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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week, with the official opening of the astroturf and mock examinations for Year 11 and 13 well underway.

I do hope Year 11 parents and carers will join Mrs Parker and other key staff in the Library on Tuesday 11 December at 6:30pm, for information on how to help your children at examination time.

Winston and Minnie have been busy supporting students who are anxious about their examinations and also working with primary students, who have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Foster and 8.TFO are pleased to report that they are getting closer to their target of raising enough money for a guide dog (named Pingle, of course!). There were some very quiet classes when the students did a sponsored silence to raise funds!

We have been asked by the NHS to pass on some information about their self-care campaign, which aims to reduce the number of prescriptions for items which could be bought from a chemist or supermarket and to help to release valuable GP appointments so priority can be given to those with more complex conditions. The Stay Well Derbyshire website: www.nhsstaywelderbyshire.co.uk/ contains specific information on how to treat minor conditions and there is a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nhsstaywelderbyshire/>. The aim is to encourage people to buy medicines instead of visiting GPs to request a prescription. The guidance covers 35 conditions such as coughs, colds, conjunctivitis, fever, sore throat, rashes and hay fever.

Just a reminder from me - if your child needs to take medication at the academy, please send it in, with consent and instructions, to Mrs Hughes in First Aid, or Mrs Stretton, Student Support Centre Manager.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have done the parent/carer questionnaire. There is still time if you wish to give us your views; this would be really helpful to us. Almost 1,000 students have given us their views via the student questionnaire. We will feed back on both of these when we have got the analysis of the results.

I hope your Christmas preparations are going well; it is always a busy time of year!

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Sharples
Principal