

Presents

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Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner will be served to pupils on Tuesday 15th December. Cost of the full Christmas lunch with a choice of Christmas pudding, mince pie or a festive biscuit and a drink £1.95. The full meal will, of course, be provided for pupils on lunch tickets. Pupils who normally bring a packed lunch are more than welcome to purchase a lunch on this day.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Carol Concert - Please join us for our traditional festive Carol Concert in the main hall at 7pm on Tuesday 15th December.

Other News

Final Day of Term

Friday 18th December will be a non-uniform day with all pupils requested to make a donation of £1 in support of providing resources to our Afritwin partnership school, De Rust Futura Academy. During the morning the whole school will participate in and enjoy a special Christmas assembly. In the afternoon we stage Altrincham College's alternative version of the X Factor with our very own **A** Factor.

School closes at 2.50pm on Friday 18th December and re-opens for pupils at 8.50am on Wednesday 6th January. Tuesday 5th January is a training day for staff and no pupils should be in school on this day.

Reward Events

Throughout the final week of term. The events, which range from cinema trips to pantomimes, are for those pupils who have consistently shown commitment, determination and good personal organisation throughout the Autumn Term.

Newsletter Draw

Congratulations to Philip Rimmer (year 10) whose name was drawn out of the box for the return of reply slips from previous newsletters and parent information letters. Philip receives a £10 gift voucher. All pupils are reminded that reply slips should be placed in the box, kept by the register racks, to be eligible for the termly draw.

RE Trips

The Year 7 had an RE trip to the Jewish Museum and Manchester Cathedral. They had a very busy day and learned lots about the importance of symbols and the many similarities between the religions. The group even managed to have a dress up session at the end of their visit.



Year 11 Spanish Booster Classes

Students in year 11 will be aware as to whether they have been urged to attend the following booster classes which will help students prepare for their forthcoming GCSE in Spanish.



Listening and reading – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 room 15

Speaking – Tuesday lunchtime room 15 with Norma,
Wednesday lunchtime room 15 with Jose

Writing – Year 11 students to see class teacher to arrange to improve/catch up with coursework.



AfriTwin Visit

We are delighted to welcome into school for the final week of term the Headteachers and a member of staff from our AfriTwin partner schools, De Rust Future Academy and Hermanus High School in Grabouw near Capetown, South Africa. During the week our visitors will be observing pupils in lessons, eager to learn from teachers and the teaching techniques we use in the UK. This visit follows on from a visit by Mrs Kay, Mr Kevan and Mr Miranda to South Africa earlier this year.

Musical Talent

Congratulations to Vanessa Valentine in year 7 who attended a saxophone workshop at the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music. Although Vanessa only started to play the sax since starting at Altrincham College of Arts, she is making excellent progress and shows an excellent attitude and commitment. If you would like to learn to play a musical instrument at school, please see Mr Jackman.

And Finally

All staff at Altrincham College wish you a peaceful, enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Post 16 Plans

Although funding is not yet secure, a planning application will be submitted in December to build a new sixth form centre on the school site for opening in September 2011. I will keep all pupils and parents updated on the development of this hugely exciting proposal in the new year.

Afritwin Football shirt donation scheme

De Rust lacks many of the resources and facilities we take for granted in school. In order to provide PE kit for the De Rust students, which range from 4 to 18 year olds, we would like you to donate football shirts that are no longer required at home (either too small, outdated or change of allegiance!). Any pre-washed, used shirts will be gratefully received and transported to South Africa.



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I have received the December 2009 newsletter.



Signed:.....(Parent/Guardian) Pupils name and form:.....