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Dear Parents

I hope all your children had a relaxing half term break and we are pleased to see them returning to school today for the second half of the Autumn Term 2024.

The new half term brings with it plenty of opportunities for students to get involved outside of their everyday learning and is a fresh start for some of the children who want to increase their attendance from last half term. Remember, it is safe for children to attend school with coughs and colds, and even covid, if they feel well enough. Pastoral Managers are happy to provide paracetamol for your child (with your approval), should you not wish to send your child in with their own painkillers.

Some of the exciting events for students to take part in this term include:

- Yr11 Maths Higher Lectures at Springwood on Thursday 7 November
- Remembrance Day - students may wear their cadet/service uniforms on Monday 11 November
- Steve Eadon, former Arsenal Football Coach, speaking to Year 9 on Tuesday 12 November;
- Support for the Children in Need charity, with a non-uniform day on Friday 15 November;
- West Norfolk Academies Trust Debating Competition final at Smithdon on Friday 15 November (Yr8 & Yr9)
- KS3 and Primary Orchestral Workshop on Wednesday 20 November
- Year 7 Team Building Day on Friday 22 November
- Yr11 Higher Science Lectures at Springwood on Wednesday 27 November
- The German Christmas Market trip
- Christmas Choral performances in local nursing homes
- West Norfolk Academies Trust Spelling Bee Competition final at Terrington St Clements' High School on Friday 13 December
- Christmas Jumper Day (raising money for Save the Children Fund) and Year 7 Pantomime trip on Friday 20 December

I also look forward to seeing you at some of the events for parents and students this half term, including:

- Yr7 Settling in Evening and presentations on Thursday 7 November
- Yr8 Tutor Evening and presentations on Thursday 14 November
- Yr9 Tutor and GCSE Preferences Evening on Thursday 21 November
- Performances of this year's Smithdon Production: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jnr on 4 and 5 December
- West Norfolk Academies Trust Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas Chapel King's Lynn on Wednesday 11 December
- Smithdon Christmas Concert at Hunstanton Town Hall on Thursday 12 December
- Year Group Celebration Assemblies each morning of the week beginning 16 December.

It is that time of year, where we ask for your feedback on the school, our communication with you and areas you feel we need to improve. Some of the questions reflect those you are asked on parents' evenings but there are additional questions as well. I am grateful to all parents who are able and willing to complete this for us **by Monday 18 November** and the parent survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/ZUriB4DqZP5ShNgU9>. You can include your name or remain anonymous, as you wish;

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however the students have their own surveys to complete for us (anonymously should they wish) so please complete this survey with your own opinions, rather than those of your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support of Smithdon High School. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins,

Mrs A Gibbins
Headteacher

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