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Dear parents/carers,

As we begin the last four weeks of the autumn term, I write to provide a brief update about the events and activities taking place at Porthcawl Comprehensive School in December.

It has been another busy term at PCS, and it has been lovely to see so many pupils engaging in our extra-curricular activities. These activities will continue throughout the academic year, and more information can be found here: [What's On 2025-2026](#).

This week Year 11 pupils will attend a Careers Event at the Utilita Arena in Cardiff and Year 10 pupils will attend the World Skills Competition at the STEAM Academy in Bridgend and as we move towards December we look forward to several festive activities!

In late November and December, there is a lot planned:

- **ALN Evening** - on Thursday 27th November, our Year 6 parents/carers from our primary school cluster are invited to attend an information evening so that they can meet staff and gain an insight into how we will provide feedback.
- **School Christmas Tree** - we are proud that our school Christmas Tree made from recycled materials will be once again located in our school reception. Last year, the tree was made by our Year 10 Product Design pupils. The lights will be officially 'switched-on' on the w/b Monday 1st December.
- **Foodbank Appeal** - once again we will be supporting this worthwhile appeal. Dates for donations will be confirmed very soon. If pupils wish to donate an item, donations should be brought to registration.
- **Lille Christmas Market** - On Friday 5th December staff and pupils in Key Stage 4 travel to Lille Christmas Market – bon voyage!
- **Year 7 Progress Evening** - Wednesday 3rd December.
- **SEREN Welcome** - the Year 10 SEREN Welcome Event will take place on Friday 5th December.
- **Year 9 First Give Project** - the Year 9 First Give Project is underway. Year 9 form groups have selected their chosen charity and have been planning their social action projects.
- **Porthcawl Library Visit** – on Wednesday 10th December a small group of Year 7 pupils will visit Porthcawl Library.
- **Winter Wonderland** - this trip is for Year 11 and will take place on Tuesday 11th December.
- **Carol Service** - All Saints Church, Evening Service at 7pm, Wednesday 17th December. We look forward to seeing you there.

- **Carol Service** - All Saints Church (morning service, for pupils and staff only). This will take place during the school day. Due to capacity at the church, identified year groups will attend. This will take place on Thursday 18th November. We will walk pupils to All Saints Church.
- **Attendance Celebration Assemblies** - w/b 15th December. Heads of Year and Senior Staff will be delivering a number of celebration assemblies.
- **Christmas Dinner for Pupils** - this will take place on Tuesday 9th December. On this day, we will start lunch early. Preparing lunch for over 1200 people is no easy task! I pass on my sincere thanks to our Acting Catering Manager, Mrs Woodall and our Catering Staff.
- **Wear a 'Festive' Item** - this will take place on Tuesday 9th December. Pupils (and staff) can wear a Jumper, gloves, hat, head band, socks - just wear something festive (and sensible). This will coincide with the Christmas Dinner for pupils.
- **Winter Games** – our PE department are preparing for our 'Annual Winter Games' taking place on the 15th and 16th December. A number of team sports and competitions for pupils to participate in. I look forward to seeing the house results!
- **Last day of term** - Friday 19th December. School finishes at 3pm.

I will write to again before the end of this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

Mike Stephens

Headteacher/Pennaeth

