



Headteacher's Christmas Update

December 2018

Our first term has flown by with many exciting school developments. It is always lovely to see students and staff celebrate the festive season with rewards events, concerts and trips. This term has been busy in terms of ensuring our school continues to improve and ensure that students achieve well.

Throughout this term, we have had a number of visits from our local primary schools aimed at getting students used to secondary school life and experiencing higher-level work. Feedback from students and staff has been extremely positive and evidences the good work that we do at Newsome. Our most recent visits include South Crosland, Newsome Junior School and Hillside.

We recently held our very first Christmas CandleLight Concert at Newsome Church with students from Newsome Junior School, Hillside Junior School and Berry Brow Infant School and it was fabulous! It was a pleasure to see all students performing together in our local community church including readings, drama and singing. We have also had a number of school visits including four trips to the church last week. Our students were really well behaved and the trip was once again a great success.

Newsome students had a fabulous day at the West Yorkshire Secondary Panathlon. They were team Kirklees and came 2nd (only 2 points off 1st place!) They competed in a variety of events including table cricket, boccia, sprint races, new age kurling, javelin and polybat. The Sports Leaders were also fantastic and demonstrated their natural leadership flare!

School closes to students on Thursday 20th December at a slightly earlier time of 2pm. We will end the day with a Christmas Concert including highlights from the Candlelight Concert. School opens on January 7th at the normal school times.

On a final note, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your support as we continue to make our school the very best it can be - it is only by working together that we can achieve our ambitions!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Watkin

Headteacher