



NOTTINGHAM
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Nottingham Free School Newsletter **December 2014**

With Christmas fast approaching and life getting even busier than usual, it is important to spend some time reflecting on our achievements this term. I am so proud of everything that we have all achieved together over the past fourteen weeks at Nottingham Free School. There are two key times that stand out for me:

Visitors

We had two important visits this half term from government officials. Our first was a visit from the Department for Education who were extremely pleased with the start we have made. The two educational advisors who stayed for the whole day are regular inspectors of schools. They were particularly impressed with the dedication and hard work they saw from staff and students.

Our second visit, later in the same week, was from Baroness Evans of Bowes Park. Natalie Evans is the Director of New Schools Network, an educational charity which supports Free Schools. She received a tour of the school from some of our student council and other members took part in a question and answer session where they were able to pose their own questions to her. She thoroughly enjoyed the visit and said the highlight was meeting all of the students. They continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school and their confidence and pride is always commented on. All of our visitors stayed for a delicious school dinner but the Baroness hit the jackpot by visiting on 'fish and chip Friday'!

Pantomime & Christmas activities

It has been a very busy end of term with many activities organised by students and staff and I would like to thank them all for the time and effort in organising them. The student council, supported by Miss Tervit, provided us with a fundraising school disco where many a good dance move was spotted on the dance floor!

Our Christmas dinner was superb and our thanks go to Mrs Pratt and Mrs Findlay. The dinner was swiftly followed by our first whole school trip to the pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse. The students conducted themselves really well and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Even some of the staff were spotted singing and clapping along...

Our Christmas medley performance showcased a number of the extra-curricular activities we offered this term namely the choir, drama group and dance team. The performances were really confident and the whole event got the audience in a Christmas mood. It is fantastic to see so much talent on show within our cohort of students.

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The achievement assembly and rewards afternoon organised by the pastoral team took place on the last day. It is vital that we continue to recognise the hard work and effort our students give. The achievement assembly rewarded all those who have made an extra effort in some way based on our school motto of work hard, be kind.

Assessments next half term

Just a reminder that the first assessment week will take place from 19th January. Students will be given revision support in study time and information about this week will be shared with all students and parents/carers in the first week back. All information will also be available on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. I hope that the break is an enjoyable family time for all. Thank you again for your continued support.

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