



# THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL

A Church of England School

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**Friday 4th December 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all are well and are looking forward to Christmas. I hope you all enjoyed my [blog post](#) last week, I am keen to know what you think. I will be sending out another blog post this afternoon, titled 'Group Mentality', so you have something to read over the weekend.

Please see below for upcoming dates for your diary and information for the forthcoming week.

## Diary Dates

Monday 7th December	Year 7 and Year 8 exam week
Friday 11th December	Last day of term
Monday 14th December to	Christmas holiday
Friday 1st January	
Monday 4th January	First day of term
Friday 15th January	INSET day

## Upcoming Events

### **Frankenstein screening - Tuesday 8th December, 5.30pm**

The English department is screening The National Theatre's production of Frankenstein during periods 7 and 8 on Tuesday 8th December for Year 9 boys who have been studying the text in class. Boys will be provided with refreshments and dismissed at around 5.30pm. Please return the permission slip on the letter that has been issued or email [h.watkinson@fulhamboysschool.org.uk](mailto:h.watkinson@fulhamboysschool.org.uk) so that we have an idea of numbers.

### **Celebration assembly - Friday 11th December**

On the final Friday morning boys will watch the end of term Christmas Celebration Assembly. Due to not being able to meet together as a whole school it will be pre-recorded and boys will watch it in their forms. Parents will also be able to watch it and will be emailed the link on the day.



## **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December**

The Head Boy team are delighted to be organising this year's Christmas Jumper Day, with all proceeds going to [Save the Children](#). We encourage all boys to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day of term (the more festive the better!) and donate £1 to help support Save the Children's work in the UK and abroad.

## **Information for Parents**

### **Bishop Graham Christmas message**

In extended reflections in forms this week, boys will be watching a short message about Christmas from The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, the Bishop of Kensington. If you are interested you can watch it [here](#).

### **Attendance**

We are really pleased that the school's overall attendance considering the current situation remains high, staying at 96% and sometimes reaching 97%. Boys are expected to be in school at 8.25am every day so they are not late for morning registration. House points will be given to boys who have 100% attendance during the last week of term.

### **Parent feedback survey**

We really value your feedback about the school's unique attributes and we would appreciate your thoughts about these by filling out the attached [short survey](#). It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes and you will be in with a chance of winning a £50 Amazon voucher!

### **Social Enterprise**

In the lead up to Christmas, we have put together a [Christmas Social Enterprise package](#) which is being shared within the community. If you would like to help in any way or let us know of any one who could benefit from the support outlined, please contact Emily Fryer, PA to Head of School and Executive Headmaster ([e.fryer@fulhamboysschool.org.uk](mailto:e.fryer@fulhamboysschool.org.uk)). The current activities boys are taking part in at school are outlined below:

- **Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank** - we are running a House Competition collecting items in BA Reception, and the House that has collected the most will win 50 house points. To find out which items we will be collecting for the Foodbank please see [here](#), and to find out more about the incredible work that the Foodbank does, please see their [website](#). Please bring in donations by Tuesday 8th December at the latest.
- **Christmas shoeboxes** - in form time, pupils will be creating Christmas shoeboxes for members of the community filled with small gifts. If you have any spare shoeboxes at home, please ask your son to drop them off with his Form Tutor or with Miss Fryer.

- **Christmas letters/cards** - pupils are also writing letters and Christmas cards to elderly or vulnerable members of the community, which is a great way to brighten up someone's Christmas in a simple way.

### Christmas 'Fulham Aid' EP

Our selection of Christmas songs sung by boys and staff is now available to purchase. There are three songs available for digital download:

- O Come All Ye Faithful
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- O Holy Night

Please purchase your copy here. Once paid for, you will receive a link for digital download. We will also be burning a limited number of physical copies, please contact Miss Fryer ([e.fryer@fulhamboyschool.org.uk](mailto:e.fryer@fulhamboyschool.org.uk)) if you would like one. These will be sold on a first come first served basis. Thank you to Mr Burns for all his hard work producing this!

