



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the best parts of my day has become my morning duty on the school gate. Every morning, I am reminded of why all the adaptations to school life have been worth it; because your daughters pass through the gates with smiles, homework completed, books or musical instruments under their arms and excitedly chatting with their friends. Getting to the end of term with so many girls who have been able to come to school has been a real achievement and a community effort. Thank you for playing your part.

All week the Christmas events have continued. The Year 7, 8 and 9s have been running the Santa Dash – please see below for the money raised. The Head Girl Team have prepared lots of quizzes and games via Instagram and the Sixth Form delivered the last of their hampers to local care homes. How wonderful that the girls continue to put service to the community into action.

The highlight of the week has been watching the Carol Concert during PACE/Forum; Ms Hart has been determined for it to take place and I am so grateful for the work of the Music Department, especially Mr Boichat for editing the final product, the Head Girl Team, the readers and singers. When I watched this for the first time I cried and had to re-do my make up!

Carol Concert: <https://youtu.be/k-CDD1BSb60>

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
A	£92	£195	£60
B	£57	£64.55	£103
C	£100	£135	£120
D	£65	£32	£60
E	£110	£100	£54
F	£310	£85	£42.10
F	£225	£20	£123
Total	£959	£631.55	£562.10



Ongoing Contact Tracking

As you will know, schools are required to continue to respond to any reports of positive COVID-19 tests by staff or pupils into the Christmas break and members of the SLT will be on duty until the 23rd December. It is therefore important that you continue to report any positive tests and regretfully be aware that you may be contacted by a member of SLT via email if your daughter has come into close contact with someone who has had a positive test whilst she is at school. This is not something that we will do lightly but if the virus is to be stopped then this is something that regretfully we must continue to do. In the case of a positive test, please email: covidpositive@watfordgirls.herts.sch.uk

Parents' Association Raffle and Auction

A huge thank you to all of you who bought tickets; if you want to see the results, please watch this film: <https://youtu.be/A-ZeGKV6FrS>

This year the Parents' Association is running an online auction and this will end on Friday: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/wggsparentsassociation>

Items include:

- Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Ticket
- Hair Makeover at Toni & Guy Watford
- Sports Massage
- Year's membership of Fuller life Gym
- Various photo shoots and Makeovers
- £50 L'Artista voucher
- Original Painting by Dean Russell MP

Finally, a special thank you to the PA and in particular Anita McVeigh who has organised the auction and Bob Honour who has managed the raffle so successfully.

Congratulations to the Diamond Award winners

Every term I present the girls who have produced particularly exceptional work with a Diamond Award. Instead of being presented their certificates and badges in an assembly, I am showing how proud I am by publishing their photograph here. Well done girls!



Farewell to Colleagues

It is also sad to say farewell to colleagues but in this case it will not be a final one. Ms Dorset-Bailey, in the English Department, is beginning her maternity leave and we wish her a safe and joyous birth of her second child. Mrs Chapman, PE and RS teacher is also stepping away from her timetabled teaching but she will be reaming with us to cover some lessons and will surely be frequently observed around the sports area.

Uniform

I am sending a separate letter to you that is specifically about uniform and I urge you to read it.

FullerLife

I would like to draw your attention to the leaflets you will receive in the newsletter this week from FullerLife. Our public gym provides facilities our girls can use during the school day (in non COVID times), a vital income to the school but more importantly a safe place for individuals and families to maintain their fitness and wellbeing.

Finally I would like to wish all of you a happy and loving Christmas, however you will mark this festive time I hope it will have joy. The story of the Nativity reminds us that regardless of wealth and power, that love, charity and forgiveness are gifts that we can all give.

Best wishes,

Sylvia Tai