

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### Parent communication pack: Half Term 2

Time flies and already we find ourselves moving in to December with Christmas drawing ever closer. As we move towards the festive season there are a few dates to note over the coming weeks:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fair  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Royal Armouries Trip – Key Stage 3  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Fun Swim – Key Stage 2 and 3  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christingle at St Wilfrid's Church – all year groups  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Student Showcase  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Rewards Assembly and Rewards Trip

Further details and consent forms will be sent out in due course. All events will take place during the school day.

### Mobile Phones

Please find enclosed a copy of our existing Mobile Phone and Earphone policy which we would ask you to read to refresh yourself with regard to our rules in respect of these. We have seen a recent increase in mobile phone use in school, which is against policy and can impact negatively on your child's academic progress and behaviour. Mobile phones and earphones seen in school will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day.

### Mock Examinations

Mock examinations for most Year Groups will take place in the next few weeks. All examinations will be held here at St Wilfrid's.

Please advise your child to check which exams they will be taking on the Examinations and Assessment Noticeboard situated on the corner of the Key Stage 4 corridor and encourage your child to read the 'Information for Candidates' notice displayed there. This gives clear guidance as to the rules and regulations they must adhere to during their external GCSE exams. Failure to follow these rules could result in their disqualification from one or all of the subjects for which they sit examinations. We are running the mock examinations in line with these rules and regulations, to prepare your child for actual GCSE examination conditions. Most importantly make sure your child knows:

- ✿ **not to cheat**
- ✿ **not to take anything in to the exam room – everything needed for the exam will be provided**
- ✿ **to hand in their mobile phone before the exam without any fuss – this will be handed back at the end**
- ✿ **not to leave the exam room before they are told to because they may not be allowed back in**
- ✿ **to raise their hand for help from staff during the exam**



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school Exams Officer, your child's subject tutor or their Personal Learning Advocate.

## Energy drinks

These are now banned from the school. Please see the enclosed letter. No exceptions will be made.

For further information on all policies, Academy events and current news please refer to our website [www.stwilfridsacademy.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridsacademy.org.uk) and official twitter account SWA\_Acad (there is a link on the bottom of our website).

Yours faithfully



**Ms J Gilbert**  
**Principal**