### Examinations Autumn - Spring 2020-21

Year group	Exam week	Reports go live on Parent Portal
Year 7 and Year 8	7th - 11th December	Monday 18th January
Year 9 and Year 10	30th November - 4th December	Monday 18th January
Year 11 - Round 2	4th - 14th January	Friday 29th January
Year 12 and Year 13	18th - 22nd January	Thursday 11th February

### FBS Digital Magazine

We have recently launched our [Digital Magazine](#) which outlines how parental donations support the work of the school. In addition, as we prepare for our move to our new site on the Fulham Road, the magazine showcases a number of sponsorship opportunities which will enable us to buy the equipment we need to ensure that our new school offers the very best opportunities to our students. There are also a host of other ways in which interested parties can support the school in a non-financial way.

In order to realise our ambitions, we need your help to send the magazine far and wide across your personal and professional networks. If you know any individuals or organisations who may wish to support the school, please send them the link to the [magazine](#) which you can copy and paste from your web browser. The more coverage we can get, the greater the chances of success!

### Let Friends help you get ready for Christmas!



The [Friends Christmas Auction](#) will end this Sunday 6th December! There really is something there for everyone so bid high to secure your prize.

In the [Friends Online Christmas Market](#) you will find everything you need for Christmas all in one place - cards, gift wrap, flowers and gardeners, gifts, cosmetics, skincare, clothes and even locally brewed beer and your Christmas tree! And finally, don't forget to [buy your raffle tickets](#) for the Friends Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn live by Mr Ebenezer via Zoom on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. Full details can be found on the Friends [website](#). All proceeds of the Friends' Christmas fundraising is going to equip the new gym at the permanent site.

### **#RealMenRead Newsletter - December Issue**

The latest issue of the #RealMenRead Newsletter is now available and can be viewed [here](#).

### **Naked Nosh Christmas menu**

Our school chef Mike has created a revamped menu of deliciously Christmassy dishes, from family bakes to celebration roasts through to sides and deliciously tempting desserts, for Christmas deliveries. Please see the menu [here](#), and contact Mike if you have any questions ([mike@schoolnosh.com](mailto:mike@schoolnosh.com)).

### **FBS Oddballs bobble hats**

There are a handful of Oddballs FBS Bobble hats still available to purchase for £15 via Parent Pay. All proceeds go towards sports and PE equipment and resources. Be quick as once they're gone, they're gone! Once your payment has cleared, Mr Goldberg will give the bobble hat to your son. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Goldberg ([j.carte-goldberg@fulhamboysschool.org.uk](mailto:j.carte-goldberg@fulhamboysschool.org.uk)).

### **Book Amnesty**

Lots of books taken out during the first lockdown have still not found their way back to the library. Please search under the bed, behind the desk, in the wardrobe and anywhere else you may leave your books. We are very grateful for your assistance in returning overdue books to the library so other students can read them.

### **Year 9 - Latin GCSE**

Latin is one of our GCSE option subjects and Year 9s will shortly be making their choices. Anyone planning on choosing Latin should contact Mr Hartigan ([m.hartigan@fulhamboysschool.org.uk](mailto:m.hartigan@fulhamboysschool.org.uk)) as we will be joining St Paul's school who are planning on rolling out live lessons on Wednesdays at 4:30pm with an introductory evening online next Wednesday 9th December at 4:30pm.

### **Special mentions**

#### **B11**

Special mention to B11 for their excellent contributions to Social Enterprise and their focus on their revision for the upcoming mocks.

### **Library awards**

Wilberforce are the house winners this week taking out the most books.

Congratulations to 7U and 8U who are the library class winners this week, reading 1,149,306 and 354,230 words respectively.

Year 7 winners this week are Alvaro who has read 257,154 words and Mattewos for excellent quizzing.

Year 8 winners this week are Isaiah who has read 124,547 words and Raphael for excellent quizzing.

### **'Advent Hope' Art Exhibition**

The FBS Art Department is delighted to announce that six of our students have had their work selected to appear in the St Dionis Church 'Advent Hope' exhibition, running next week from 7th-13th December. Students from across Hammersmith and Fulham schools were invited to submit artworks that represent the theme of 'Hope'. We had some brilliant entries, and the following students' work have been selected to represent FBS: James (D7), Luar (W8B), Emanuel (W8A), Mats (D8), Simeon (W8B) and Harry (D9).

Students, parents and members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite artworks by visiting the gallery next week. The winning artworks from 2 age categories will win a prize of £100 each. If you would like to visit the gallery next week and vote for your favourite artworks, you can book slots of up to 6 in a bubble to attend [here](#). Massive congratulations to those boys who were successful, and thank you to all of you who submitted work.

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CEO and Executive Headmaster