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News from the Principal

Well done to all of our Year 11 learners who have demonstrated real resilience over the last two weeks. The mock GCSE process has been an intensive schedule for learners, with some sitting three exams in one day. They all coped admirably. The results of the exams will be shared in January with learners, staff and leaders. From the collected data, we will identify and address any trends or deficits in learning and will implement further actions to ensure learners are on track to achieve their very best at GCSE level. This year our Nurture team and learners put on their first Christmas production. There was drama both on and off stage but the final performance was a huge success. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the performance on Wednesday however, I was delighted

to see it this afternoon - what an incredible bunch! Thank you to the whole team within the provision for coordinating such an amazing celebration of learning. Our animals have gone on an extended Christmas vacation, while we carry out some maintenance work on the DC Farm. Thank you Mrs Ellis and Greenworks for sorting out the logistics. Work with Wales High School has begun to build momentum and is adding real capacity to help to support the improvement with our curriculum offer. This will enhance our use of moderation and assessments. As we move into the Spring term, we will continue to update you on actions and improvements that are being implemented. Strong cross-school relationships are being

established between departments and we are confident this will strengthen our existing provision to offer increasing opportunities for staff professional development. As Principal at Darton College, I am extremely privileged to work with an incredible staff team who's loyalty and determination are unparalleled. This term has certainly been extremely challenging and in the coming months our journey will make us stronger and better in our practice. Thank you to the many parents, carers and friends of the school who have written, telephoned and emailed with messages of support. Every one has been greatly appreciated. Learners here are a real credit to themselves, their families and the school, and I am extremely proud to be part of this community.

I am looking forward to spending some quality time with my boys and family over the Christmas period (although I do still have to actually do my Christmas shopping and prepare to feed 15 people on Monday!) I hope that you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Ms Kate Davies - Principal

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS

Letters have been emailed out today to all Year 9 parents and carers regarding some key information about the Options Process. If anyone has not received the letter, please do not hesitate to contact us when we come back to school in the New Year.

DARTON COLLEGE SCHOOL CHOIR

Our school choir entertained the Darton Afternoon Club members at their Christmas party this week. We received some wonderful feedback and to show their appreciation of how the young people of Darton College support their club, each learner received a small gift.



PRESTIGIOUS CAREERS AWARD

Following a recent inspection, we have achieved a prestigious Quality Assurance Award for our Careers Provision. The inspection was an in depth examination of the careers provision at Darton and involved interviews our school leadership team, form tutors, Mr Bond, careers coordinators, learners from Years 9, 10 and 11 and Careers Inc. (the school's matrix approved provider). As part of the process, we had to complete a fifty page assessment of our careers provision and submit a portfolio of evidence based on activities that we have undertaken. The application for the award was approved by the Prospects Assessment Board for the National Quality in Careers Standard. The inspection followed on from the school's success in having zero NEETS (Not in education, employment or training) for the Class of 2017 Year 11 cohort of learners who left earlier this year in July.

HAVE A WONDERFUL, RESTFUL BREAK. SEE YOU IN 2018!

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 95.0%

KEY DATES

22ND DECEMBER 2017
Break Up For Christmas

8TH JANUARY 2018
Return To School

7TH FEBRUARY 2018
Year 11 Parents' Evening

SPANISH EXCHANGE

It has been wonderful to see our Year 7 Spanish exchange learners swap letters and Christmas cards this week with their Spanish partners.

SAVE THE DATE

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PARENTS' EVENING
WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
4.30PM - 7.30PM

Booking for teacher appointments opens
on Wednesday 24th January, 8.00pm.
<https://dartoncollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>



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