm.



Spring Term

Monday 5th January School re-opens for the spring term

Tuesday 6th January Vocational trip to Pizza Express (year 10)

Details for each of these events are being sent out separately and we hope as many students as possible can take part in the trips

Year 11 Exams

Exam times can be challenging for all students and we would like to be able to support everyone to do their best. Please look carefully at the information that we send out separately for exams, so that you are aware which are internal mock exams and when the external IDCL exams (computer exams) take place. Art students will have their mock exam before the main mock timetable begins. Please contact the tutor if you have any concerns.

School times

A reminder of school times for those bringing students to school and collecting at the end of the day. Please help us by being punctual and allowing time for students to enter the school and get to their first lessons on time.

Morning 9.00am to 12.50pm
Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.10pm

School Dress

Although students are invited to take part in pyjama day for Children in Need, we would like to remind you that students should be dressed properly for school on other days and that nightwear, loungewear and slippers are not normally allowed in school. We will be collecting donations on our pyjama day.

Thank you for your on-going support. Please keep in contact with your child's tutor if there are any issues we need to address in school.

We are looking forward to a purposeful end of term.

Yours sincerely



Diane Davies
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Head of School (Willow Bank School)



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